

## **DRAFT Comments on Heritage Land Bank 2024 Work Plan and 2025-29 Management Program**

### **Update on 2023 Activities:**

#### **HLB Parcel 6-011, 6-016, 6-017 –**

- Assembly postponed proposed Holtan Hills disposal in Girdwood indefinitely (2/7/23).
- RCCC commented: proposal lacked extensive public input, did not provide enough affordable resident and worker housing as critically needed and desired by the local community (1/26/23).
- Assembly reintroduced that proposal.

RCCC concern: reintroduction was done without sitting down with the community and considering improvements that could be included to better meet community needs.

*Mountain Air Estates #2 Subdivision Tract B-1B - 8.5-acre parcel between Fire Station and Storck Park was donated to HLB for green space (conservation or recreation).*

RCCC recommends: consideration be given to develop a trail to connect Bear Valley Elementary School with Storck Park to would allow students and classes safe access.

### **Projects in the 2024 Work Program (page 14):**

*HLB Parcel 2-125 – HLB documented RCCC’s ongoing evaluation of a connector trail from the elementary school to Bear Valley through HLB Parcel 2-125, and that an agreement or other proposal is anticipated for trail location, development, and management.*

RCCC supports this but notes that it should refer to parcels 2-125 and 2-126.

*HLB Parcel 2-127 - 2-136 – Potential transfer of management authority to Parks and Recreation Department (P&R) as part of the Potter Valley Watershed Park Project.*

RCCC has endorsed the proposed Potter Marsh Watershed Park (11/9/23 meeting). n.

*HLB Parcel 2-156 – Disposal to a non-profit for the purpose of developing a natural burial cemetery.*

RCCC has endorsed development of a natural burial cemetery on HLB Parcel 2-156 (9/8/22).

### **Potential Projects (page 16):**

*Portions of HLB Parcels 6-011, 6-016 and 6-017 – Holten Hills, Girdwood disposal*

RCCC recommends: expanding coordination to include and involve the local community to better ensure community input in the design and implementation of disposing of these public lands.

**2024 Land Management (page 17):**

*Fire Fuels Reduction – HLB will work with the Anchorage Fire Department to address high priority HLB parcels at the wildland-urban interface.*

RCCC supports this and will coordinate as is beneficial. We recommend HLB participate with the Anchorage Fire Department and Municipality on their work to update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and planning projects funded by the federal Wildland Urban Interface in 2024.

**Potential Disposals, Exchanges & Transfers: 2025 – 2029 (page 20):**

*HLB Parcel 2-139 – Access needs to be established through a private parcel.*

This parcel could provide access to Chugach State Park but is problematic given adjacent private parcels.

**Potential Projects: 2025 – 2029 (page 22):**

*Chugach State Park Access*

RCCC agrees with the HLB's desire to explore the feasibility of exchanging parcels or allowing development of access to Chugach State Park from several HLB parcels.