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## HI Dave,

I support the development of the Portage Cove Trail. A trail along our waterfront would be a great outdoor recreation asset for our community. Yes, we all live the dream while living in the natural beauty of Haines and many question why such a trail is necessary. Not so much a need as a want. A unique recreation opportunity to walk/bike along our beautiful water front providing an alternative view of our lovely town. Do this for Haines. It's a way of bragging about our beautiful home. Don't worry about whether or not it will attract the tourists. If we build beautiful parks/trails for the town the word will get out there that Haines is not only located in a unique natural setting but it also has a beautiful townsite that is focused on the residents and not another Skagway/Juneau/Disneyland like venue.

Thanks for your time.

BTW – congrats on the new job. Best person for the job. Glad to hear you're in there.

Dennis Geasan