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## Port & Harbor Wood Grid Repaclement

**Project Description & Benefit**: The Wood Grid is a series of benches (in this case wooden beams) laid out on intertidal land that can support a boat for hull repairs during low tides. Vessels float over the grid at high tide and then set down on the grid as the tide resides. Vessel owners are able to do minor repairs and inspections to their vessels hulls while "dry" on the grid and refloat with the incoming tide.

The Wood Grid is one of two tidal grids that the Port and Harbor operates. Because of our large tidal exchange in Kachemak bay, Homer's tidal grids are likely one of the most useful vessel grid systems in the world. They utilize the tides to our advantage to provide an inexpensive way for vessel owners to maintain their vessels' hulls.

Homer's Wood Grid was originally built 40 years ago and accommodates vessels up to 59 feet with a 50 ton limit. Other than the walkway replacement that occurred in 2001, the wood grid has seen very little in terms of upgrades since.

Three particular issues would likely be addressed in an upgrade. Gravel has migrated downhill and filled in between the benches, making it increasingly difficult for people to actually to get under the vessels on the grid to perform repairs. A second issue is with the Wood Grid's retaining walls. Due to age, the upper wall is no longer retaining infill from the bank above and the lower submerged wall has degraded to the point that staff are not able to repair it. Another concern is that the benches and the buried pile that support them have deteriorated to the point that staff is unable to repair them. At a minimum the piles and benches will need to be replaced.

**Plans and Progress**: This project would consist of two phases. The first phase is preliminary engineering and design to ascertain the scope and cost of the improvement. The second phase would be construction.

#### **Total Project Cost:**

Phase 1: Engineering and design: \$25,000

Phase 2: Construction: to be determined in Phase 1.

Schedule: 2018

**Priority:** 3





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# South Peninsula Hospital: Hillside Stability Survey

**Project Description & Benefit:** South Peninsula Hospital sits on a very steep hillside, with all parking lots and outbuildings being terraced down from the main hospital building. Both the lot the hospital sits on and the lot behind it continue with a very steep elevation incline. The buffer is only 12 feet behind the building cut into the hillside before the terrain continues with the steep incline for as far as 300 yards. The remaining hillside has thick vegetation and is not utilized or developed in any way at this time.

The facility has had numerous additions and structural work completed in the last 10 years which may have impacted and affected the stability of the hillside. The hillside runs continuous from the entrance of parking the entire length of the building and beyond. No part of the main hospital building is out of the risk zone for damages from hillside erosion and sloughing.

A site evaluation is necessary to establish the current condition of the hillside, and make any recommendations to secure it from further erosion and sloughing. Such evaluation would include a survey, soils testing, geologic hazard assessment and mitigation report, landslide evaluation, earthquake assessment, and recommendations for options to minimize risk to the facility. The recommended options would include cost estimates.

**Plans and Progress**: The estimated cost of such a study, evaluation, and report is \$100,000. This could include work by the Army Corps of Engineers, and/or a private engineering firm.

**Total Project Cost**: \$100,000

Schedule: 2018



A hillside stability study on the slope behind the South Peninsula Hospital will yield recommendations on ways to minimize risk to the facility.



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## South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services: The Annex Upgrade

**Project Description & Benefit**: South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services provides services at multiple sites throughout Homer. Our customers include children, adults and families that may be struggling with mental illness, development disabilities, substance use disease, or combinations of all three. One of our older facilities, 948 Hillfair Court, also known as The Annex, houses several of our important programs serving over 140 individual customers annually. Programs include:

- Journeys, day treatment and adult rehab.
- Souply, our vocational training soup delivery program.
- *Individual Placement and Support (IPS)*, our vocational training program that partners with local business to provide vocational experience for those struggling with a variety of issues;
- As well as treatment and case management support for our customers in need.

The building is old and annual repairs to plumbing, painting, the Souply kitchen, and the treatment rooms often exceeds our maintenance budget for our entire agency. We are in the initial planning stages of rebuilding and redeveloping this property to better accommodate the needs of our clients, our staff and the community.

The updated building will include a revitalized commercial kitchen; treatment rooms that are private and secured; group and community rooms that are designed to meet the needs of our population; updated electric, plumbing and network services; and expanded services to meet the health needs of the community.

**Plans and Progress**: The SPBHS Board of Directors is finalizing its three year strategic plan. The final scope of the project will be determined in that process. However, a structural engineer has already been hired to provide the Board a full description of the needs of the property and an architect has provided an option for future design plans. Upon finalizing the Strategic Plan, the agency will begin moving forward with a two year project to upgrade The Annex. This will include fundraising from foundations and other charitable organizations, determining the full scope of services to implement in the new building, and developing a two year work plan. SPBHS has included in its budget for the coming year an effort to end the year with a \$250,000 surplus earmarked for the project.

**Total Project Cost**: \$500,000-\$750,000.

**Schedule**: September 2017-September 2019. We are hoping to coincide the grand re-opening of The Annex with SPBHS's 40th anniversary celebration.



Annual maintenance to the Annex, an older, former residential building that houses several SPBHS programs, often exceeds SPBHS' entire agency maintenance budget.



The Annex's group treatment space needs remodeling to make the space more private and separate from a public entrance, public bathroom and stairway to offices..