2012 Legislature TPS Report 57453v4

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)

Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough Federal Tax ID: 92-0030894

Project Title: Project Type: Other

Kenai Peninsula Borough - Hazard Tree Removal

State Funding Requested: \$2,000,000 House District: Kenai Areawide (33-35)

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Removal of hazard trees outside and adjacent to utility easements and rights-of-way corridors. KPB Tier 1 Priority.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,000,000	
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)	
FY2013 State Funding Request:	(\$2,000,000)	
Project Deficit:	\$0	

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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These funds would:

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- 2. contact and enter into written authorization for removal of such hazard trees with the property owners; and,
- 3. administer contracts for mitigation efforts in a manner similar to the Borough's successful Spruce Bark Beetle Road/Street/Highway Rights-of-Ways program.

Project Timeline:

Project would begin Fall 2012

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Kenai Peninsula Borough

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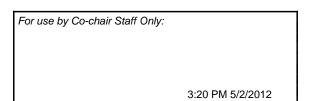
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes X No

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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

Year 2012 State Capital Improvement Projects

CAPITAL PROJECT: HAZARD TREE REMOVAL

Funding Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough

Project Name: Hazard Tree Removal Project Priority:

Tier 1

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Funding Request: \$ 2,000,000 Election District: Senate: C, P, Q & R

House: 6, 32, 33, 34 & 35

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