



## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 20, 2022  
TO: Mayor and Assembly  
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

**Planning and Land Use Viewer:** At the March 8, 2022 Joint Planning Commission/Assembly Meeting, a request was made to provide the public an easy-to-use map of Borough zoning. Planning and GIS are excited to share a new GIS-based tool that will improve public interaction with MSB land use regulations. This tool will show Special Use Districts, Lake Management Plans, and other Borough regulated areas, and will provide the public a web link directly to relevant information or Borough code. The tool will be particularly useful for anyone developing or purchasing land in the Borough. The viewer will go live on Monday, April 25 on the Borough website.

**Quarterly Wetland Mitigation Bank Report:** Sustainable Environments Group reports there were no credit sales this past quarter.

**Quarterly Update from Fish & Wildlife Commission:** The Fish & Wildlife Commission (FWC) held three meetings during the first quarter of 2022, where items dealing with MSB wildlife issues were considered. FWC actions produced three approved documents that dealt with wildlife issues in the MSB as follows:

- Approved Moose Management Comment Letter to ADF&G regarding antlerless moose hunts in MSB game management units. Viewable here:  
[https://www.matsugov.us/boards?task=download&collection=file\\_upload\\_x&xi=3&file=file\\_upload&id=81](https://www.matsugov.us/boards?task=download&collection=file_upload_x&xi=3&file=file_upload&id=81)
- Approved Comment Letter to Alaska Division of Oil and Gas on Susitna Basin Coalbed Methane Exploration asking for due consideration to include wildlife habitat concerns. Viewable here:  
[https://www.matsugov.us/boards?task=download&collection=file\\_upload\\_x&xi=2&file=file\\_upload&id=81](https://www.matsugov.us/boards?task=download&collection=file_upload_x&xi=2&file=file_upload&id=81)

- Approved Resolution FWC 22-01 comment on the West Susitna Access Road project requesting avoidance, or the minimization and mitigation of impacts on wildlife habitat. Viewable here:  
[https://www.matsugov.us/boards?task=download&collection=file\\_upload\\_x&xi=1&file=file\\_upload&id=81](https://www.matsugov.us/boards?task=download&collection=file_upload_x&xi=1&file=file_upload&id=81)

FWC Chair Mike Wood and Member Pete Probasco will be giving a presentation to the Alaska Senate Resources Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 3:30 pm; to livestream from the Alaska Legislative web page (navigate to the bottom for livestreamed meetings) here: <https://akleg.gov/>.

You can view the FWC presentation here:

<https://www.matsugov.us/docs/general/22440/2022-FWC-for-AK-Leg.pdf>.

For the Senate Resources Committee agenda go here:

[http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SRES%202022-04-20%2015:30:00#tab2\\_4e](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=SRES%202022-04-20%2015:30:00#tab2_4e).

**Landfill CUP:** Planning and Public Works Departments re-grouped to discuss Central Landfill gravel permits. After reviewing what has already been permitted, it was determined that there are two permits for landfill gravel sales:

1. Permit #173020200001 covers our construction and demolition (C&D) cell area and expires in 2030.
2. Permit #A173020170003 covers our cell 4 (already extracted), cell 5, and our new sequencing area of corridor 1 and 2 (see the attached map for an aerial of the Landfill). There is no expiration date for this permit.

A bid to manufacture sand and chips using Landfill extracted material will be going out shortly. The permit for the C&D cell is broader than originally realized. Once the C&D cell is complete, we will continue to extract gravel in the other approved areas for sale. These permits cover us for the next 30+ years for gravel sales from the Landfill. We will only be extracting from the areas colored green, which are inside the black border, under permit #A173020170003. If we move outside those green lines, we would get into the Crevasse trail system and do not intend to do that for the foreseeable future.

The bid to manufacture material should provide the following benefits:

- RSAs purchasing traction material from Central Landfill offsets costs to Central Landfill for excavation and material disposal while providing material to RSAs for costs to process material
- Allows for gravel to be sold by the contractor with a royalty payment to Central Landfill
- Creates borrow material needed for new entrance to the landfill saving on contract costs
- Requires contractor to shape cells to engineer specs as part of this agreement producing savings for Cell 5 development and shaping the C&D cell
- Multi-year contract, three years with two 1-year options, to meet both RSA and Solid Waste needs for up to 5 years and reduce mobilization and demobilization costs
- Excavates the C&D cell with additional extraction from Cell 5 and Corridors 1 and 2

- Establishes a reject pile for daily cover needs at Central Landfill
- Keeps topsoil which we normally have to purchase for future cell closures
- Requires the contractor to work within both Landfill and material extraction permit parameters
- Salted sand and chip delivery to all sites for winter contract maintenance by October 30.

**Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

- **Outdoors:** [A deadly new strain of bird flu hasn't arrived in Alaska, but local wildlife officials are on the lookout](#) -KMXT.ORG
- **Parks and Trails:** [Crews resume clearing Hatcher Pass Road two months after historic avalanches](#) -ADN
- **Cyber Security:** [As cyberattacks continue, Alaska lawmakers consider millions for defense](#) -ADN
- **Forestry:** [Alaska's first large wildfire of the season is burning near Kwethluk](#) -KTOO
- **Infrastructure:** [New transmission line for Little Susitna River corridor raises trespass and salmon concerns](#) -ADN
- **Recall Election:** [Early voting underway in Palmer recall Election.](#)-Alaska News Source
- **Education:** [NIT offers new training required by the Federal Motor Safety Carrier Association](#) - Frontiersman

**Future Events:**

- “Help Janet Save the Planet,” Valley Recycling Center Fundraising Event celebrating Janet Kincaid’s dedication to recycling, Sunday, April 24 from 1pm -4pm, Valley Recycling Center in the Drive-Thru.
- National DEA Drug Take-Back Day, Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10am – 2pm. Three Borough locations: Fred Meyer in Wasilla and Palmer, and Willow Library.



**Permit# 17302020001**  
**July 6, 2020 - Dec 31, 2030**

**Permit# A173020170003**  
**No Expiration**

- Legend**
- Background Well
  - Monitoring Well
  - Gas Monitoring Well
  - Gas Valve
  - CS-01, CS-02
  - Gas Well
  - Active Cell
  - Closed Cell
  - Leachate Pond
  - Leachate Gas Collection Pipe
  - MSWDF Inlet
  - Leachate Pump Inlet Pipe
  - Future Cell - Phase 1 Corridor
  - Future Cell - Phase 2 Corridor
  - Future Leachate Pipe - Phase 2
  - Future Leachate Pipe - Phase 3
  - Future Leachate & Landfill Gas Management
  - Future Leachate Pond
  - Future Stormwater to Reclamation Basin
  - Future Leachate Treatment
  - Future Access Road
  - Future Access Road - Dirt
  - Future Access Road - Culvert
  - Future Stormwater
  - Conservation Easement Half System
  - MSWDF Right of Way & Subzone-MS
  - Landfill Property Boundary



**MSB Solid Waste Division**  
 2019 Half Foot Aerial Imagery &  
 2019 Quarter Foot Drone Imagery  
 Data for future plan provided by  
 Burns McDonnell, July 2020

**CENTRAL LANDFILL**  
**Existing Design**  
**&**  
**Future Development Plan**

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