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Big Delta State Historical Park launches project to protect historic properties

(Fairbanks, AK) – After receiving contributions from organizations and individuals, Alaska State Parks will move forward this spring with a river bank stabilization project to protect historic properties at Big Delta State Historical Park.

The park located in Delta Junction was a significant crossroads for travelers, traders and the military during the early 20th century. Several historic properties in the park are threatened by erosion along the Tanana River.

“Thanks to generous donations from 14 local businesses and more than 100 individuals, Alaska’s cultural resources will be preserved and these historic structures will remain in place,” said Northern Region State Park Superintendent Brooks Ludwig.

The division has issued a contract to Arctic Terra LLC to harden approximately 200 feet of riverbank using a bioengineered approach that protects historic structures and provides fish-friendly habitat. The contractor will start staging equipment next week and work is expected to begin in early May.

Alaska State Parks received \$48,000 in donations for this project during a September 2016 “Fund Your Park” crowdfunding campaign. In addition to those funds, the state Office of History and Archaeology provided \$100,000 in unobligated grant monies to the erosion control project.

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