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Subject: Support for Papke's Land Purchase

Petersburg Borough Assembly Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion. Many facts in this statement were taken from the following URL address: <http://mhtrustland.org/index.php/lands-for-sale/parcels-18-24-petersburg-seaduck-subdivision-3/>

I urge you to support the Petersburg Borough purchasing Mental Health Trust Land at Papke's Landing especially focusing on parcels 22, 23, and 24 in the Petersburg Seaduck Subdivision.

I realize the multiple layers of ownership of Papke's Landing facilities is complicated, but I would like to concentrate on the issue of parking. The Mental Health website says it best, "This is a unique opportunity to purchase and develop diminishing available land in such a convenient location."

Papke's supports Petersburg, south Kupreanof and south Mitkof residents who live, work, and/or recreate in a large area that begins with a boat trip. Parking areas for cars and trucks with boat trailers is limited now. Again according to the website, "Parcels 22 and 23 each have a 15 foot wide private access easement from Mukluk Terrace Road **and an easement can be applied for from the Department of Natural Resources for access from the Papke's Landing parking area to the west side of each parcel.** Parcel 24 is accessible from Papke's Landing Road with the most road frontage (278 feet) of all the parcels."(emphasis added)

Fifteen (15) car and truck parking places presently exist and are used in front of parcels 22, 23, and 24. If new owners of these parcels were granted easements from DNR, many of these parking places would be eliminated making the present-day tight parking situation much worse. Most of these spaces are used most of the time by new Borough residents who live down the Narrows. A great longer range plan would be to develop additional parking in the newly acquired parcels 22, 23, and 24 similar to what was done at the Banana Point launch.

Thank you again for allowing me to give input concerning Papke's, an area that is very important to me.

Kent Wegener