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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH'S CENTRAL RECYCLING FACILITY WAS SELECTED AS THE APA ALASKA 2017 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD RECIPIENT

Fairbanks, AK: The Fairbanks North Star Borough's new Central Recycling Facility (CRF) was selected as this year's Environmental Award recipient by APA (American Planning Association) Alaska. Mayor Karl Kassel accepted the award at the APA Alaska Awards Luncheon on Tuesday November 14, 2017, which was held during their annual convention at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Anchorage.

Mayor Kassel said, "Developing a recycling program in our community has been in the works since the 1970s. Over recent years, the community has become more forceful in support of the borough developing a comprehensive central recycling program. Even if it takes over 40 years to implement, it's important to have a plan and stick to it. Our job now is to stay focused and constantly strive to improve the program as it grows."

The APA Alaska Awards Program is an opportunity to celebrate the efforts of planners and citizens who make Alaskan communities stronger through planning. The Program is open to all planners who reside or practice in the state of Alaska, including entries from private practice offices, non-profits, planning agencies, federal, state, and local governments, environmental agencies, and landscape architects. The Environmental Award honors efforts to create greener communities that reduce the impact of development on the natural environment and improve environmental quality. Examples of eligible projects include: green infrastructure plans, resource conservation efforts, alternative energy programs, efforts to reduce carbon emissions, or other public health initiatives.

The CRF's grand opening was on September 1, 2017. It is located at 1855 Marika Road. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 12:00 PM to 5:30 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, closed on Sundays. Recyclable materials accepted at the CRF include aluminum beverage containers, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, boxboard, office paper, newspaper, plastic #1 & #2 bottles and jugs, and electronics.

For more information on the Borough's recycling program and the CRF, please contact Sean Huntington, Recycling Manager, at (907) 459-1332 or by email at shuntington@fnsb.us.

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Attached:

20171114_JB17820: Mayor Kassel Accepting Award

20171114_JB29276: Mayor Kassel with Brianna Gray, APA Awards Chair (Rural Economic Development Specialist, TCC)

20171114_JB29315: Mayor Kassel with the Environmental Award