

Are There Other Programs I Can Apply For?

The **Cost-Share Program** was developed by the **AK Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)** and **US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)** to help riverside property owners protect riverbanks and fish habitat on Kenai Peninsula rivers. Applicants whose projects are accepted can receive reimbursement for up to 50% of the cost of their project.

The **USFWS Fish Passage Program** was established to improve fish access to historical habitat. This program works with local landowners, communities and partner agencies to restore natural flows and fish migration. The Fish Passage Program provides technical assistance and federal funds to remove, replace, or retrofit culverts, weirs, abandoned dams, or other structures that impede fish movement. The program also supports surveys of fish barriers within important watersheds.

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Can I Participate in More Than One Program?

Yes! You can participate in the programs listed above and still receive a tax credit and/or tax exemption from the Kenai Peninsula Borough.



The **Kenai River Center** is a multi-agency permitting, information and education center.

Four agencies are working cooperatively to protect the rivers of the Kenai Peninsula, its watersheds and its fish and wildlife resources.

Agencies at the River Center include the Kenai Peninsula Borough Habitat Protection Administrators, Floodplain Administrator and Coastal Zone Manager, Alaska State Parks, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office of Habitat Management and Permitting and the US Environmental Protection Agency. The Kenai Watershed Forum staffs the River Center's Outreach and Education program.

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Funds for Fish

***Financial Assistance
for Habitat Protection
Projects***



Riverbank protection and restoration is one of the most important things you, as a landowner, can do to protect both your property investment and the health of Kenai Peninsula rivers. Several programs are available to help property owners with the cost of habitat protection and restoration projects.

How Can the Kenai Peninsula Borough Help Me With My Habitat Project?

The Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes the important contribution property owners make to the health of Kenai Peninsula rivers when they undertake riverbank protection and restoration projects. To assist property owners, the Borough has established two programs to help with the cost of such projects. Projects covered under these programs must take place within 150 feet of the salmon streams protected under the KPB Habitat Protection Ordinance.

The KPB Habitat Protection Tax Credit Program provides landowners a tax credit as partial reimbursement for habitat protection and restoration projects. For the first three consecutive years after you complete your project, the Borough will provide a credit of up to 50% of the land tax assessment or the cost incurred in the project, whichever is less. The tax credit is not transferable if the property is sold, and does apply to any city taxes.

The KPB Habitat Protection Tax Exemption Program gives landowners a tax exemption for all or part of the increased assessed value of property when the increase is due to habitat protection and restoration projects.

Exemptions continue for up to four years from the date the improvement is completed, or from the date of the approval for the exemption from the local assessor, whichever is later.

What Streams are Included in the Habitat Protection Area Ordinance?

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| Kenai River | Kasilof River |
| Kenai Lake | Ninilchik River |
| Beaver Creek | Deep Creek |
| Slikok Creek | Stariski Creek |
| Soldotna creek | Anchor River |
| Funny River | North Fork, Anchor River |
| Moose River | Fox River |
| Killey River | Seldovia River |
| Upper Killey River | English Bay River |
| Russian River | Bradley River |
| Quartz Creek | Bishop Creek |
| Trail River | Chickaloon River |
| Swanson River | Seven Egg Creek |

What Kinds of Projects Qualify for the Tax Credit and/or Tax Exemption?

Gratewalks and boardwalks
Cabled spruce trees
Steps, ladders and floating docks
Hydrocarbon spill prevention and reduction
Bank habitat restoration
Bridges and spans

Sounds Great! How Do I Apply?

To Apply for the Tax Credit:

Step One: Prior to beginning construction of a project, submit a short application for pre-qualification approval.

Step Two: Upon completion of a project, submit a final application form as well as copies of receipts from your project.

To Apply for the Tax Exemption:

Complete and submit an application **on or before January 15** of the assessment year for which the exemption is sought. The exemption will automatically continue for four years without re-application.

All these forms are brief (one page) and are available at the Kenai River Center. They can also be downloaded from the “**Permits**” section of our website at:

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For More Information:

Contact the Kenai Peninsula Borough Resource Planners at the Kenai River Center: (907) 260-4882