

Dear Ms. Jacobson,

HEDC is applying for a state grant for up to \$75,000 for a non-motorized trail: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/grants/trails.htm>

I am working with CIA to put together this application that is due Oct. 23rd.

As part of the application process, I am seeking landowner authorization from the Borough to build the trail, as it is laid out in the Portage Cove Framework Plan. Attached are the plans for the trail which covers Borough and State land.

If possible, I would also like to include a letter of support from the planning commission.

Please let me know what I may need to do to receive such authorization.

Sincerely,

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3.8 PROMONTORY POINT



Encompassing a variety of natural elements, plant communities, and view corridors, Promontory Point serves as the complement to Picture Point – bookends to a trail that begins and ends in nature.

ANALYSIS

Promontory Point is unique in its collection of diverse natural elements and plant communities. It is the point where the sandy beach transitions back to a rocky beach, the site of a saltwater pond, and the point at which the trail extends into the native spruce forest – the only forested portion on the trail. The forest itself is elevated atop an outcrop of bedrock that was formed by a magma intrusion, rendering it insusceptible to erosion. Here, the beach contrasts Picture Point, as it was not eroded by glaciers.

Its current name, “Portage Cove State Recreation Area,” is not as memorable or recognizable as other points along the Lynn Canal in Haines such as Picture Point, Battery Point, and Mud Bay. Giving the site a new name that reflects the richness and spirit of the place will benefit the Portage Cove Trail by creating clear beginning and end points. It can also serve as a stepping stone between Downtown Haines and the Battery Point Trail.

PROGRAM

The Portage Cove Trail at Promontory Point provides an opportunity to walk through, experience, view, and engage with all of the important natural elements that make up the landscape and ecosystem of Haines. It also ends at the Portage Cove Campground, which provides facilities for overnight tent camping.

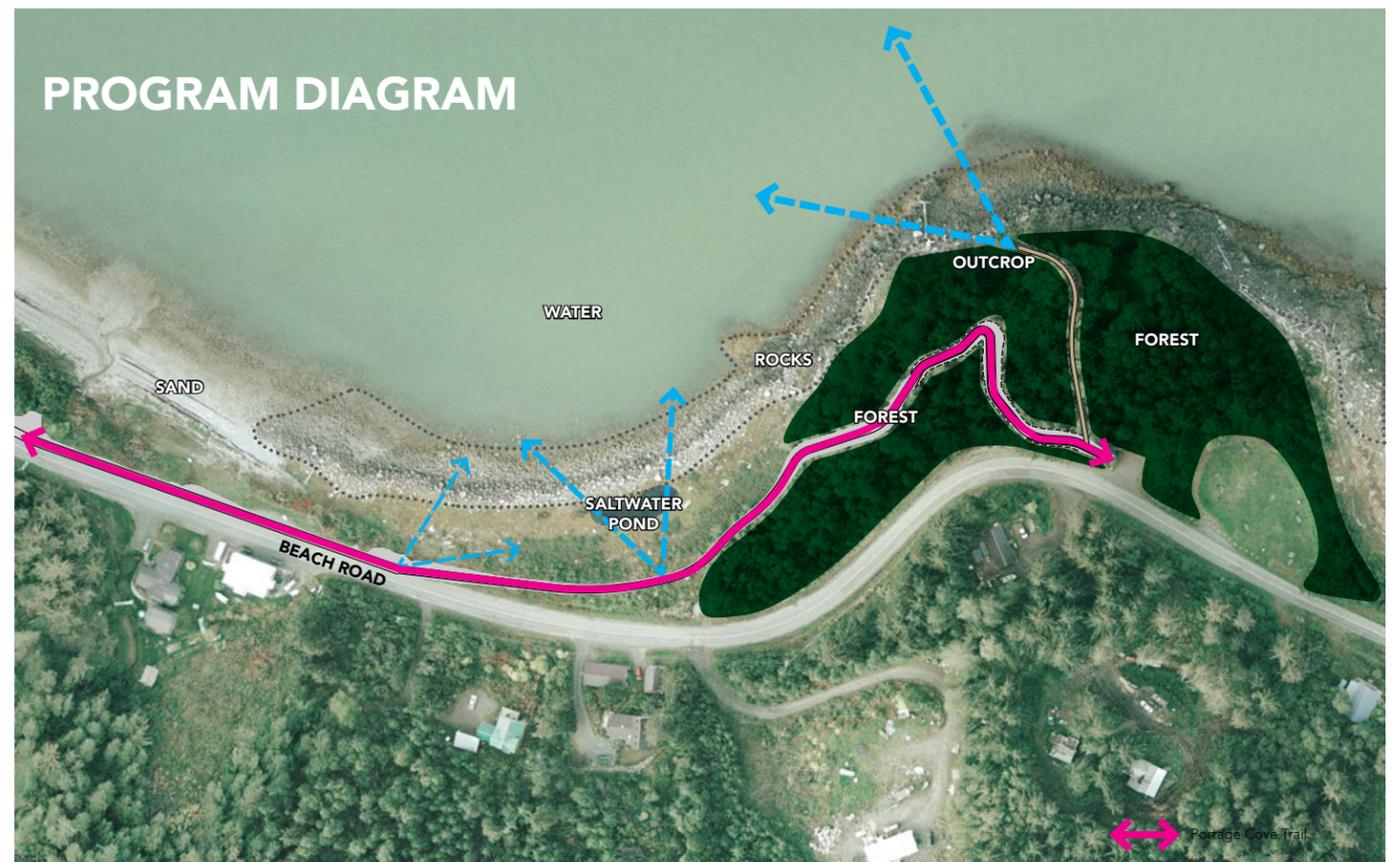
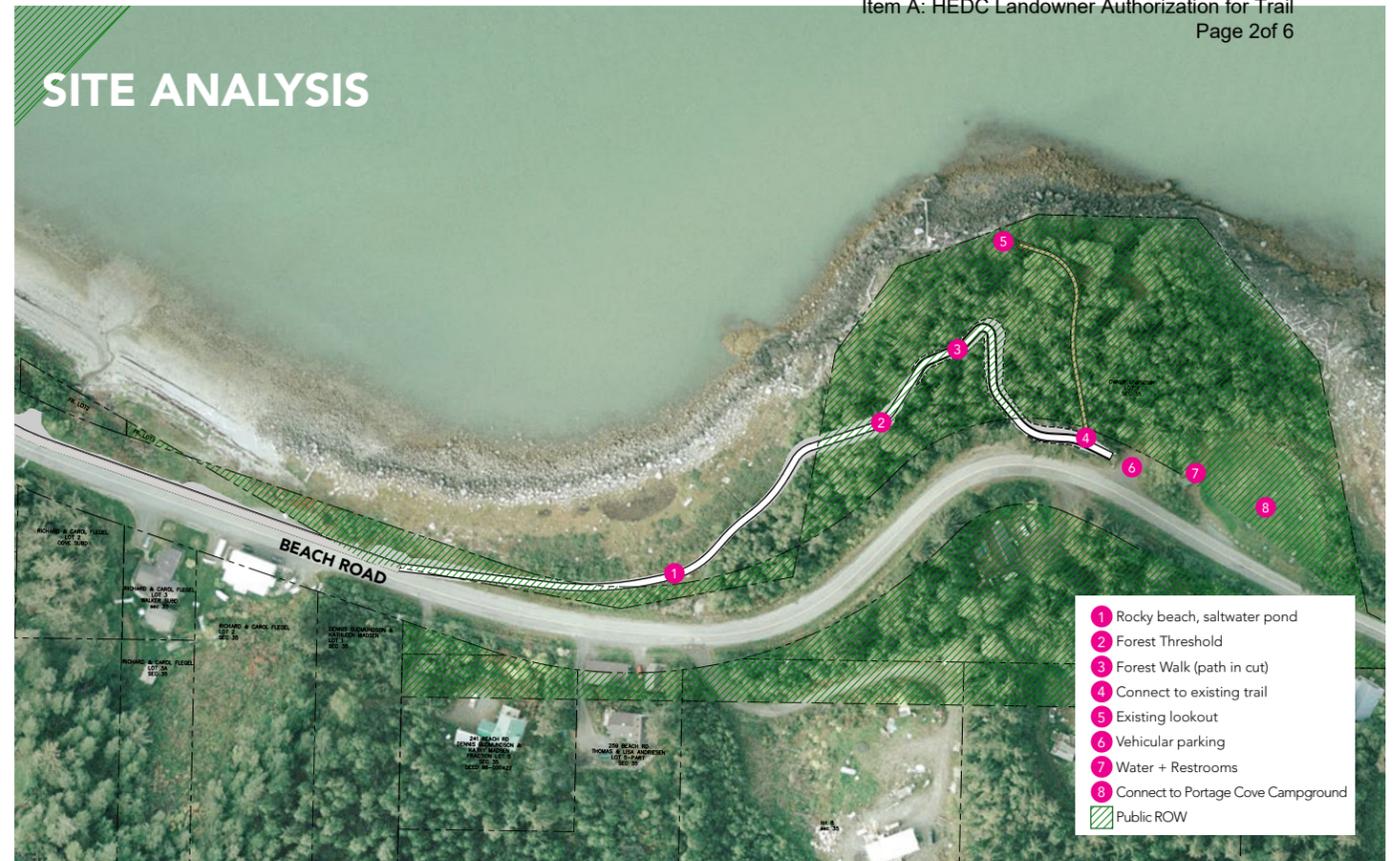
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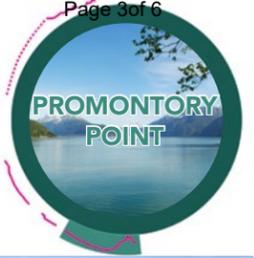
Promontory Point is a place where one can experience and learn about the geological and natural history of Haines and Southeast Alaska without having to venture out of town. Its position at the south end of Portage Cove looking north, particularly from the existing wood outlook platform, facilitates views to the northernmost limits of the deepest fjord in North America, and

one of the deepest and longest in the world. Here, visitors can also see Main Street, and learn about the geological fault lines that undergird Southeast Alaska’s valleys and helped to form the relatively flat area upon which downtown Haines and Fort Seward were built. Its rocky beaches have the potential to tell the story of the geological formation of Haines, glaciation, and the diversity of stones that were brought by glaciers from all over the world. It is also a unique opportunity to experience and engage with the native spruce forest; and feel entirely enclosed by a native tree canopy. Future art and design projects in this area should focus on stewardship and interpretation of the natural environment.

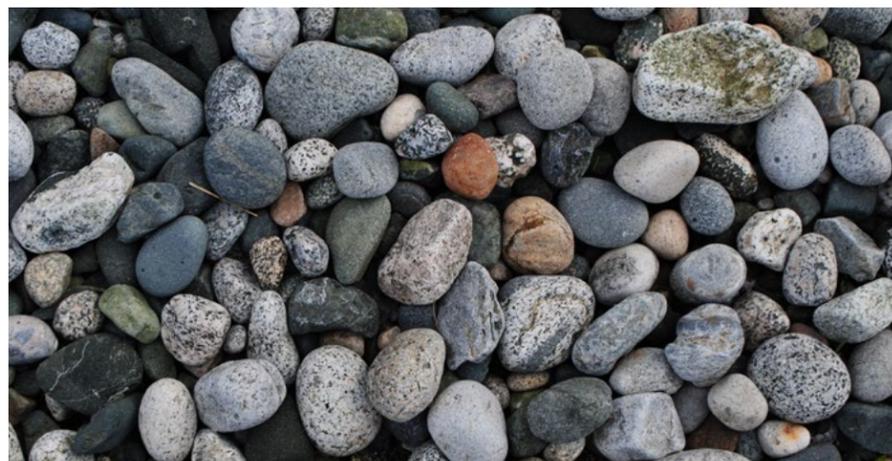
PLAN

Pages 138 and 139 depict how the recommended site programming, potential additional improvements, and existing features come together.





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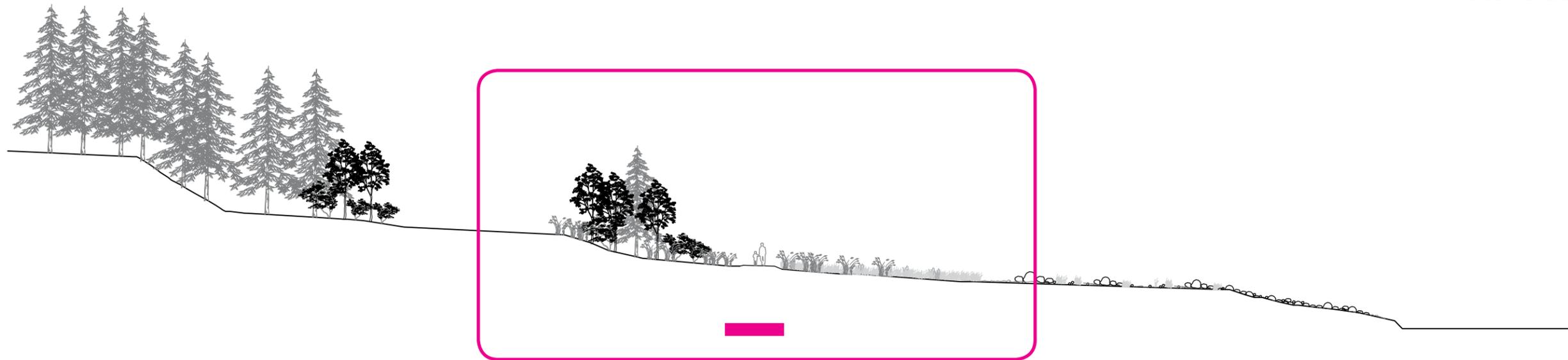


- 1 Sidewalk
- 2 Sandy Beach
- 3 Rocky Beach
- 4 Saltwater Pond
- 5 Forest Walk
- 6 Lookout
- 7 Parking
- 8 Water + Restrooms
- 9 Portage Cove Campground

SCALE: 1:50
0 25' 50'



BEACH + POND | Section



FOREST **BEACH RD.** **UPLAND SLOPE** **COASTAL BEACH PLANTING** **ROCKY BEACH** **PORTAGE COVE**



FOREST WALK | Section

