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## **Memorandum 22-005**

TO: Mayor Castner and Homer City Council

THROUGH: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

FROM: Julie Engebretsen, Deputy City Planner and Special Projects Coordinator

DATE: January 3, 2022

SUBJECT: Ordinance 22-xx Bridge Creek Watershed land and easement purchase

## **Synopsis**

Four property owners have approached the city about their lands in the Bridge Creek Watershed. Two lots are offered for sale (7 & 8 below) and two lots would have drainage easements granted to the City (3 & 4A below). City staff is working with our contracted realtor to make purchase offers contingent on Council approval of the ordinance. The two land purchases would increase city land ownership by just over 9.3 acres in the watershed.

Additionally, surveyor services under a term contract have been initiated to draw up the drainage easements. The easements would be 50 feet wide, centered on the Bridge Creek tributary. The easement length is just shy of 1200 linear feet of creek bed.

In total the land and easement acquisitions are not expected to exceed \$62,000. The Land Fund has an approximate balance of \$240,000.

(The Planning Department's mapping software is undergoing maintenance. Hopefully a map will be available by the Council meeting, otherwise it will be presented for the public hearing.) *Rough Area Map:* 



## **Attachments**

Kenai Peninsula Borough tax assessment values, lots 7 and 8