

## Wolf Lake - State DNR Land Disposal Project Summary Status

Updated: June 5, 2025

The State of Alaska is considering / planning for disposal of their property on the Southeast corner of Wolf Lake. They did a presentation to the NLCC on March 27, 2024. There was strong public opposition to the plan to subdivide this property into approximately 40,000 SF residential lots.

Area residents would much prefer the property be dedicated as a Borough owned and well-managed day-use Community Park including controlled public access to the lake. The park land could be owned by the Mat-Su Borough and a partnership with the Community Councils and the Borough would assure good management, consistency with community values, respect of the aviation activity, and alignment with the Wolf Lake - Lake Management Plan.

The State has initially indicated they have no interest in such a park.

The NLCC provided initial written feedback to the State of Alaska on March 28, 2025 and provided a copy to our subscribers and Facebook neighborhood groups. ([click here](#))

The NLCC then organized an initiative to advocate for the Mat-Su Borough to take ownership of this property from the State of Alaska. We will further advocate that the North Lakes and Fishhook Community Councils work with the Borough to develop and manage the park. This could be done similar to the way that the Meadow Lakes Community Council obtained property ownership and now manages a community park in their area.

A project team has been identified:

Rod Hanson, NLCC President  
Fr Randy Hillman, NLCC Project Manager  
John Miller, NLCC Member  
Charlotte Carlson, Area Resident  
Lyle Downing, Area Resident

Fr Randy Hillman is also a member of the MSB Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board, but is leading this project as a representative of the NLCC.

We have initiated coordination with the Fishhook Community Council.

The above information was summarized for our membership during the April NLCC Membership Meeting.

May 29, 2025 Membership Meeting:

An update was provided including:

- Recent discussions with the MatSu Borough Manager and the Land & Resource Manager. They are interested in pursuing this with the State and with us.
- Recent discussion with Senator Mike Shower, who will discuss this subject with the DNR Commissioner.
- Intended outreach to MSB Assembly members for District 1 and District 6, who both represent residents in the vicinity of Wolf Lake.
- Meeting set in early June to review status with the Fishhook Community Council.
- Meeting set in late June to review proposal with MSB Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board.

Also at the May 20 meeting, an option was presented by Barbara Doty of D.E. NorthFork LLC, owner of the Wolf Lake Airport. The concept presented was to install several new float plane slips in the wetlands area of the subject State property. She indicated support for the remainder of the property being used as a Community Park as long as it was operated in a way consistent with the aviation community and with the lake management plan. The concept received positive feedback from many members and guests at the May NLCC Meeting.

A flyer / survey was reviewed and will be finalized for distribution to local area residents to inform them of our strategy and get their input.

We have reached out to the Fishhook Community Council, who's Board seems quite supportive. We also reached out to Senator Shower who was planning to meet with the State DNR Commission and to the Borough Manager and Lands Manager to confirm the Borough was interested in pursuing the possibilities. We testified to the MSB Assembly on June 3, 2025 and they unanimously agreed to ask the Borough Manager to look into the possibilities and report back to the Assembly.

The Project team will continue to meet and advance this effort.

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