



# **WILLOW SUB-BASIN AREA PLAN**

**A Land Use Plan For Public Lands**

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The Commissioner finds that the

Willow Sub-basin Land Use Plan

meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-.030 for Area Land Use Plans and does hereby adopt it as policy of the Department of Natural Resources for state lands within the planning area.

Sept 28, 1982

John R. Katz



Commissioner

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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 82-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ADOPTING THE LAND USE PLAN FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN THE WILLOW SUB-BASIN AND CHANGES THERETO

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WHEREAS, the Land Use Plan for Public Lands in the Willow Sub-Basin addresses important resource management concerns of mutual interest to the Borough and State; and

WHEREAS, this plan has been developed through interaction of several interested State agencies, Borough staff, private interest groups, general public input and public review and hearings and represents a balance of all interests involved; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended that the plan be approved; and

WHEREAS, certain changes and an amendment procedure to the draft plan of October 1981 have been recommended by the Department of Natural Resources in a letter from Commissioner Katz dated February 1, 1982 with concurrence by the Planning Commission; and

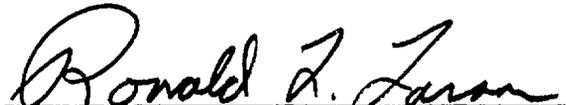
WHEREAS, this plan should be incorporated into the Borough's current Comprehensive Development Planning program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough adopts the Land Use Plan for Public Lands in the Willow Sub-Basin (draft of October 1981) along with changes and amendment procedure recommended in Commissioner of Natural Resource's letter of February 1, 1982 and subject to the provision that all Borough land with Class

II and III soils in the Susitna Corridor be designated as agricultural land; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly directs that the plan be incorporated within the Borough's Comprehensive Planning program.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough this 24th day of February, 1982.

  
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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADF&G	-	Alaska Department of Fish and Game
DEC	-	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
DL&WM	-	(DNR) Division of Land and Water Management
DGGS	-	(DNR) Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys
DMEM	-	(DNR) Division of Minerals and Energy Management
DNR	-	Alaska Department of Natural Resources
DOT/PF	-	Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
GOP	-	Grazing Operations Plan
MLUP	-	Miscellaneous Land Use Permit
RMP	-	Range Management Plan
SCS	-	(USDA) Soil Conservation Service
USDA	-	United States Department of Agriculture
USGS	-	United States Geological Survey