

**MIDTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2024-003**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED RAIN GARDEN IN CUDDY FAMILY
MIDTOWN PARK**

WHEREAS Urban stormwater can contribute to the degradation of the quality of water bodies. Runoff from precipitation and snowmelt events can transport contaminants from semi-pervious surfaces, such as lawns, into local water bodies. Most stormwater runoff flows directly to a water body or storm sewer without receiving treatment to remove pollutants; and

WHEREAS Fish Creek is currently listed as an impaired waterbody for fecal coliform bacteria. Cuddy Pond, a part of Fish Creek, has had past water quality issues related to waterfowl, erosion, and stormwater runoff; and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that the construction of a rain garden will have a direct, positive impact on the water quality of Fish Creek by reducing the amount of untreated stormwater flowing directly into Cuddy Pond; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has received an Alaska Clean Water Actions (AWCA) grant from the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water in the amount of \$169,767 to design and construct a rain garden within Cuddy Family Midtown Park. The raingarden will treat stormwater runoff before it flows to Cuddy Pond and Fish Creek; and

WHEREAS the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department has plans to construct a rain garden in Cuddy Midtown Park, with the Youth Employment in Parks program. The rain garden project will include regrading a portion of a slope that drains into cuddy park, the installation of a gabion retaining structure, and the planting of shrubs, perennials, grasses and ferns; and

WHEREAS the Youth Employment in Parks program scope will include adding woody vegetation in select areas to reduce stormwater runoff and to reduce the area of open lawn that attracts waterfowl; and

WHEREAS Cuddy Family Midtown Park is a park owned and managed by the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department and is located within the Midtown Community Council boundary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Midtown Community Council supports the proposed the construction of a rain garden at Cuddy Family Midtown Park.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Midtown Council on April 10, 2024.

by a vote of: FOR _____, AGAINST _____, ABSTAIN _____.