



## Green Infrastructure Strategic Conservation Training Course Matanuska-Susitna Borough, AK

**Project Description:** The Palmer-Wasilla Core Area is one of the fastest growing areas in the most densely populated part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB). Within the core area, the MSB is working with community members on a strategy to guide future growth while protecting green infrastructure (GI) - the interconnected network of natural areas and working landscapes that support native plant and animal species, maintain ecological processes, sustain air and water resources, and contribute to citizens' health and quality of life.

**RTCA Role:** RTCA facilitated planning team meeting to develop a draft GI network for the core area.

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**Partners:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Friends of the Mat-Su, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

*“RTCA staff was essential to the success of our ‘Strategic Planning Using a Green infrastructure Approach’ training course by coordinating the logistics and presentations for all the guest speakers who participated in the 4 day workshop. They also helped us develop and facilitate a pilot green infrastructure community planning project for the central core area of the borough. Since we have only one staff person doing green infrastructure planning, RTCA assistance has been very important to enable us to do this work.” Frankie Barker, Environmental Planner, Mat-Su Borough.*