

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Voznesenka Community Council, Inc.**

**Project Title:**

# Voznesenka Community Council, Inc. - Playground Improvements for Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo

**State Funding Requested: \$ 25,000**

**House District: 35 - R**

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

There is not a safe playground area for school children in the villages of Kachemak Selo and Voznesenka. Capital funding is needed to provide a safe outdoor environment for children and keep them from playing in the streets.

**Funding Plan:**

**Total Cost of Project: \$245,510**

<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
There is no other funding needed					

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Neither of the schools in the rural communities of Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo have playgrounds. This is a tremendous safety hazard as the children are forced to play in the streets. The Voznesenka school lies at the bottom of a particularly steep hill and on one occasion a student who was playing near the school was hit and rolled up onto the hood of a truck as the driver lost control. The \$25,000 will be used to help buy gravel and put up a fence to establish a designed play area for children. The borough has already contributed to the project by buying playground equipment for the schools and the village has done in-kind site prep work and will do all the installation of the gravel and the fence on a volunteer basis.

Many studies have validated the importance of recess for learning and development of children. It is important that these children have a safe place to play where their parents don't have to worry about them getting hit by a car as they use the road chasing a soccer ball.

**Project Timeline:**

Once funds are received the project will be done during the building season when the funds are received. Estimated Summer 2008.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Voznesenka Village Corporation

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

## **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH YEAR 2007 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

### **How has the community shown support for this project?**

Community members cleared property adjacent to the Voznesenka school and did some leveling. The time and equipment was volunteered. At a meeting with the Borough Mayor and representatives it was resolved that the playgrounds were top priorities, second only to road upgrades.

Kachemak Selo community members cleared property adjacent to the school belonging to the village of Kachemak Selo.

### **What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?**

Kenai Peninsula Borough has purchased two acres adjacent to the school. Voznesenka community members volunteer work: clearing and leveling 75 percent complete.

Kachemak Selo community members volunteered work clearing, and leveling a site near the elementary school for a future playground. It is 75 percent complete. The village has worked with the Borough Mayor to secure playground equipment for the future village center playground. Both sites are leased by the School District.

### **How did the community select this project as a funding priority?**

A meeting held at McNeil Canyon school October 19, 2006. Community and Borough representatives agreed that this is a priority.

### **Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough purchased the property in Voznesenka with the intent of possibly creating a playground. It is fully owned by the borough.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is leasing the elementary property from the village of Kachemak Selo. The high school/middle school site is leased from Nikit Kuzmin.

### **How will the project be constructed or accomplished?**

Voznesenka intends to solicit bids.

Kachemak Selo Village plans to use donated community labor, and hire local equipment.

**Who will own the project or facility?**

Kenai Peninsula Borough will own the site in Voznesenka. Kachemak Selo Village and Nikit Kuzmin will own the site in Kachemak Selo.

**Who will operate and/or maintain the project or facility?**

The respective communities will be responsible for the maintenance of the property. The school staff, borough personnel, and community members will work cooperatively to assure maintenance.

**How will operations and maintenance be funded after the project is completed?**

Voznesenka community members are committed to volunteer time and equipment. The school staff, borough personnel, and community members will work cooperatively to assure maintenance costs.

The Village of Kachemak Selo will assume the responsibility of funding maintenance after it is completed.

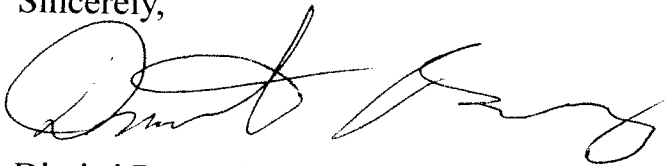
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Dear Governor Palin,

For 19 years Voznesenka School hasn't had a playground and our children are basically playing out on the road. They play games like soccer, football, kickball, etc. It is very dangerous to have our children playing on such a busy road. We are fortunate that no child has been hurt yet, however, many parents remain concerned. Therefore, we are keeping a new playground for the school a top priority for the community of Voznesenka.

This year the community was approved a \$25,000 grant and we ask you please not to veto it. These funds will be put to good use. We will be able to further clear and fill the 2 acre lot next to the school which is owned by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dimitri Basargin', written in a cursive style.

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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**  
**YEAR 2007 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

**COMMUNITY: FRITZ CREEK / VOZNESENKA/ KACHEMAK SELO**

**Funding Recipient: Voznesenka Village Corporation**

**Project Name:** Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo Playground Improvements  
**Project Priority Ranking:** 1

**Project Description and Justification:**

At present there are no sufficient playgrounds/ballfields at either Voznesenka or Kachemak Selo schools, the road and areas behind and around buildings are used as play-fields, creating stress and safety issues. There is no place to play football, baseball, soccer, etc., or just to get out and run.

Also, at Kachemak Selo fencing and site preparation are needed to accommodate playground equipment to provide a safe location for the community's children to exercise. The community members of Voznesenka have been working to clear and level the property for the creation of a playground.

<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$207,500	Voznesenka
	\$ 38,010	Kachemak Selo
	\$245,510	Combined Total

<b>State Assistance Requested:</b>	\$207,500	Voznesenka
	\$ 38,010	Kachemak Selo
	\$245,510	Combined Total

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