



**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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February 14, 2000

Certified # Z 262 729 866

Dear Mr. |

In December 1996 you submitted an application to purchase borough-owned property within Section 7, Township 17 North, Range 3 East. As you are aware, your application was received while the borough was processing an application for a residential/golf course development proposed within Sections 7 and 18. Although your application did not include lands within the area proposed for the development, the Borough suspended processing your application, and several others, while the proposed development was under consideration by the Borough Assembly.

In March 1998 the Borough entered into a lease with option to purchase for 320 acres of borough-owned property south of the property that you applied to purchase. The lessee must exercise its option to purchase on or before March 25, 2002. If the lease terminates and the lessee does not purchase the property, the Borough will reevaluate alternatives for the entire 640 acres in Sections 7 and 18. In fact the Land Management Division will soon begin its review of all borough-owned properties in the Butte Community Council area as part of its asset management plan. The Borough will not process or accept applications for purchase within Sections 7 and 18 until the disposition of the lease area is finalized and the asset management plan for the Butte area is completed.

Thus, you may elect to keep your application open, with processing suspended until after April 2002, or to have your application closed and your application processing fee of \$125 refunded. Please respond to Jill Parson, Land Management Officer, at 745-9863 by February 29 if you wish your application to remain open. If the Borough does not hear from you, your application will be closed and the processing fee refunded.

Thank you for your interest in borough-owned lands. Your name has been placed on our mailing list so that you will receive notice of future land sales and availability of land sale brochures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Swanson".

Ron Swanson
Director