

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Parks / Recreation
Category: Natural Resources
Location: Anchorage (Campbell/Independence Park) **Contact:** Leta Simons
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2015

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This grant was submitted by the Municipality of Anchorage and The Great Land Trust (GLT) through DNR to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetlands program. The project was competitively awarded \$1,000,000. Required match comes from GLT and the private sector. No general funds will be spent on this project. The purpose of the project is to protect wetlands and adjacent habitat at the mouth of Campbell Creek, an anadromous stream in the heart of Anchorage. This project furthers ongoing efforts by agencies and the private sector to improve the health of this stream and the wildlife and recreational uses dependent upon it. This is a community resource that will benefit from pass through funding.

Funding:	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$6,000,000
Total:	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$6,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

SLA2007/CH30 \$ 1,000,000 8% Complete
SLA2006/CH82 \$ 2,422,400 40% Complete
SLA2005/CH3 \$ 1,000,000 Complete

Project Description/Justification:

This National Coastal Wetlands grant funded project provides for the permanent protection of the Campbell Creek Estuary, adjacent to the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge. The project will acquire 26 acres of land at the mouth of Campbell Creek, over 53% of which are estuarine intertidal emergent wetlands defined as a declining wetland community in need of protection. This acquisition will protect sensitive coastal wetlands, an anadromous stream (Campbell Creek) and provide opportunities for wildlife-focused recreation within the City, adjacent to the refuge. The project involves multiple federal state, local government and nonprofit partners and complements ongoing stream restoration and enhancement efforts throughout the Campbell Creek Greenbelt. This project will expand the Campbell Creek Greenbelt and provide opportunities for bird watching, wildlife viewing and salmon

viewing for the general public. In addition, the parcel provides an opportunity for new venues for educational programs sponsored by the Anchorage School District and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The parcel will be managed by the Municipality of Anchorage and will complement management of the adjacent state land.

Why is this Project Needed Now?

The project is needed now because US Fish and Wildlife Service has awarded grant funding for \$1,000,000. These competitively awarded funds are granted for a specific period specifically for the Campbell Creek Estuary project and implementation of the grant must be completed within the specified period. The project proposers, Great Land Trust and the Municipality of Anchorage, have raised matching funds and are ready to proceed with implementation of the grant.

Specific Spending Detail:

LINE ITEM	DOLLAR AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION (text)
Personal Services	\$25,000	For portions of existing positions
Grants	\$ 975,000	Pass through to Muni. of ANC

State Match Required:

- NO**
- YES**

Non-federal matching dollars are required. Match is being provided by The Great Land Trust and other private sector donations.

Project Support:

The Great Land Trust
 Audubon Alaska
 Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 Anchorage Waterways Council
 Municipality of Anchorage
 NOAA, Alaska Region Headquarters
 US Fish and Wildlife Service

Project Opposition:

None specifically identified