



City of Valdez
ALASKA

Department of Community
& Economic Development

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U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska
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Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK 99506-0898

Dear Sir:

This letter is to seek the assistance of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 (PL80-858), as amended, in reducing the threat of damages along the Lowe River in the vicinity of Valdez, Alaska.

Damage from river deposition, erosion, and floodwater contamination are potential hazards that have been identified in the ten-mile area. The residential subdivisions of Alpine Woods and Nordic Village are the farthest subdivisions from town within city limits and are served by septic systems and wells. The main channel of the Lowe River continues to shift toward the subdivisions which are susceptible to flooding.

We understand that the City is required to pay 50 percent of the feasibility costs toward a study if there is Federal interest in the project to move forward. We understand the City can obtain work-in-kind credit for authorized contributions to the feasibility phase in lieu of monetary contributions. We further understand that the City is required to pay for at least 35% of construction costs. The City is able and willing to proceed to construction within a year, if a feasible project is found. Funding for flood mitigation projects has already been allocated within the City's Capital Improvement Project fund. For further information please contact the Certified Floodplain Manager, AnnMarie Lain, for any additional information you might need in assessing our request. She can be reached by phone at (907) 834-3450 or by email at alain@ci.valdez.ak.us. Your assistance with our flood mitigation efforts is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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