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**Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA**

March 4, 2022

Ms. Sheba Person-Whitley
Regional Director
USDOC / EDA
Seattle Regional Office
Federal Jackson Building, Rm 1890
915 Second Avenue
Seattle WA 98174

Dear Ms. Person-Whitley:

I support the City of Nenana's efforts to develop the Nenana Lagoons Recreation Area, including the purchase of current Alaska Railroad Corporation property that much of their existing infrastructure currently sits on. This project will strengthen the local economy and improve quality of life for the residents in this area.

As the Governor of Alaska, I have seen the disruptive impacts that the pandemic has had on our communities and way of life. Alaska has had to become more self-sufficient in many ways. Communities like Nenana have been greatly affected, and through the construction of the Nenana Lagoons Recreation Area they can develop and grow their local economy. This project will draw both in-state and out-of-state travelers that will keep the local economy active even in the event of disruptive events like the COVID-19 pandemic.

To secure the completion and long-term success of this project, the City of Nenana should own the land that the project is to be developed on. I support the sale of the parcels so that this opportunity to develop a local economy can move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "mike dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor



Nenana Native Council

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January 28, 2022

Re: Letter of Support for the City of Nenana Lagoon Recreation Project

Dear Economic Development Administration,

The Nenana Native Association is writing this letter of support for the Nenana Lagoons Recreation Area project that the City of Nenana is endeavoring to create because we feel it will benefit the community at large and aims to create job opportunities, promote cultural preservation and sharing, connect people with nature, support subsistence accessibility and protect our riverbank on the Nenana River from the severe erosion that is occurring.

The Nenana Native Association would like to see the City acquire the land that is currently owned by the Alaska Railroad which includes almost all of the town's waterfront and much of the city's important infrastructure, such as the Wastewater Plant, the Cultural Center, the Ice Classic and Railbelt Mental Health Offices, the sheet-pile docks, the 10th street boat launch and much more.

We have many tribal members who frequently use the rivers and especially our youth could benefit from having a safe place to swim and become comfortable operating in and handling the frigid waters of this region.

Improved boating and snowmachine access also serves the many trappers, subsistence hunters, those gathering firewood or just enjoying the expansive nature around this region.

There are many aspects of this project that are exciting for our community and our people and we would like to see this project be successful. We express our support for this project and hope that you will give it serious consideration as you determine who to award with these crucial funds.

Sincerely,

Shayna Gurtler Rowe

Shayna Gurtler Rowe
Tribal Administrator
Nenana Native Council