

# PORTAGE COVE TRAIL FRAMEWORK PLAN

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# Foreword

The Portage Cove Trail Framework Plan was composed over the course of the summer of 2019, between Memorial Day and Labor Day. This plan would not have been possible without the support, generosity, and contributions of the people of Haines. From sharing meals to sharing time, providing a place to stay to providing transportation, voicing opinions and attending meetings, as well as opening up their homes and studios, many people contributed to this framework plan effort. It takes a village!

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### A COMMUNITY WATERFRONT VISION

The Portage Cove Trail Framework Plan builds on the existing Portage Cove Trail design with ideas on how to strategically link, activate, and regenerate Haines' downtown and Fort Seward neighborhoods with their amazing history, culture and environment. Drawing inspiration from the borough's deep connection to the arts, its Native culture, its working industry, the plethora of recreational activities, and its stunning natural setting, the Portage Cove Trail Framework Plan suggests ways in which residents and visitors can make the most of this extraordinary place.

In accordance with a memorandum of understanding between the Haines Borough and Alaska Arts Confluence, James Corner Field Operations worked with the Alaska Arts Confluence, Haines Borough, proHNS Engineering, and the Chilkoot Indian Association to articulate a Framework Plan for the existing Portage Cove Trail design, as articulated and illustrated in the chapters that follow. The goal of this Framework Plan is to unveil the potential that the new Portage Cove Trail (designed by proHNS and the Chilkoot Indian Association) presents for Haines' waterfront.

Haines is in a unique position: while many waterfront communities are working hard and spending millions of dollars to undo the damage caused by poor decisions made under the pressures of development, Haines has a largely intact waterfront which accommodates industry, tourism, nature, and public access. The vast majority of the waterfront remains in public ownership, and Haines is in the driver's seat to make decisions about a collective vision for its future growth. This Framework Plan aims to guide discussions about future growth as they pertain to the waterfront and adjacent areas, and help make recommendations for future projects and interventions to better connect its urban fabric and strengthen and communicate the richness of what Haines has to offer.

This effort builds upon the 2017 Portage Cove Interpretive Trail & Park Plan by Corvus Design, public outreach and surveys, the proHNS design of the Portage Cove Trail, and additional public outreach and engagement undertaken as part of this effort in order to understand the breadth and depth of Portage Cove's character and sense of place.

In addition to the 2017 Portage Cove Interpretive Trail & Park Plan, this effort recognizes and references a number of studies in

Haines related to open space, recreation, and master planning. These include, but are not limited to:

2001 Plan for Public Use and Access in the City of Haines

2008 Haines Coastal Management Plan

2010 Haines Downtown Revitalization Plan

2018 Haines Economic Development Plan

2018 Haines 5-Year Economic Development Plan

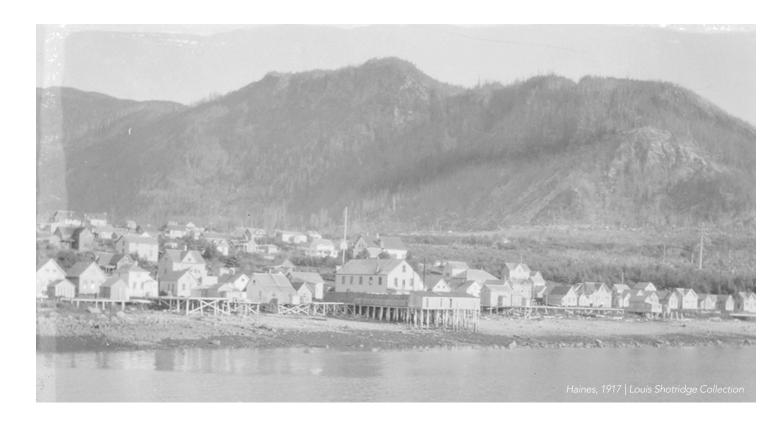
2018 Draft Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan

Haines 2025 Comprehensive Plan (In Progress).

### **IDENTITY + SENSE OF PLACE**

Located in Southeast Alaska, at the north end of a fjord named Lynn Canal, Haines is nestled in a sheltered cove between the Chilkat and the Chilkoot Inlets. It is surrounded by large forests, mountains and glaciers. This humbling and yet comforting landscape has drawn a wide variety of people for centuries, beginning with the Native Tlingit who settled the area and called this place Deishú - or "the end of the trail." Over the centuries, a strong connection between life on land and life on water has created a very tight bond between people and nature, defining their culture and identity, and continuing to do so, regardless of background, to this day. The waters of the Chilkoot and Chilkat rivers have been fished and navigated for centuries, and the forests, mountains, and glaciers have drawn people inland in search of food, fuel, commerce, industry, inspiration and adventure.

As Thomas Thornton explains in his book Being and Place Among the Tlingit (2008), "The experience of making a living in an environment is central to what it means to 'inhabit' a place." This concept of dwelling is referred to as  $\underline{K}$ wáan in Tlingit – LkootKwáan here.



What does it mean to live in Haines today? What is the identity of this place now and what will it be in the future? What can it learn from its past and present and how can it prepare for all the years to come?

Today, Portage Cove is where all of Haines meets. The Portage Cove Trail Framework Plan seeks to respect, communicate, and help reconcile the rich and diverse narratives and qualities that compose and characterize Haines, in order to shape a meaningful environment that is a shared source of community pride, that is enjoyed by all residents, and that can accommodate the thousands of visitors that Haines welcomes each year.

### **ENVIRONMENT + ECOLOGY**

Haines benefits immensely from its stunning natural setting, and has a fascinating and unique geological history. Remarkably, much of the Portage Cove waterfront is characterized by a naturalized edge and a variety of environments, including tidal pools, coastal vegetation, sandy beaches, rocky beaches, a saltwater pond, and native spruce forest. The Framework Plan aims to facilitate and enhance opportunities to access, view, and experience these environments, while fostering understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the natural environment.

Nature regulates life in Haines. Summer activities and winter activities, berry picking season, gardening season, fishing season, hunting season, ice and snow season and the ebb and flow of daily sea tides are only a few examples of how close and tied people's lives are to nature here. Nature is people's heritage, wealth, responsibility and destiny.

### ART + CULTURE

Art has expressed the spirit of cultures inhabiting this place for centuries, and interestingly enough, Haines has recently drawn many artists from all over who live and practice their art in Haines today. Symbols and images of old and new expressions mingle and the significance of art is palpable, making local culture incredibly rich. The Framework Plan discusses opportunities for art to express, showcase, celebrate, and enjoy the diversity of local talent and production through the installation of artworks, whether temporary, ephemeral or permanent, and through creating places for gathering and engaging in performance and storytelling.

### CONNECTIVITY

The Portage Cove Trail Framework Plan integrates the Portage Cove Trail into the fabric of Haines in two ways. The first is to examine and stitch together the trail connection along the length of the Portage Cove waterfront, ensuring continuous and safe circulation. The second is to identify critical hinge points where future design projects and interventions could help to strengthen the trail and link it to the fabric of Haines, with an emphasis on connections to and between Downtown and Fort Seward.



# 2.0 Analysis

- 2.1 Context
- 2.2 The Significance of Trails
- 2.3 Portage Cove
- 2.4 Portage Cove Trail

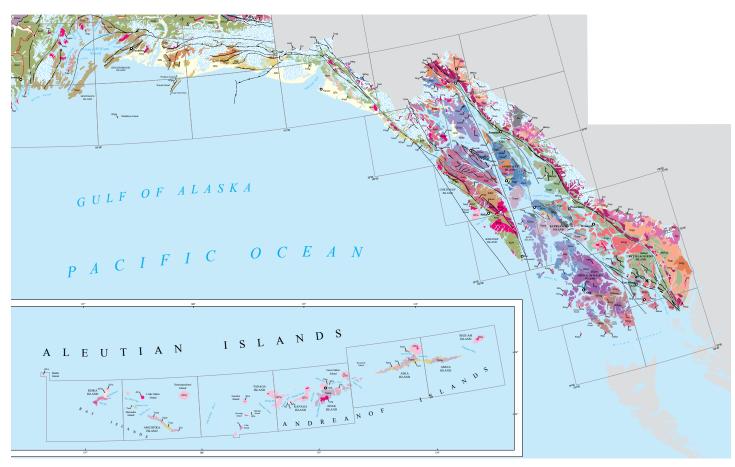
### 2.1 CONTEXT

The territory of Alaska is breathtakingly vast and diverse – and one of its most unique regions is Southeast Alaska. The Borough of Haines is located toward the northernmost reach of the Lynn Canal, the deepest fjord in North America and one of the deepest and longest in the world. Indeed, this is but one of the many superlatives that characterizes Haines and Southeast Alaska – a region that is geologically, ecologically, and culturally distinct.

Geologically speaking, Southeast Alaska was formed by plate tectonic movements that shifted lands from the Pacific Ocean upward toward the North American Plate. Mountain ranges are geologically distinct; Haines has a different geology than the mountain ranges on either side of it. It is no accident that the Lynn Canal is one of the world's deepest and longest fjords – geological fault lines follow the valleys between ridgelines of Southeast Alaska's breathtaking mountain ranges.

Alaska is home to 32 distinct ecoregions. Southeast Alaska encompasses the entirety of two of these regions - the Northern Coast Mountains and the Alexander Archipelago - as well as a portion of the Chugach-St. Elias Mountains Ecogreion. Together, these ecoregions are characterized by a landscape of rugged coastal mountain ranges with steep peaks, deep valleys, retreating glaciers, coastal temperate rainforests, fjords, and abundant islands. The land area in these regions is largely owned and managed by the federal government, including the Tongass National Forest – the largest national forest in the United States, encompassing some 16.7 million acres.





USGS Image showing geology and fault lines in Southeast Alaska.



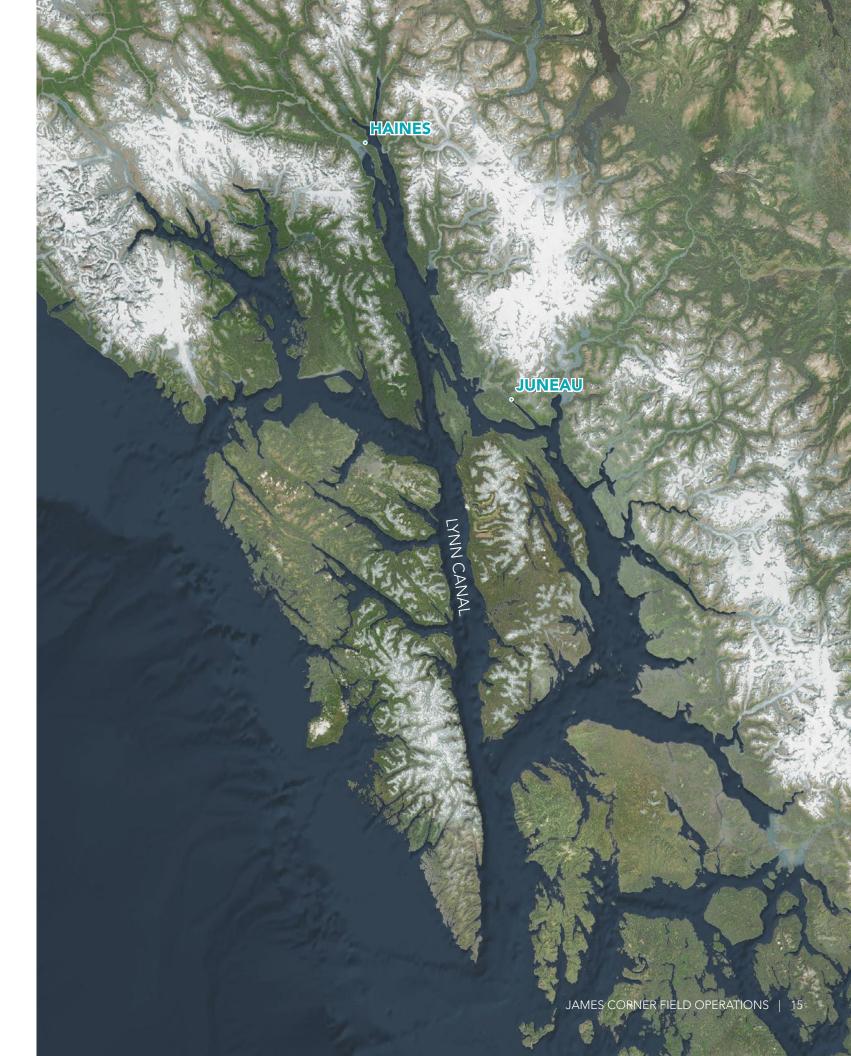
Chugach-St. Elias Mountains Ecoregion



Northern Coast Mountains Ecoregion



Alexander Archipelago Ecoregion



### 2.2 THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TRAILS

Throughout time and across cultures, trails have had rich and layered significance as thoroughfares of material and cultural exchange and means of viewing and experiencing the environment. Many ancient trails have become historic highways and roadways, forming, as Carl Sauer wrote in his 1932 monograph *The Road to Cibola*, a "link connecting the distant past with the modern present." Dictionary definitions of trails are broad, suggesting the vast potential that trails represent. Definitions include:

A course followed or to be followed

A series of marks or other signs of movement or other activities left by someone or

Indeed, trails hold a special significance in Haines, whose Tlingit name, Deishú, translates to "the beginning of the trail" or "the end of the trail," depending on one's direction of travel. For the Chilkat people, trade along the "Grease Trail" (which originated in Haines) with peoples on the interior of what is today British Columbia, the Yukon Territory, and interior Alaska was a crucial component of their culture and survival.

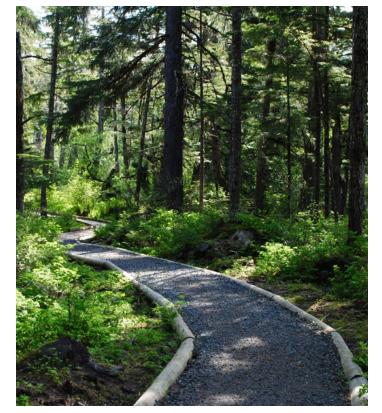
Across the world today, trail systems link public spaces, parks, and regions. Nonprofit organizations and governments alike are investing in trail systems because of the multivalent benefits they provide, including: healthy recreation and transportation opportunities, livability, environmental conservation, economic revitalization, and community identity and pride.<sup>1</sup>

The Portage Cove Trail has the potential of restoring the links that the cove used to have to its surrounding environment and other trails.

 $^1"$  Benefits of Trails"  $\it Rails$  to Trails Conservancy. <a href="https://www.railstotrails.org/experience-trails/benefits-of-trails">https://www.railstotrails.org/experience-trails/benefits-of-trails</a>



Battery Point Trail, Haines
Built and managed by the Department of Natural Resorces
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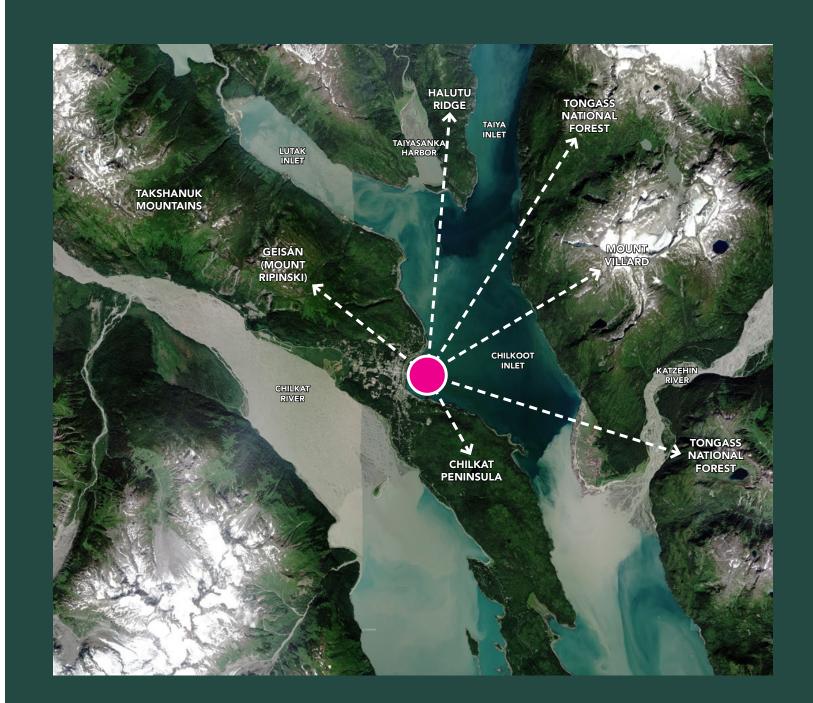




### 2.3 PORTAGE COVE

Portage Cove is located along the Chilkat Peninsula at the base of the Takshanuk Mountains, and at the north end of the Lynn Canal. Its panoramic views toward the north, east, and south encompass high mountain peaks of the Northern Coast Mountains, the Taiyansanka Harbor, Taiya Inlet, and Tongass National Forest.

The unique vantage afforded from Portage Cove to the east proved to have strategic military advantages as well, leading the United States Military to construct Fort William H. Seward in the early 1900s.



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### 2.4 PORTAGE COVE TRAIL

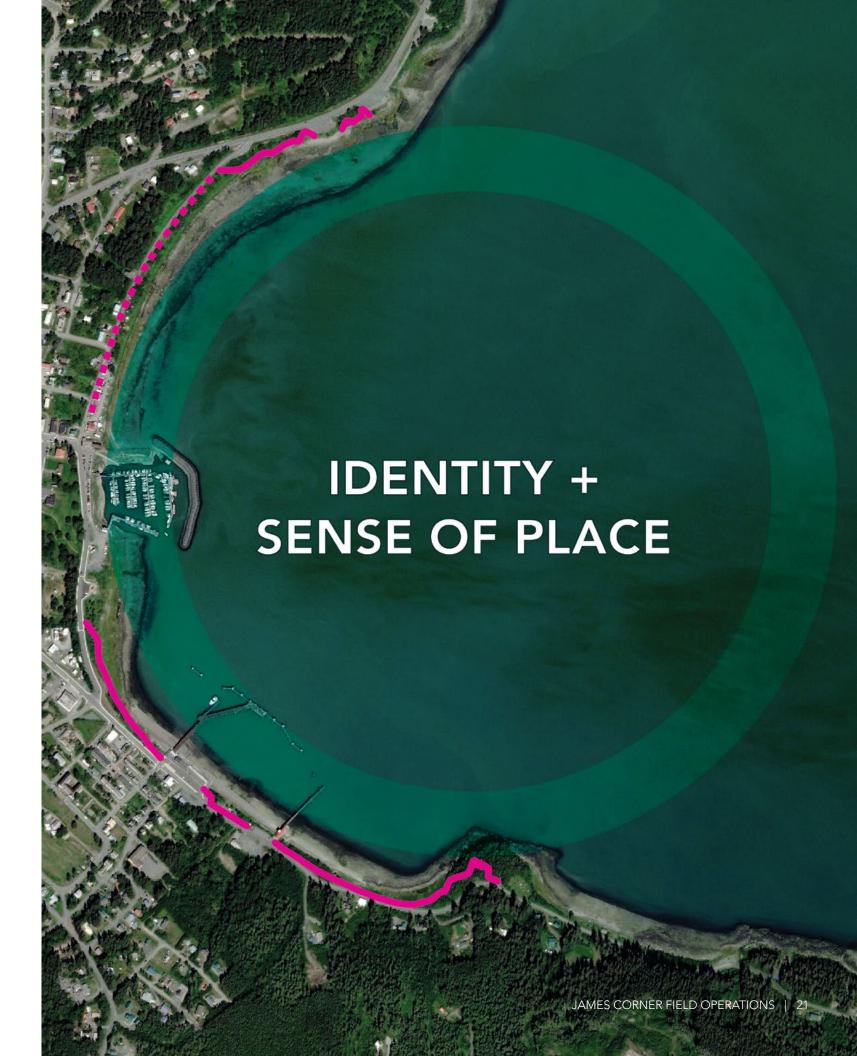
The Portage Cove trail, as designed by proHNS, leads the way along the waterfront of Portage Cove, but is missing some important links that need to be connected in order to make it a continuous and powerful experience along the water.

The community of people living in and around Haines is very diverse with members from different backgrounds and cultures, with different priorities and goals, some whose families have lived here for centuries and others who have only just arrived. Each has a different approach to their environment.

At the same time, this community shares a passion for this place and values the unique lifestyles it affords its inhabitants. The waterfront is a particularly important place and Portage Cove is where all of Haines meets and where all its different people can come together as one community looking out for its future.

The Portage Cove Trail passes through a unique cross-section of diverse environments representative of the richness of Haines's identity, history, culture, and ecology.

In an effort to capture all of the narratives and unique characteristics of the areas through which the Portage Cove Trail passes, together with the Alaska Arts Confluence and based upon a trip to Haines in May 2019, this framework describes the Portage Cove waterfront as a series of eight sections, described on the following pages.



### CHARACTER OF THE PORTAGE COVE TRAIL

THE OUTSET



The northernmost point of the Portage Cove Trail, The Outset is the first landing point for visitors arriving by vehicle from the state ferry terminal. It includes a "Welcome to Haines" sign with views south toward Haines and Fort Seward, two parking lots, a picnic pavilion, public restrooms, and a wide expanse of tide pools along a rocky beach.

As laid out by proHNS, this segment of the trail connects the two parking lots and provides a walking path along the rocky beach, linking back up to Front Street near the intersection of Lutak Road.

THE VILLAGE



Spanning the length of Front Street, this segment of the Portage Cove Waterfront is the location of the former Chilkoot Indian Village. This village existed until the 1930s, when the town of Haines placed the Chilkoot properties on the tax roll, causing nearly all to lose their homes. Raven House, one of few remaining Native Allotments along the Portage Cove Waterfront, is located on Front Street.

Most of the property along Portage Cove on Front Street is privately owned, and there is no sidewalk or shoulder along the street. There is currently no trail along this segment of the waterfront in the proHNS Portage Cove Trail scope.

**DOWNTOWN** 



South of the Village, Front Street intersects the base of Main Street. The steep topography at the base of Main Street makes it difficult to intuitively understand that there are destinations uphill. While there are sidewalks, there is no clear signage or distinct gathering place to signify arrival at Downtown

There is currently no trail in the proHNS scope along this segment of the waterfront.

THE HARBOR



South of Main Street is the Small Boat Harbor, which is currently being expanded. An extension to the breakwater has been constructed, and a large portion of the waterfront, including the former Lookout Park, have been filled in to create a waterfront parking lot.

There is no formal trail in this segment, but there are sidewalks along Front Street, and sidewalks planned for the harbor side of the parking lot. THE TOWN BEACH



Sandy beaches in Southeast Alaska are rare, and Haines is very fortunate to have a segment of sandy beach along Portage Cove in the heart of town. The beach is well-loved by locals, a place for school field trips, daily dog walks, and weekend relaxation. The beach is also located across the street from access to the upland Tlingit Park, which features a Tlingit cemetery, large open lawn areas and a playground.

The plans for the Portage Cove Trail in this segment are being revised, and will likely incorporate points of connection and access down to the beach. In addition, there are plans to reconstruct one of the entrances to Tlingit Park to provide ADA access from Front Street.

**FORT SEWARD** 



Originally constructed by the United States Military in an effort to defend its newly-acquired territory of Alaska from Canada, today Fort Seward serves as home to residents, art studios, restaurants, a distillery, and hotel accommodations. It is on the National Register of Historic Places and is honored as a National Historic Landmark District.

Positioned up along the hill that slopes down to Portage Cove, the Fort has a direct line of access down to the waterfront, as well as east/west connections to Main Street and downtown.

THE DOCKS



On axis with Portage Drive leading up to Fort Seward, the Port Chilkoot Dock provides a landing point for cruise ships and point of entry to Haines. The parking lot along Beach Road accommodates a queuing area for tour buses and meeting point for walking tours, as well as tourist information and restrooms.

South of the Port Chilkoot Dock is the Chilkoot Indian Association Dock, whose programming and renovations are currently being planned.

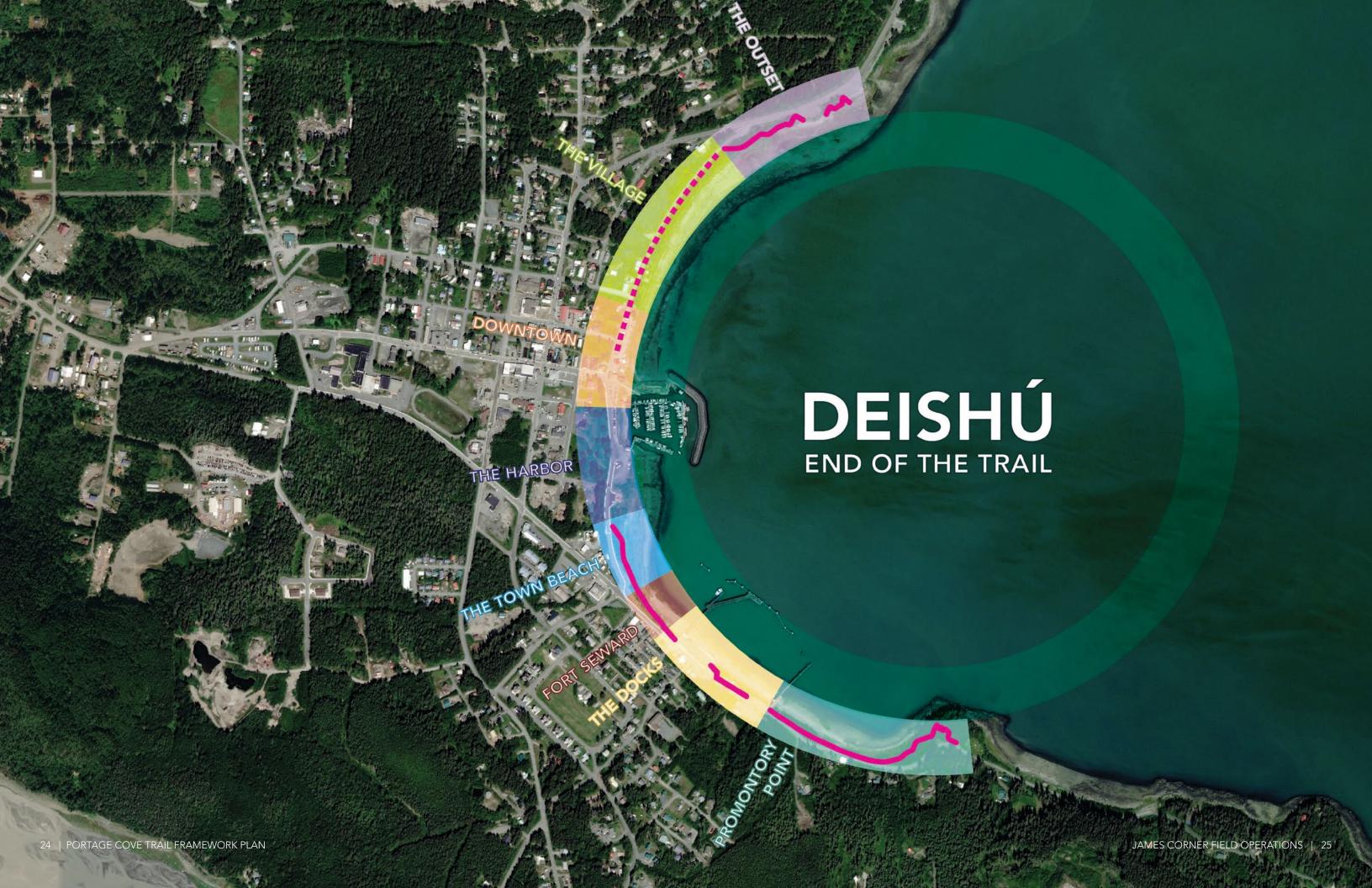
The trail in this segment connects to sidewalks along Beach Road and along the harbor side of the Port Chilkoot Dock parking area via a new sidewalk along Beach Road

PROMONTORY POINT



Southeast of the Chilkoot Indian Association Dock, the waterfront returns to a naturalized edge, with a rocky beach, wetland areas, and views across Portage Cove.

Here, the trail departs from Beach Road and passes along the waterfront, eventually leading into a forested area in the Portage Cove State Recreation Site. It is the only portion of the trail that passes through an enclosed spruce and hemlock forest – the predominant biome of the Alexander Archipelago. The trail connects to an existing path winding through the forest that leads to a wooden overlook providing expansive views across Portage Cove to the north.



# 3.0 Framework Plan

- 3.1 The Outset
- 3.2 The Village
- 3.3 Downtown
- 3.4 The Harbor
- 3.5 The Town Beach
- 3.6 Fort Seward
- 3.7 The Docks
- 3.8 Promontory Point



### 3.1 THE OUTSET



Encompassing the area known as "Picture Point," The Outset occupies the northernmost stretch of the Portage Cove Trail. Today, it is composed of two large, but disconnected, parking and gathering areas that are elevated above the water and provide views south down the Lynn Canal and toward Downtown Haines. It is the first point of arrival for visitors arriving by vehicle from the state ferry terminal.

### **ANALYSIS**

The two parking and gathering areas are presently disconnected and separated by a small pocket glen where a freshwater stream daylights after passing beneath Lutak Road. As laid out by proHNS, the Portage Cove Trail links the two areas, through the topographic depression of the pocket glen. This provides a unique opportunity to engage with a freshwater mountain stream at its terminus, where it passes across the rocky beach and spills into Portage Cove.

The glen trail segment alone, however, will not open sight lines between the two parking/gathering areas. An additional sidewalk connection along Lutak Road, achieved by either a paved path or widened gravel shoulder, could supplement and strengthen the connection between the two areas physically and visually.

Beneath the level of the parking and gathering areas is an expansive rocky beach with tide pools, which provide a great place to engage with tidal ecology. Additionally, the wide and shallow shoreline presents an opportunity to witness the extraordinary story of a landscape once carved by glaciers and continuing to be modified by them through post-glacial rebound. As glaciers melt, the shoreline will continue to widen as their huge weight is lifted off the earth beneath them and allows the land mass to rise faster than sea level rise.

As the trail extends south toward Front Street, it skirts the border between a wooded edge and herbaceous coastal plants which could be enhanced by further native plantings for people to enjoy.

### **PROGRAM**

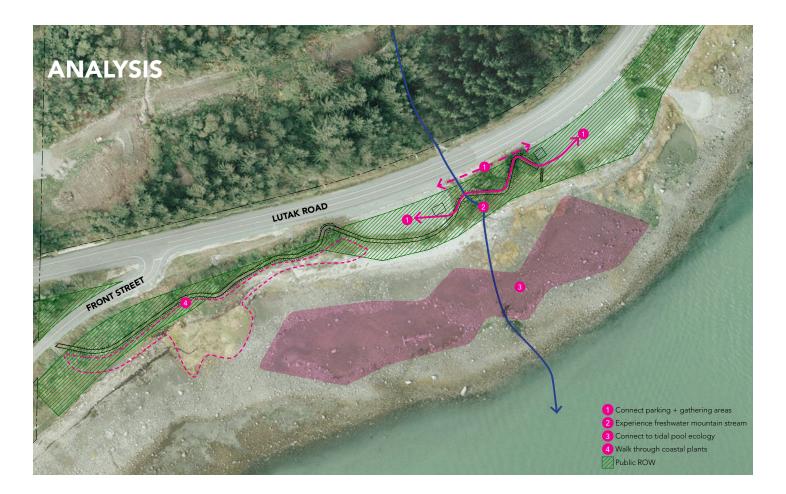
The two elevated promontories accommodate gathering and viewing and are linked by the Portage Cove Trail The eastern promontory, with the 'Welcome to Haines' sign and public restrooms, serves as an Orientation Promontory, or "Front Porch," where visitors are welcomed to Haines and can look south down the Lynn Canal from one of its northernmost points. The western promontory, with its picnic pavilion and grills, is a Social Promontory, or "Back Porch" where citizens and visitors alike can gather for picnics and cookouts with views out over the tide pools and Portage Cove toward downtown Haines and Fort Seward.

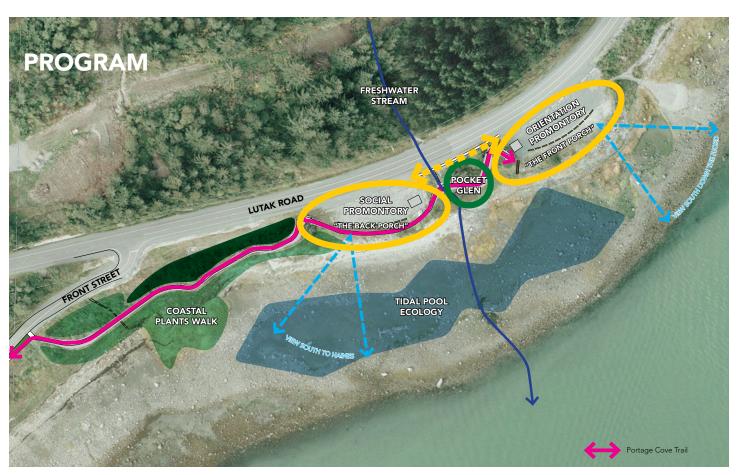
### **CHARACTER**

The Outset introduces Haines with its varied ecological environments, natural history and setting in the greater landscape. Future art installations and design efforts in this portion of the trail should serve to complement and enhance these attributes. This could include the introduction of additional seating or viewing belvederes at either of the gathering areas, planting and enhancing native beach vegetation, and introducing native edible plants and fruit-bearing shrubs. Artworks might consider framing views, celebrating the Lynn Canal, or relating to the narrative of glacial rebound and glacial landscapes. The size and scale of the promontories, coupled with access to public restrooms, could render the Social Promontory well-suited for hosting small-scale performances.

### **PLAN**

Pages 34 and 35 depict recommended site programming, potential additional improvements, and existing features.





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### CHARACTER





















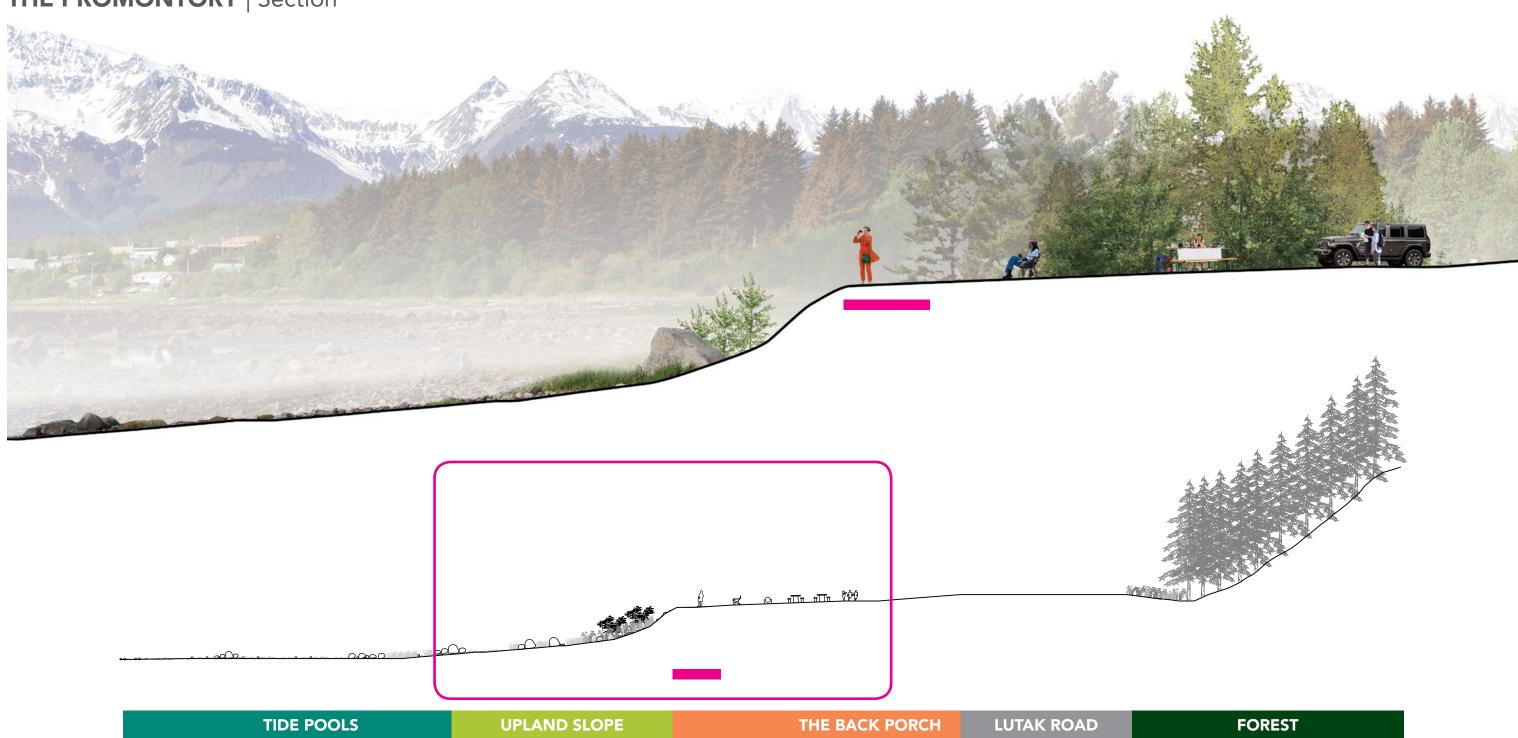


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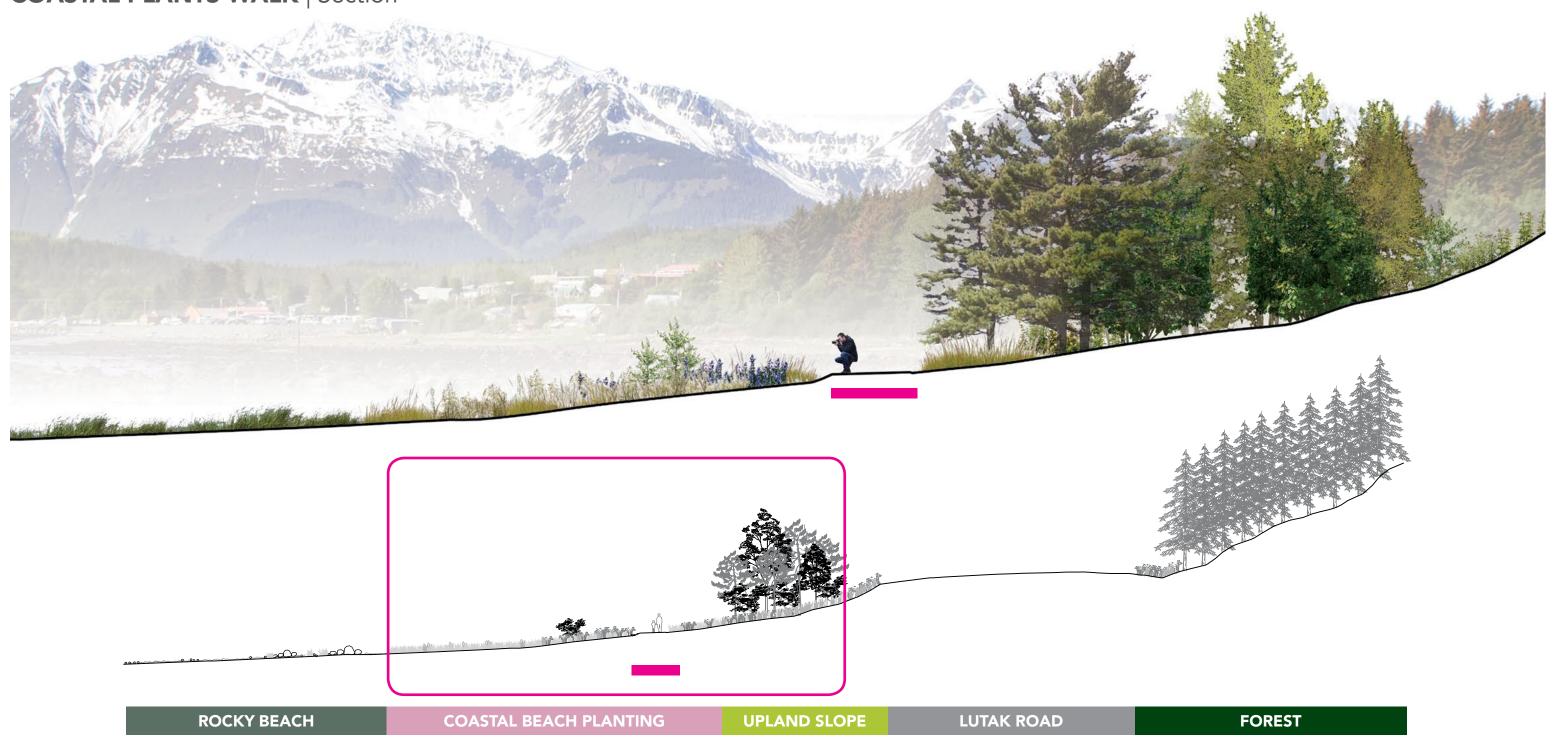
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## 3.2 **THE VILLAGE**NORTH



The enclosed, tree-framed character of Front Street as it nears Lutak Road provides a pleasant environment to walk and bike, and is well-traveled and well-used by Haines residents and visitors alike. However, the lack of any sidewalk or shoulder pushes pedestrians into the vehicular travel lanes, creating an unsafe environment for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. Front Street itself is not included within the scope of the proHNS-designed Portage Cove Trail. As it is a critical pedestrian link between The Outset and Downtown, this plan recommends the introduction of a sidewalk along the length of Front Street to complete the connection between Downtown Haines and Picture Point. Front Street is currently a state-owned road, and modifications to Front Street will require coordination between the Borough and State.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Portage Cove Trail connects to Front Street just south of its intersection with Lutak Road. From this point south to the residence at 317 North Front Street, Front Street is an enclosed, protected environment lined by trees on both sides of the road. Where winds can often be strong coming off of Portage Cove, this environment provides shelter and a comfortable, contemplative place to walk, bike, or run. Presently, Front Street is wider than necessary for two-way traffic at 25'. By narrowing Front Street to 22' along its length, two 11' vehicular travel lanes can be accommodated with the added benefit of slowing down vehicular traffic. Based upon review of property boundaries and survey information provided by the Borough and proHNS, there appears to be a 60' right-of-way along this portion of Front Street, providing ample space to establish a 5' gravel sidewalk separated from the eastern edge of Front Street by a planted buffer.

### **PROGRAM**

Already a popular walking and biking destination, the introduction of a buffered sidewalk along the northern half of Front Street enhances the experience of the protected, tree-framed environment, and serves as an experiential transition between

the more open and expansive, natural setting of The Outset and the more densely developed urban fabric of Downtown Haines beginning in the southern half of Front Street.

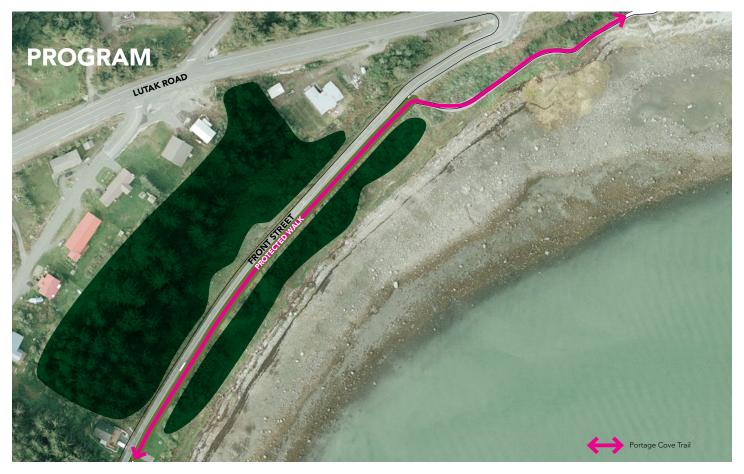
### CHARACTER

It was along Front Street where the Chilkoot Indian Village once stood, with residences oriented perpendicular to the water with the street paralleling the shoreline, the front of the residence toward the water, and the back toward the mountain. While the majority of the Village has been erased, this northern section of Front Street provides an opportunity to contemplate the qualities of the natural environment that have drawn settlement for over a century. Future design efforts in this area should serve to enhance the qualities of the natural environment through robust native planting that can withstand harsh roadside growing conditions and the maintenance of the tree canopy and understory on both sides of Front Street.

### **PLAN**

Pages 50 and 51 depict the narrowed width of Front Street and proposed buffered gravel sidewalk that connects to the Portage Cove Trail and extends south toward Downtown Haines.





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# 3.2 **THE VILLAGE** SOUTH



Continuing south beyond the residence at 317 North Front Street, the character of Front Street shifts as it encounters the developed fabric of Downtown Haines. Here, as in the northern portion of Front Street, it is critical to the overall connectivity of the Portage Cove Trail that safe pedestrian circulation be provided separated from the vehicular travel lanes.

### **ANALYSIS**

In the southern half of Front Street, the right-of-way becomes unclear and many of the buildings are sited, as they had been in the original Tlingit Village, in very close proximity to the street. As such, the 5' wide gravel sidewalk could join the eastern edge of Front Street if the road continues to be narrowed from 25' to 22'. Union Street and Dalton Street each have existing sidewalks along their northern edges. Both of those can be connected to the proposed sidewalk by the introduction of new crosswalks. Raven House and the Bureau of Indian Affairs School building, both significant to the history of the former Chilkoot Indian Village are located here and should be honored and recognized as appropriate. Additionally, the Borough has two rights-ofway in alignment with View Street. Those could accommodate a pedestrian connection down from First Avenue and the BIA School Building all the way through to the edge of Portage Cove.

### **PROGRAM**

The tree-framed protected walk extending south from Lutak Road meets the edge of Front Street across from Raven House, which is believed to be the oldest building in Haines. While it is the sole remaining building from the original Tlingit Village on Front Street, it is an important part of the history of the Tlingit People in Haines. Since the Chilkoot Indian Association will be constructing the trail, coordination with this significant portion of the Chilkoot Village must be carefully planned.

As it extends south to Main Street, the sidewalk hugs the edge of Front Street.

The Borough rights-of-way that connect Portage Cove up to First Avenue present an opportunity for a future physical connection that should be further explored. This connection could lead to and incorporate the Borough-owned Bureau of Indian Affairs building, whose interpretation and programming should be further discussed and explored in coordination with the Chilkoot Indian Association and Klukwan.

### **CHARACTER**

Together with the northern half of Front Street, the village portion of the trail presents an opportunity to tell the stories of Tlingit settlement traditions, the Raven House, and the Chilkoot Indian Village. It is a place to honor the continued presence of Native people in the area, their involvement with building this and other trails, how trails serve to connect people and places, and how Native people are, have been, and will continue to be the guides to this land.

Artworks, interpretation, and future design projects in this area should be developed in collaboration with the Chilkoot Indian Association and Klukwan.

### **PLAN**

Pages 54 and 55 depict the narrowed width of Front Street, proposed gravel sidewalk location, and proposed crosswalk locations that facilitate a connection of the Portage Cove Trail to Downtown Haines.





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### CHARACTER

















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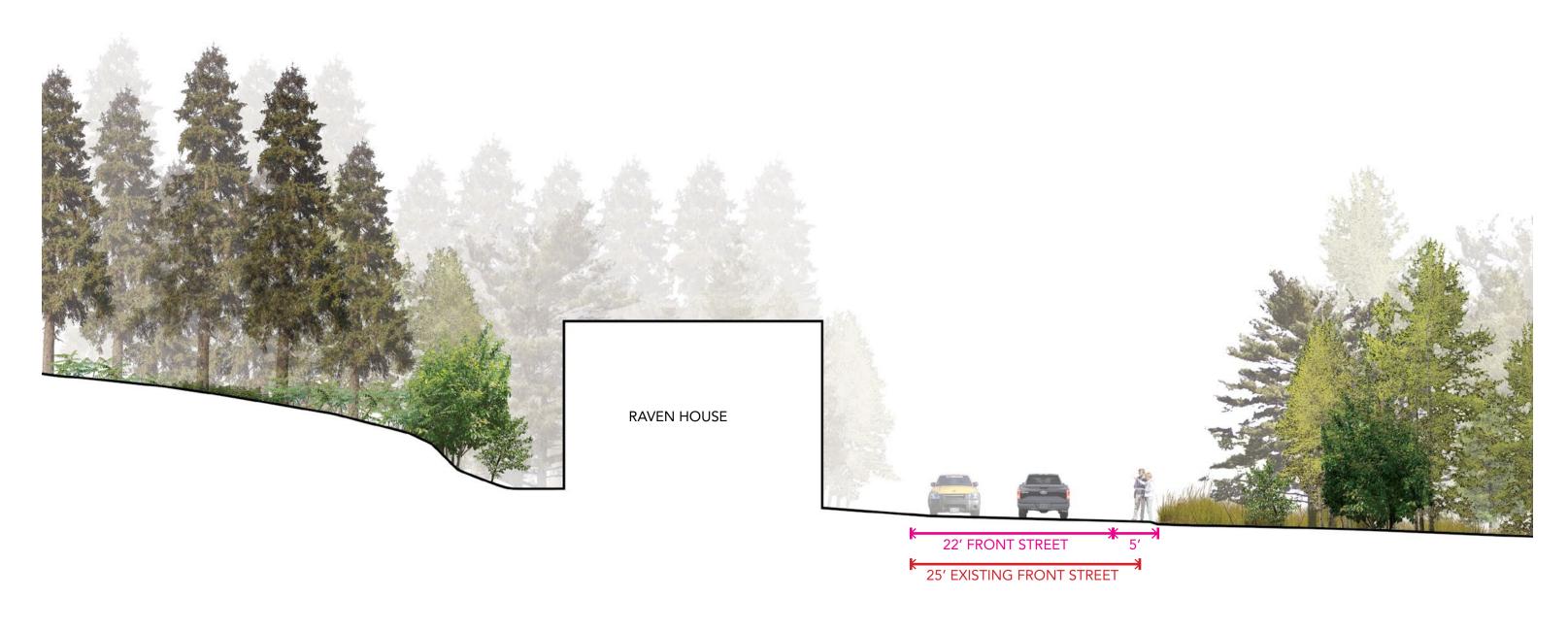






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### **RAVEN HOUSE**

"...a solitary monument on the former site of a thriving Tlingit village."

### Raven House-1898



The Raven House, built in 1898, commands a spectacular view of Lynn Canal and is a solitary monument on the former site of a thriving Tlingit village. It was constructed in the village of Kluctoo (or Kalwattu) at 19 mile. In the late 1890s, a mudslide destroyed the village. However, the Raven House, then known as the Two Door House, survived.

Tom Nakt dismantled his ancestral home and rebuilt it in Yan-dei-stakyeh, a village at 4 mile. The village served as an important meeting place for chiefs and dignitaries. By the 1930s, however, Yan-dei-stakyeh had been abandoned. The combined ravages of time, neglect, and vandalism destroyed the Tlingit homes.

Joe Hayes, who lived in the Raven's Wing House in Haines, deploted the fate of his ancestral home, the Two Door House. Enlisting both the aid of a nephew, Johnny Mark, and the Eagle Clan, the house was dismantled, moved to Haines and attached to the Raven's Wing House. The appeal to another Tlingit Clan denoted strong respect for the history and traditions of the entire tribe. The new house gained honor, and the Eagle Clan was later repaid with a potlatch.

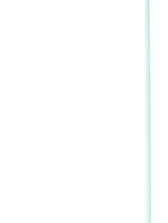
Johnny Mark became guardian of the Raven's Wing House after Hayes died. But when Mark was dying of accidental poisoning, he passed the guardianship to Austin Hammond, or Daana Waak, as he was known in

Tlingit. He told Hammond to "keep the fire going in the stove to let people know that someone was living there." Raven's Wing was a community house, and preserving its tradition of hospitality was important.

Hammond has maintained the house since 1962. The Raven House name was assumed after Hammond's father's house was destroyed. Parts of that house were built into the present structure. Hammond lives in the Raven House with his brother, Horace Marks. Concerned that their rich heritage will disappear, Hammond, Marks, and others are preserving Tlingit language, history, customs, songs, and myths for their children and grandchildren.

The Raven House may be the oldest building in Haines. Remodeling added several shed-roofed rooms to the left side of what was once a rectangular, Pioneer Farmhouse Style building. Wood post/pile foundations were recently rebuilt. Wood shingles cover an earlier cladding, and sheet metal covers the roof. The sparse trim is partly hidden by the exterior finish; vertical boards cover the crawl space. The open porch appears to be a recent addition. The large Raven totem attached to the front signifies the Clan and house name.









Front Street Houses, 1900.

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SOURCE: Building History: City of Haines Survey of Historic Structures (1983)



### **BIA SCHOOL BUILDING**

# THE VILLAGE

### U. S. Government School-1905



The Human Resources Building, a handsome, two-story structure, on the hill above the Raven House, was once the U.S. Government's B.I.A. School. Built for Native children in 1905 it remained their school until it closed in 1947 Children from the Native village and from Haines House the Presbyterian Mission, attended the school.

Classes were taught in English, and speaking the Native language was forbidden. Students sat in long, straight rows, arranged according to grade level. One former student said his attendance at the Government School was a very tranquil period in his life. He remembers parties produced by locals for special holidays. At school, a former student recalls tasting dried fruits for the first time, an earned treat from the teacher

The Native community focused on the B.I.A. School for leadership and direction, according to Joe and Vivian Kahklen, former teachers there. The need for education was stressed at the school, and families such as the Paddocks were reported in the *Haines Pioneer Press* as "holding the monopoly on brilliance."

The main floor served as the instructional area and the living quarters for the teachers. Two classrooms existed, one for the primary students and the other for the upper grades. The second story contained school supplies and the staff's food. A basketball hoop, possibly used for physical education classes, was mounted on the upper story

A separate building on the property was listed in a 1938 report as being

17-feet by 17-feet. The building was converted into a living space for teachers, even though the B.I.A. report said the structure was "below average and unhealthy". The structure no longer stands.

Other building records say electricity was installed in 1925 and a wood stove provided heat. The U.S. Government closed the school in 1949 and the Territory of Alaska desegregated schools after pressure from Native groups. All children, thereafter attended public schools.

The building next served as a public health facility Vera Smith, a local resident, recalls working as the Public Health Nurse from 1955 to 1958. She lived in the building and served the communities of Haines, Skagway and Kluckwan.

Smith analyzed routine health problems, taught education classes in the schools, and delivered babies when the mothers could not leave the area. Because a doctor was scheduled to visit Haines only monthly Smith was continually on call. She remembers using the *Book of Standing Orders* for reference during those years. The text helped her to diagnose, clarify and treat illnesses.

Smith said the building's interior was renovated before her arrival in 1955 Living quarters and patient examination rooms remained on the main floor She also remembers the empty cottage on the property when she arrived in Haines. When Smith later married, her stepdaughter lived on the upper story





Attentive school children, 1915

A resident doctor came to Haines in 1957 and relieved Smith of her fulltime responsibilities. She continued, however as his assistant. In 1970, a new Health facility was constructed by Dr. and Mrs. Stan Jones, and the old building became the local Teen Center. Within a few years, the Center closed, and the building sat empty until the mid-1970s.



U.S. Government School, circa 1935.

The building later became a day care center. In the mid-1970s, the Haines Fire Department scheduled the building for a practice burn mission, luckily the event did not occur Vivian Menaker and other concerned citizens, decided to remodel the building to meet required codes for day care facilities.

The building was in poor shape. Water pipes had burst during the years of abandonment, floots were spongy and warped, and the 1960s psychedelic walls decorated by teenagers needed paint. Local citizens volunteered and readied the building for occupancy By the winter 1976, children once again filled the building Today the preschool program and community mental health offices share the building. The City of Haines continues ownership. The U.S. Government School was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.



U.S. Government School teacher's quarters, circa 1935

The Government School, a wood-frame structure built on wood piling, is similar to other Plain Early Style educational/residential buildings of its period. These buildings used conventional materials, massed, multi-lite windows on a rectilinear facade, and brick chimneys located near the ridgelines. At the main entrance, there was often a porticoed, open entry at the stairtop. The school s two entries are enclosed, but one has a pedimented end gable with supporting box columns.

Original details, similar to those on other early Haines buildings, include: the turned eaves at the end gables, double-sash windows with head-entablature trim. Asphalt shingles cover horizontal, wood siding, brick chimneys, and sheet metal roofing. The dormers are clad with wood shingles.

SOURCE: Building History: City of Haines Survey of Historic Structures (1983)



### 3.3 **DOWNTOWN**



The trail reaches Downtown Haines at the intersection of Main Street and Front Street. This area presents a number of significant challenges but also possesses strong opportunities to create a destination on the waterfront where people coming from Downtown streets, residences and businesses can meet visitors and locals arriving by small boats. This is a place where life on land meets life on water, activities in town meet activities in the small boat harbor and where people can gather and exchange.

### **ANALYSIS**

The base of Main Street is very steep and creates a topographic and visual separation between businesses along Main Street and the waterfront. This topographic separation, coupled with the current configuration of the intersection of Main Street and Front Street, creates a blind corner that is unsafe for vehicles and pedestrians alike. The broad paving area at the base of main street makes it difficult to perceive an intersection, and even more difficult for pedestrians to understand where they can safely walk or cross the street.

At the same time, the four corners of this intersection are marked by cultural, dining, maritime, and transportation destinations with the potential to be linked together through a cohesive redesign of the intersection. The reconfiguration of this intersection was also recommended in the 2010 Downtown Haines Revitalization Plan.

The construction of the Small Boat Harbor Expansion will, over time, relocate a significant amount of active harborside activities further south – particularly vehicular loading and off-loading, thus freeing up at least a portion of the paved area and parking spaces at the base of Main Street. This newly regained open space offers an opportunity to create a safe harborside gathering space free from vehicles where people can both engage in and observe harbor activities.

The Jetty, extending eastward from the base of Main Street, can be framed as a public destination at the midpoint of Portage Cove. It affords views to the north and south which can orient one relative to their position along the waterfront. The jetty is also at the boundary

between the more natural shoreline extending north, and the active and bustling harbor to the south.

### **PROGRAM**

Through carefully reconfiguring the intersection of Front and Main Street and reclaiming excess parking area, "Downtown on the waterfront" can be recast as a destination at the midpoint of Portage Cove. A gathering space on Front Street can connect and reflect the widely varied activities and offerings in Haines and include outdoor dining, benches and a Fish Market. A switchback connection to the Sheldon Museum can make the slope less intimidating for pedestrians looking to walk up to the businesses downtown, and provide an accessible route from the waterfront to the museum and Main Street. This pedestrian connection could be activated by the installation of native planting and exhibition of pieces in the Sheldon Museum's collection. An outdoor dining area could be provided on the south side of the Lighthouse Restaurant for fair weather days, and further activate and define the Jetty as a public space open to all. The existing Jetty could accommodate an overlook that will engage people in harbor activities.

Careful consideration should be given to ensure that the active harbor industrial operations continue to have adequate accommodations, and these operations are both visible and celebrated.

### CHARACTER

Haines has been and always will be a place whose spirit and character is intimately tied to a relationship between land and water. This can be activated where Front Street and Main Street meet. Artworks and design interventions here should celebrate the maritime culture in Haines, its history, and its continued presence.

### **PLAN**

Pages 68 and 69 depict a potential reconfiguration of Main Street, size and location of a gathering area at the base of Main Street, and the accessible connection to the Haines Sheldon Museum.





### CHARACTER













### FRONT + MAIN STREETS













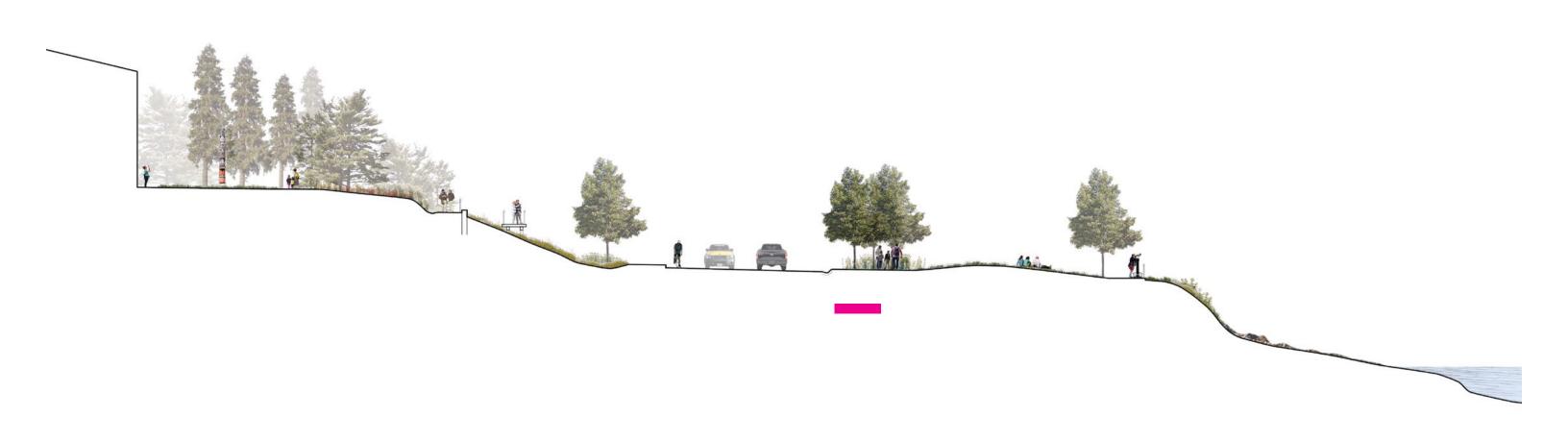
FRONT + MAIN STREETS | Plan





DOWNTOWN

**GATHERING AREA** | Section



SHELDON MUSEUM FRONT YARD FRONT STREET GATHERING AREA ESCARPMENT PORTAGE COVE





**THE JETTY** | Section

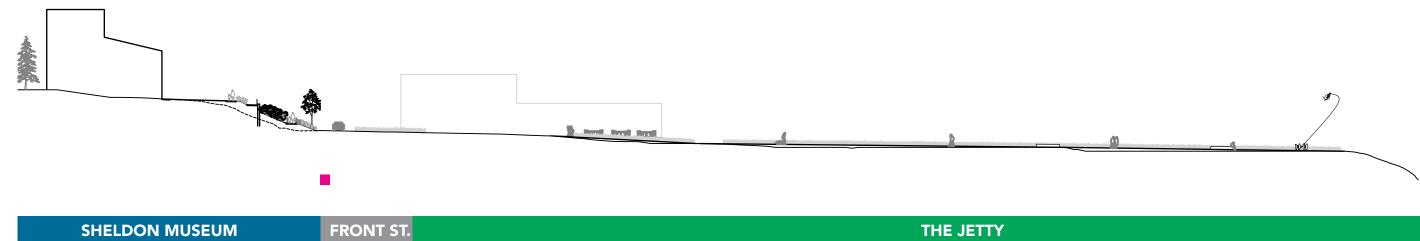






**VIEW NORTH** THE JETTY **VIEW SOUTH** 

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DOWNTOWN

THE JETTY | View North





DOWNTOWN

**THE JETTY** | View South





### 3.4 THE HARBOR



The expansion of the small boat harbor and creation of an expanded parking lot to help ensure the continued vitality of fishing and maritime industry in Haines is a significant change to the waterfront. It shifts the center of harbor traffic further south, and changes the configuration of and access to waterfront public space by the removal and replacement of Lookout Park.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The Small Boat Harbor expansion creates a significantly large parking area, but also increases the walkable perimeter for pedestrians to view Portage Cove, the small boat harbor, and active maritime industry in Haines. By activating the edge of the harbor and making it useable for pedestrians with furnishing, lighting and spaces to gather and socialize the project could draw people to the bustling harbor. In addition, connections between the Small Boat Harbor, Tlingit Park, and the Portage Cove Trail should be enhanced to maximize use and safety.

#### **PROGRAM**

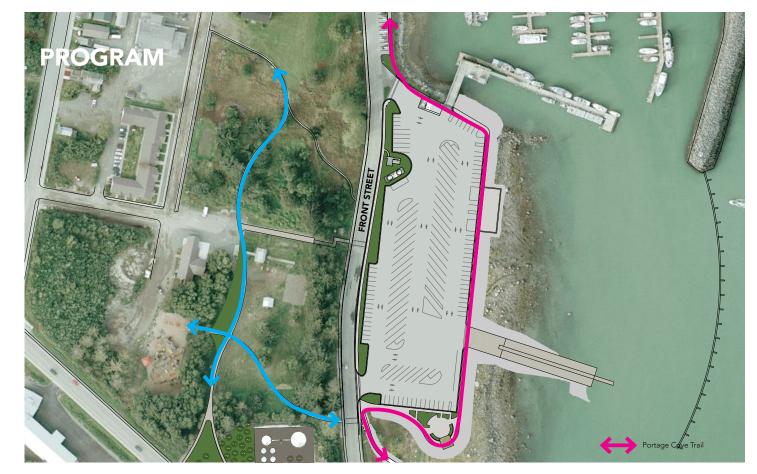
Strengthening the connection of the Small Boat Harbor parking area to the Portage Cove Trail will ensure the continuity of safe pedestrian circulation along the waterfront, and establish the Small Boat Harbor as a destination with amenities along the trail. An accessible connection to Tlingit Park (discussed further in the following section) provides a vital pedestrian link between the Harbor and upland areas. This connection also impacts the circulation within Tlingit Park. A connection through Tlingit Park to the trail up the hill next to the Presbyterian Church would help to enhance north-south pedestrian connectivity to Main Street and better integrate Tlingit Park into the fabric of Haines.

#### **CHARACTER**

Haines is fortunate to have a vibrant, bustling harbor in the center of town. As the vitality of maritime industry is crucial, so too is having a harbor that both serves functional industrial needs and creates a pleasant environment that accommodates social gathering around daily activities.

As the lot has not yet been paved, there is an opportunity to select a paving system that might be more porous, reducing runoff into Portage Cove. Planting could also be integrated into the layout of the parking lot to help manage water, improve aesthetics, and provide shade and windbreaks.





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### CHARACTER — PERIMETER











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### CHARACTER — PARKING















# 3.5 THE TOWN BEACH UPLAND



Among the unique opportunities afforded in Haines is access to a sandy beach in the center of town. Well-used and well-loved, the town beach has become increasingly difficult for residents to access. Cruise ship companies have monopolized the parking areas around the Port Chilkoot Dock, making it difficult for residents to park and as Front Street gradually descends northward along the Portage Cove shoreline, accessibility from higher elevations to the waterfront becomes increasingly challenging.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The Delta Western Site is strategically positioned between the Haines Highway Cutoff and Front Street. It has the potential to help to facilitate access to the beach, complete Tlingit Park, connect community facilities, and serve as a critical hinge between Fort Seward and Downtown Haines.

Reclaiming the Delta Western site can help facilitate increased accessibility between upland areas and the waterfront, create a gateway to Tlingit Park with a clear pedestrian connection to Main Street, and bring needed public program to the waterfront at this hinge point between Downtown and Fort Seward. The Tlingit Park Rehabilitation and Harbor Park Connection proposal (through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant) will help provide a critical accessible link from the upland Tlingit Park to the waterfront and Portage Cove Trail.

#### **PROGRAM**

The Town Beach Upland area has many attractions, including the Park, the playground, the post office and the American Bald Eagle Foundation. In the middle are several existing buildings on the Delta Western site that appear suitable for reuse, and could accommodate a relocated Visitor Information Center that will be in a highly visible location at the midpoint between Fort Seward and Downtown, as well as a picnic shelter, and public restrooms.

A number of the existing fuel tanks could be maintained and access to the tank tops could provide extraordinary views over Haines and Portage Cove, orienting visitors and providing a destination for residents. The site can also accommodate public parking in close proximity to the waterfront, alleviating additional filling of the Portage Cove waterfront with more parking lots. The site can also accommodate seasonal food trucks and a picnic area for visitors and residents with views out over Portage Cove.

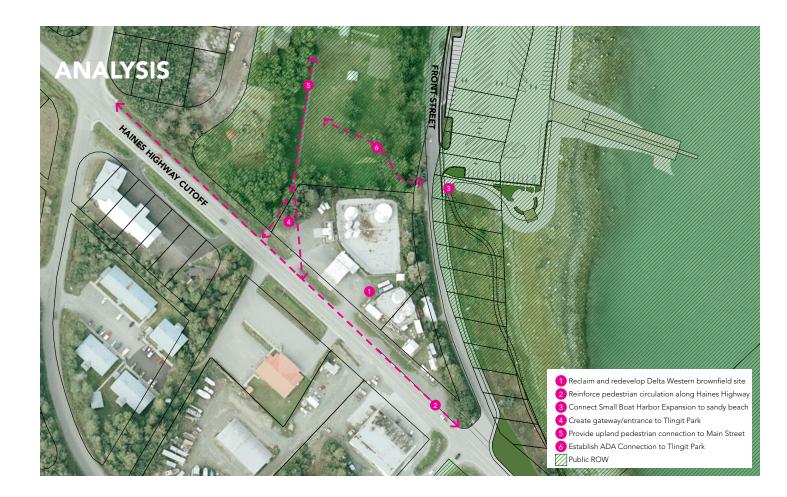
Together, these programs can also extend the offerings of Tlingit Park, creating a new gateway into the park opposite the Post Office activating the park with new program along Haines Highway and strengthening the connection between Fort Seward and Downtown. A new accessible path within Tlingit Park connects the senior center, preschool, and playground down to the harbor and to the beach – a very important link that will increase access to public amenities for younger and older Haines residents.

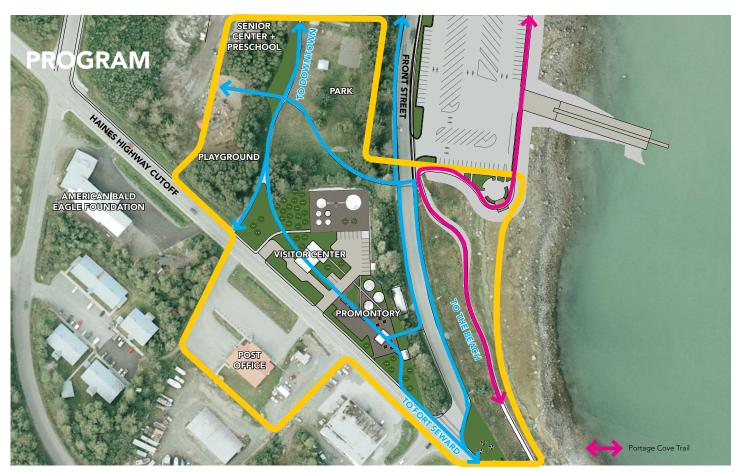
#### **CHARACTER**

This part of the waterfront is left between Downtown and Fort Seward without much identity although quite busy with existing destinations. The reclamation of the Delta Western property which sits at its center, would transform an under-utilized and highly visible site along the Portage Cove waterfront functionally and aesthetically. Simple materials can facilitate the transformation of the site for community use: paint, gravel, large-dimensioned lumber, lighting, and native plants. The tanks themselves could potentially serve as canvases for murals by Haines artists, expressing the spirit and identity of Haines alongside a Visitor Information center and introduction to Haines.

#### **PLAN**

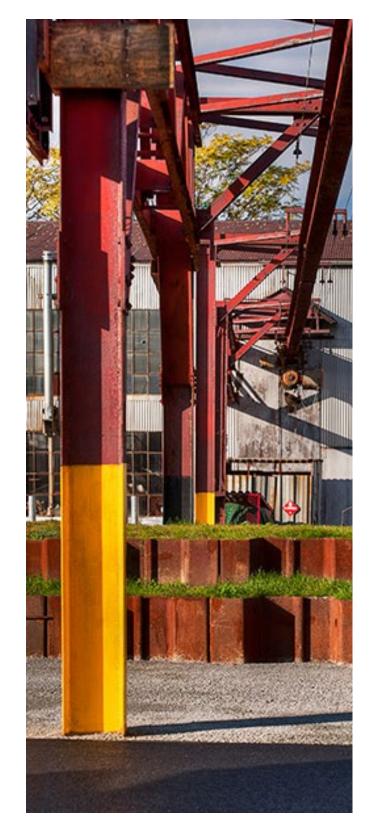
Pages 94 and 95 depict the programs, connections, and spaces that could be incorporated into a reimagination of the Delta Western site.





## CHARACTER — UPLAND











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# 3.5 **THE TOWN BEACH** LOWLAND



The sandy beach in Haines is a popular destination for activities ranging from school field trips to daily dog walks. The Portage Cove Trail will improve access to the beach, connecting the Small Boat Harbor to the Port Chilkoot Dock along the waterfront. As it connects to the Port Chilkoot Dock, it may also serve as a point of beginning along the trail for those arriving by cruise ship.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The upland connection from Tlingit Park to Front Street, along with the Portage Cove Trail, will greatly increase accessibility to the sandy beach for Haines residents. As the trail descends from the Small Boat Harbor Expansion, it first passes through coastal vegetation and a rocky shoreline akin to the Coastal Plants Walk at The Outset. It then reaches the beach, before ascending and connecting to a sidewalk on Beach Road next to the Port Chilkoot Dock.

Upslope from the beach, the recent reconfiguration of the intersection of Front Street with the Haines Highway Cutoff has created a small gathering space, to which the memorial to those lost at sea has recently been relocated. As a moment of pause along Beach Road, this space can be further activated and visual connections between the memorial and the Small Boat Harbor can be enhanced. The area could benefit from the designation of a name – here, "Memorial Overlook" is suggested in order to honor the memorial and view overlooking the Small Boat Harbor.

#### **PROGRAM**

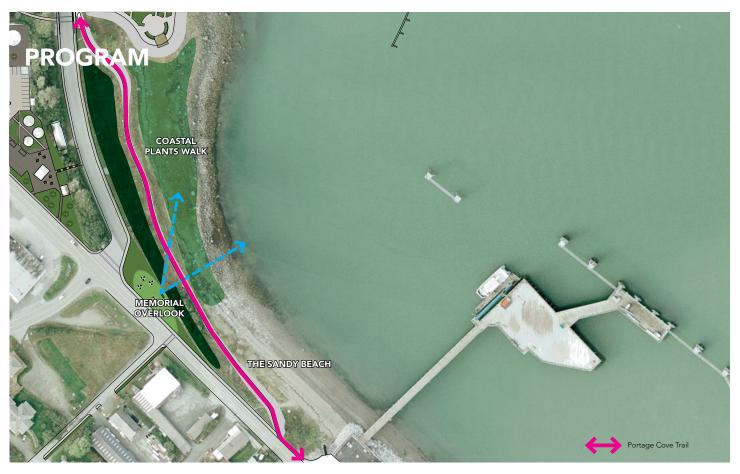
The northern portion of the trail, as it descends to the beach, passes through coastal vegetation that has been disturbed by construction activity at the Small Boat Harbor. Planting here can be enhanced, perhaps including planting of the riprap slope descending from the harbor parking lot, facilitating an experiential transition from maritime industry at the harbor to waterfront recreation at the sandy beach. At the beach, established programs can continue to take place – weekend relaxation, school field trips, dog walks, fires, gathering, and storytelling.

Uphill, the addition of some site furnishing (chairs, benches) can help activate the gathering area by the memorial to those lost at sea, and could perhaps serve as a gathering place for the annual Blessing of the Fleet.

#### **CHARACTER**

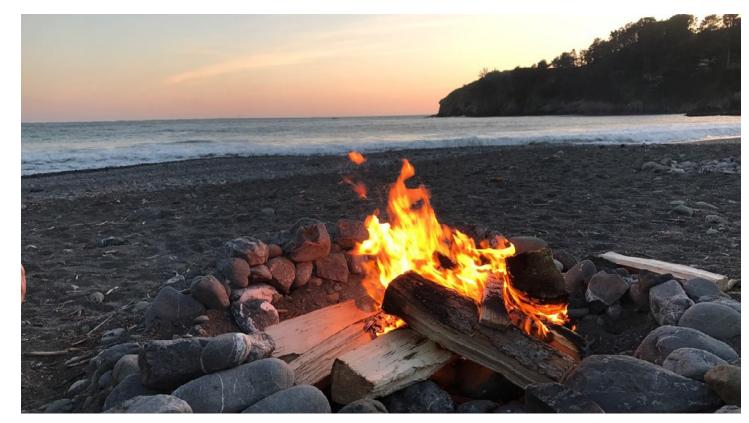
The sandy town beach is a great asset and interventions should be simple and aim at enhancing the experience and identity of this portion of the Portage Cove trail. Site furnishings and the enhancement of coastal vegetation would buffer the beach from road traffic and provide for places to sit and enjoy the views.





### CHARACTER — LOWLAND







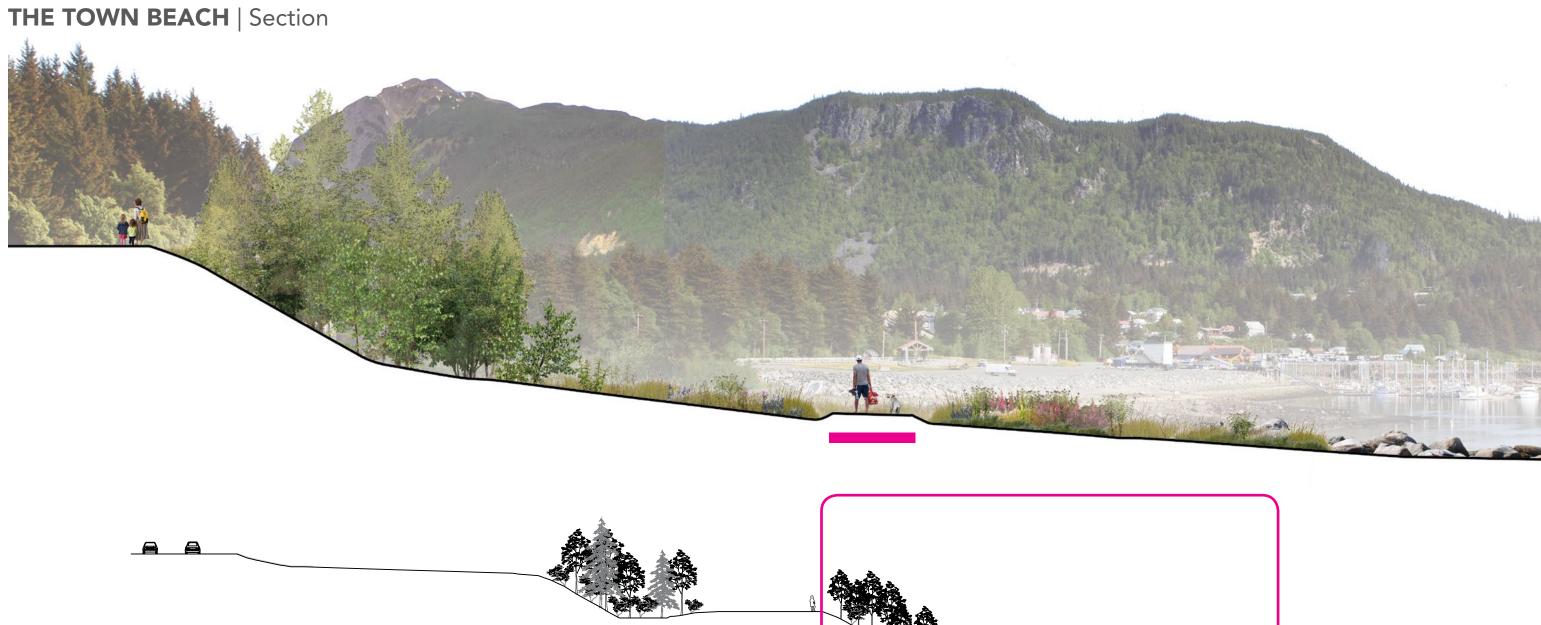












HAINES HWY **DELTA WESTERN SITE** UPLAND SLOPE FRONT ST. UPLAND SLOPE COASTAL BEACH PLANTING ROCKY BEACH

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### 3.6 FORT SEWARD



Fort Seward is a defined formal, commercial, and artistic center in Haines. It commands a prominent position atop a hill overlooking Portage Cove, the Upper Lynn Canal, Mount Villard and the Tongass National Forest. Designated as a National Historic Landmark, it embodies historical colonial, military, and gold rush narratives unique to Southeast Alaska, as well as its postwar reinvention as an art colony. It is also a gateway to Haines for tourists arriving by cruise ship, and is a significant upland destination along the Portage Cove Trail.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Fort Seward is remarkably well integrated into the town of Haines and is uniquely accessible on foot from most parts of it. This makes Fort Seward an incredibly attractive part of the urban and social fabrics of the town. Over time, development in and around Fort Seward has eroded the original layout of this National Historic Landmark. While thousands of tourists arrive throughout the summer at the base of Portage Drive, the approach to Fort Seward is confusing and unsafe. The upper part of Fort Seward remains quiet and residential while most businesses are downhill from the parade ground loop and many are located along the north side of Portage Drive. Excessive curb cuts and the lack of a sidewalk on the north side of Portage Drive push foot traffic to a narrow sidewalk on the south side of the street. Reduction of curb cuts and careful reorganization of circulation and access into and around Fort Seward can help to restore the formal clarity of the military fort, lead pedestrian traffic to businesses within Fort Seward, and provide an introduction to and first impression of Haines commensurate with its beauty and rich history.

#### **PROGRAM**

In an effort to make the circulation into and around Fort Seward clear, intuitive, and safe, Portage Drive and Front Street could be narrowed down to one-way streets in order to create space for safe sidewalks and business frontages as well as calm traffic. A continuous "front yard" public space along the north side of Portage Drive paired with a new sidewalk would help to attract and retain visitors to Fort Seward's businesses, galleries, and cultural destinations, including the Sculpture Garden at the top of Portage Drive. This, paired with a new sidewalk

on the south side of Totem Street and a new crosswalk at the base of Totem Street, would create a continuous pedestrian "Commercial Loop," that would coincide with and help to reinforce the main interpretive loop of the existing Fort Seward interpretive signs. The commercial loop would also strengthen connections to the uppper "Parade Ground Loop" of the Fort Seward interpretive signage.

The Parade Grounds themselves as well as the view of the architectural ensemble of the Fort Buildings needs to be better introduced to help their appreciation. The new sculpture garden is a destination at the base of the Parade Grounds and could help visitors to understand the layout and special features of the Fort.

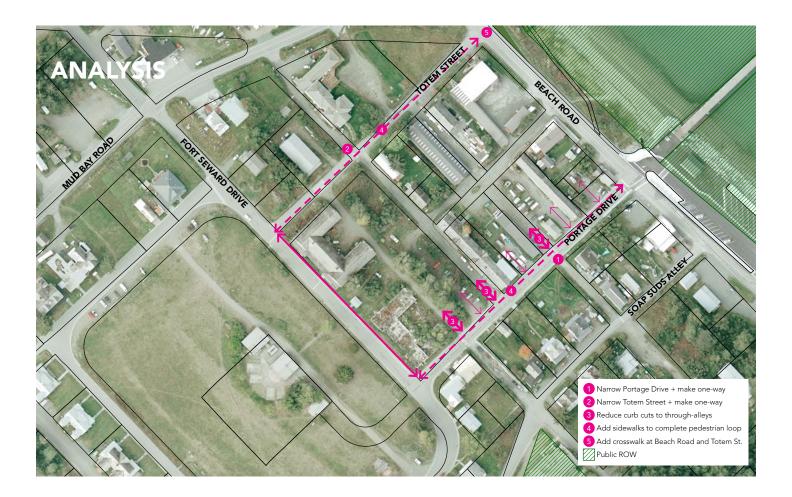
The crosswalk at the base of Totem Street establishes an important connection across to the gathering area where the memorial has recently been relocated, and also helps to direct pedestrian traffic to the proposed relocated visitor center at the Delta Western site.

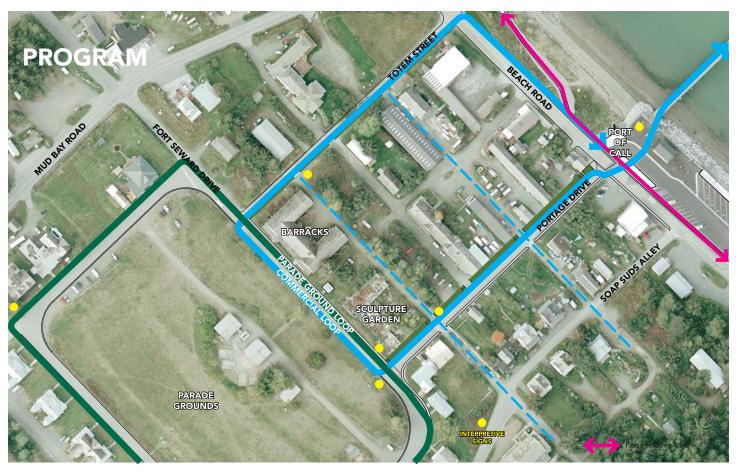
#### **CHARACTER**

Fort Seward benefits from a strong presence and iconic aesthetic and identity. The Fort Seward Sculpture Garden has established a significant public space and cultural destination within the Fort that can play host to a variety of community programs, including markets and performances. Future design and art projects in Fort Seward should reflect, celebrate, and reinforce the narratives of its rich history and identity as a former military outpost recast as a place for peace, for artistic expression, and for the community. Precedent studies of similar Forts which have been recast could be reviewed. Some such examples include Governors Island in New York City, the Presidio in San Francisco, Fort Humboldt State Historic Park, Fort Langley National Historic Site, and Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

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Pages 116 and 117 depict the reorganized circulation into and around Fort Seward





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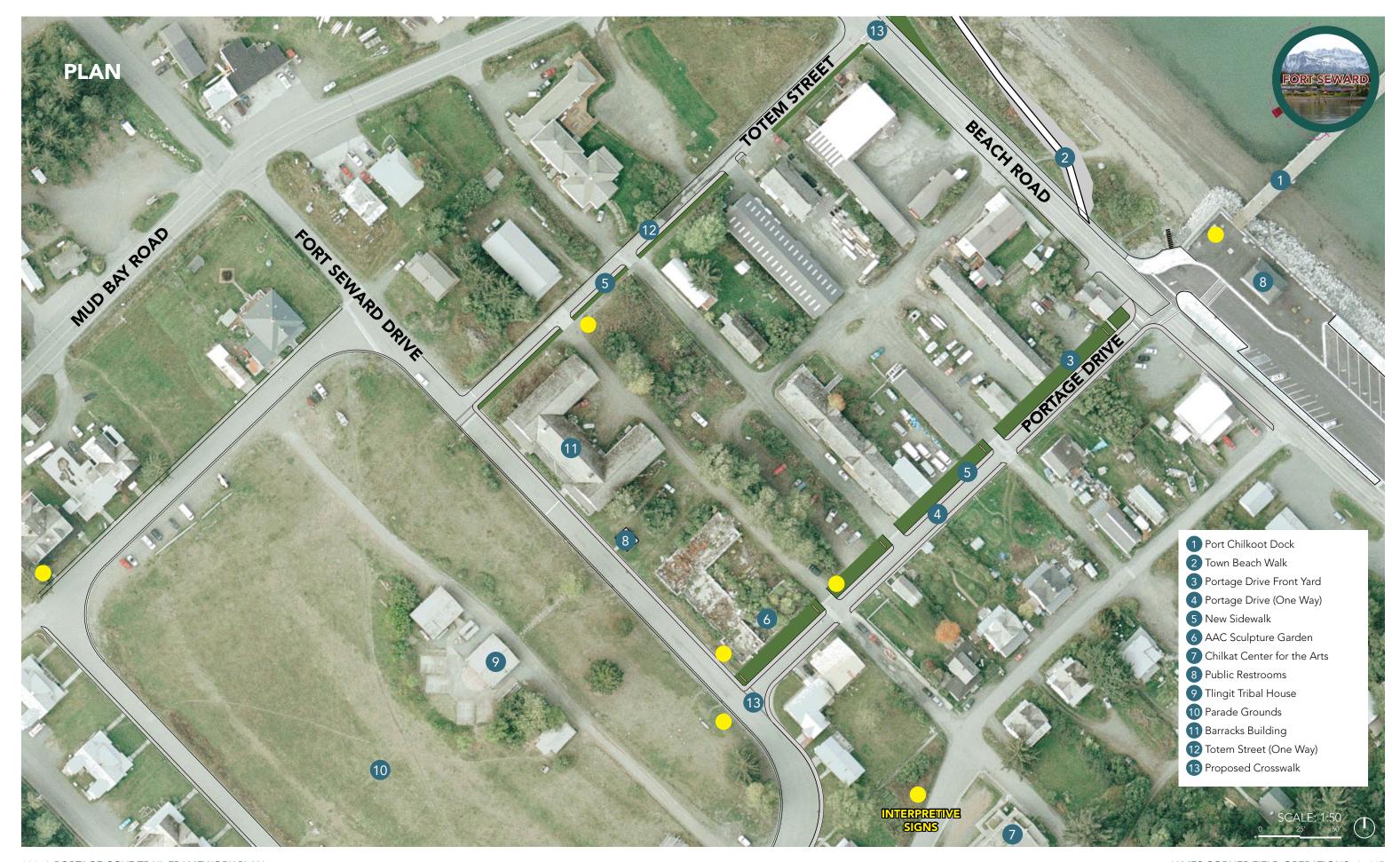






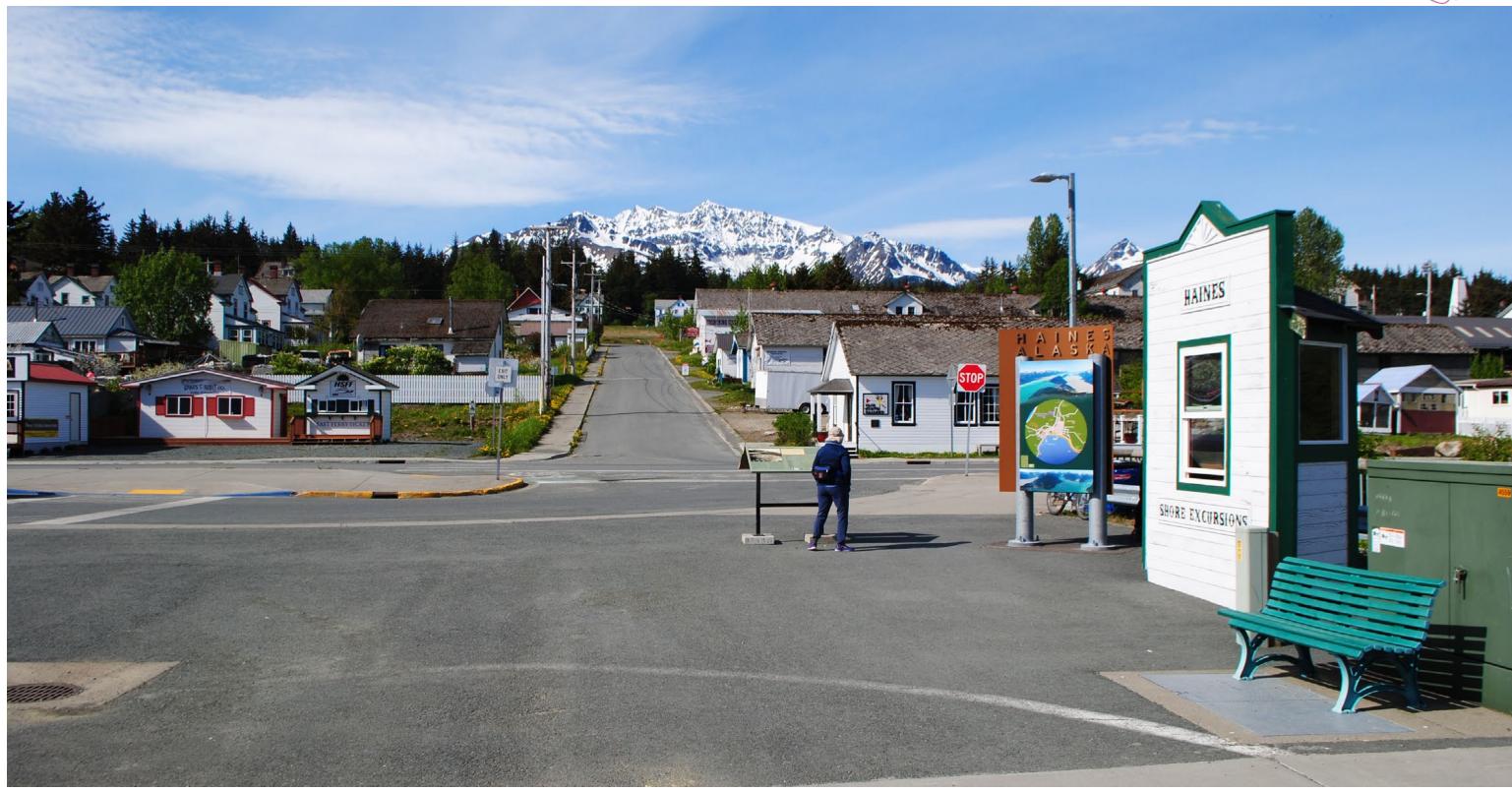






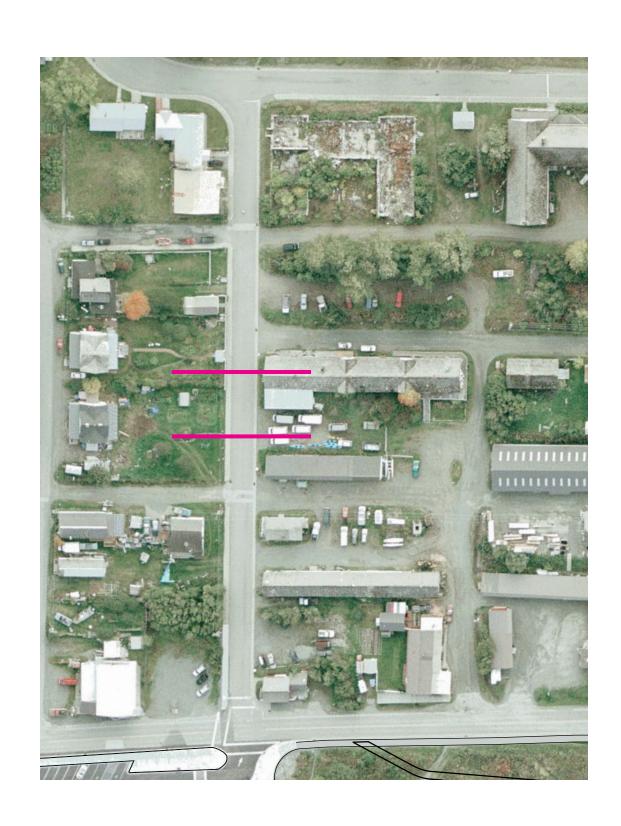
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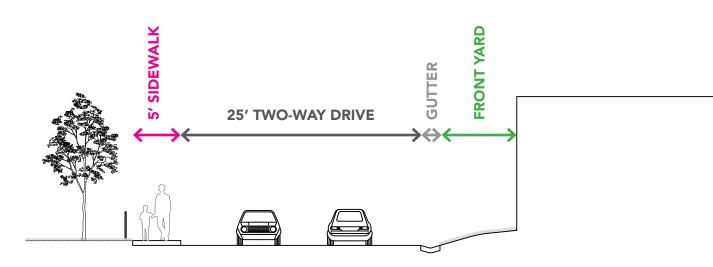




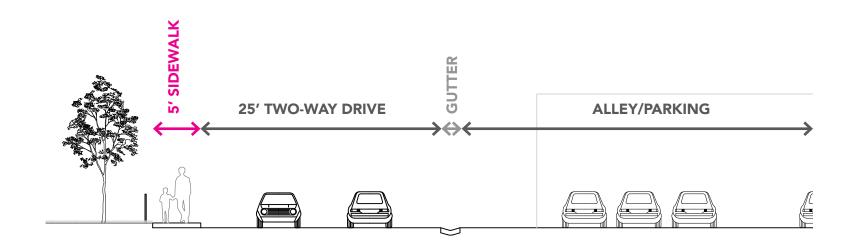
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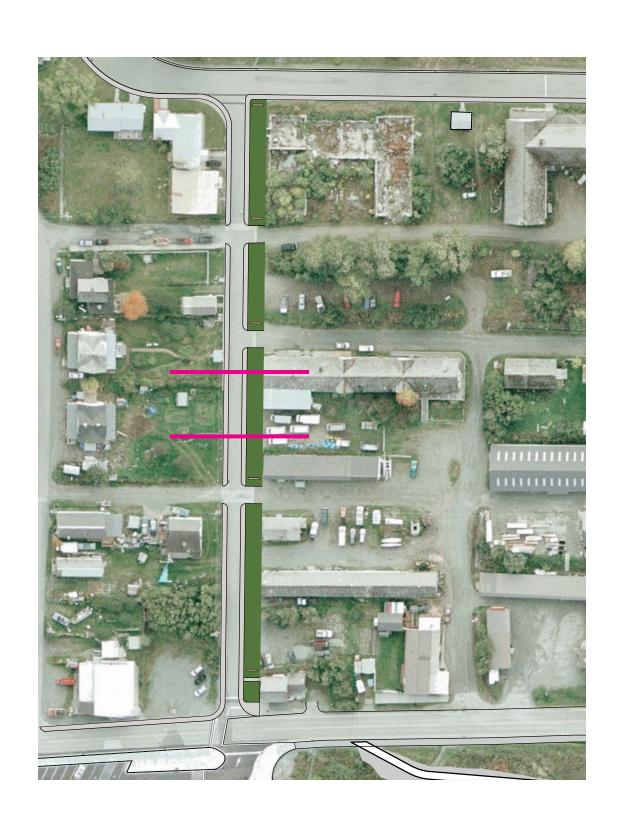


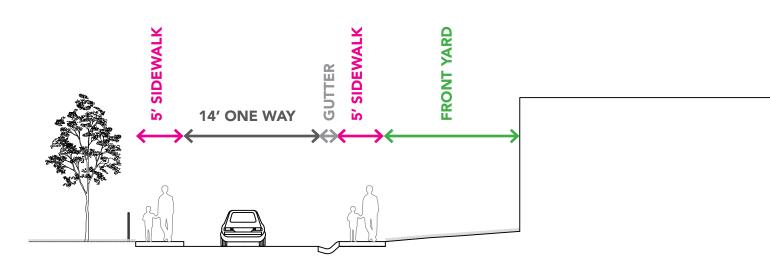
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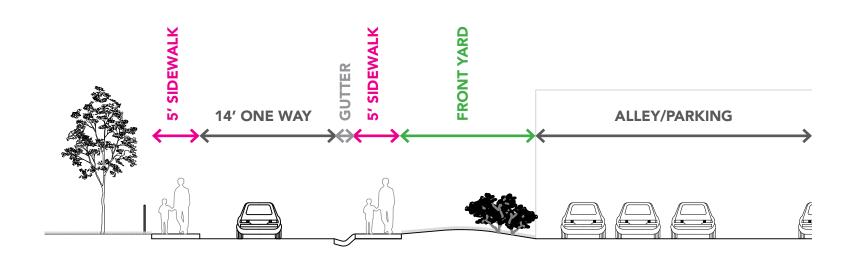
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### PORTAGE DRIVE AT BUILDING (CONCEPT)



PORTAGE DRIVE AT ALLEY (CONCEPT)

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### 3.7 THE DOCKS



Marine transportation has been, and continues to be central to the livelihood in Haines, with practical and cultural significance. Many visitors arrive to Haines via cruise ship to the Port Chilkoot Dock. Ensuring a safe connection for pedestrians coming off the boats to points north and south is important. Immediately south of the Port Chilkoot Dock and cruise ship terminal, the Chilkoot Indian Association recently acquired the former Klukwan, Inc. Dock, which provides an opportunity to strengthen and activate this important gesture towards the water along the Portage Cove Trail.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The current layout of the Portage Cove Trail in this area must safely negotiate between parking and the safety and quality of pedestrian experience. As laid out in the proHNS 75% Drawings, the trail places pedestrians on the roadway between traffic and head-in parking, creating a very unsafe condition which diminishes the clarity of circulation along the trail. Realignment of the trail in this section, combined with a strengthened connection to the CIA dock building, can make this segment of the trail and waterfront safer, and better integrate the CIA dock building into the fabric of the Portage Cove Trail.

#### **PROGRAM**

Replacing the head-in parking at the south end of the cruise ship parking lot with parallel spaces along Beach Road increases parking capacity and improves the safety of traffic flow. The Portage Cove Trail would be linked from the edge of Beach Road and safely pass between the beach and CIA Dock parking before connecting to the CIA Dock Building. From here, the trail would extend further south and east toward the Portage Cove Campground. A new crosswalk leading from the CIA Dock across Beach Road would link to a gravel shoulder along the south side of Beach Road, connecting to Kathleen Drive and planned inland trails outlined in the 2025 Haines Comprehensive Plan Draft.

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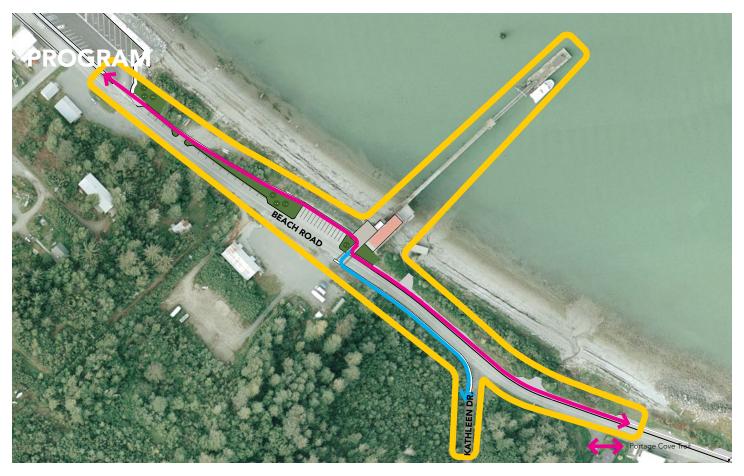
This portion of the Portage Cove Trail has the potential to celebrate and honor Tlingit narratives of marine transportation, and should be developed with the Chilkoot Indian Association and their goals for the dock building redevelopment. It may be possible to revive canoe building and launching at this location as well as using it as an inter-tribal "paddle" site where canoe journeys can start and finish. This can involve hosting other communities as a port of call, with song, dance, and local food.

In addition, as seen in Hoonah where tours of the Icy Straight aboard a traditional, hand-carved Tlingit dugout canoe are offered, with songs and drumming, and Tlingit language phrases taught by the crew, this dock could could introduce people to Tlingit carving and canoe culture.

#### **PLAN**

Pages 130 and 131 depict the realignment and reconfiguration of the proposed Portage Cove Trail as it connects to and extends beyond the CIA Dock.





# CHARACTER













### 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.

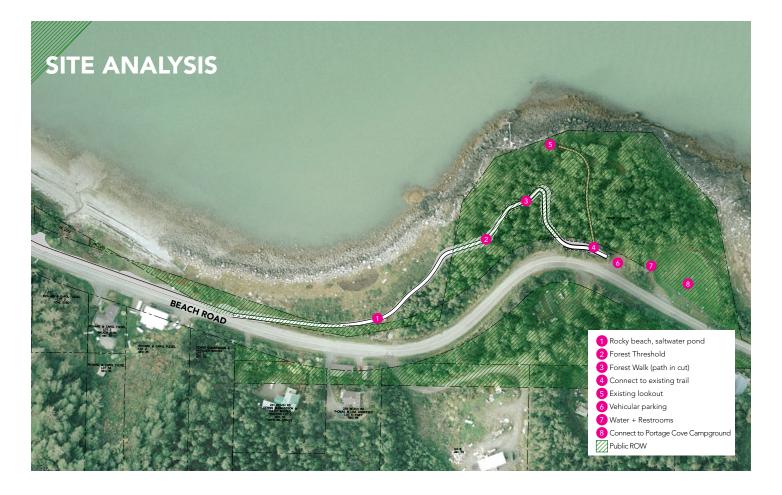
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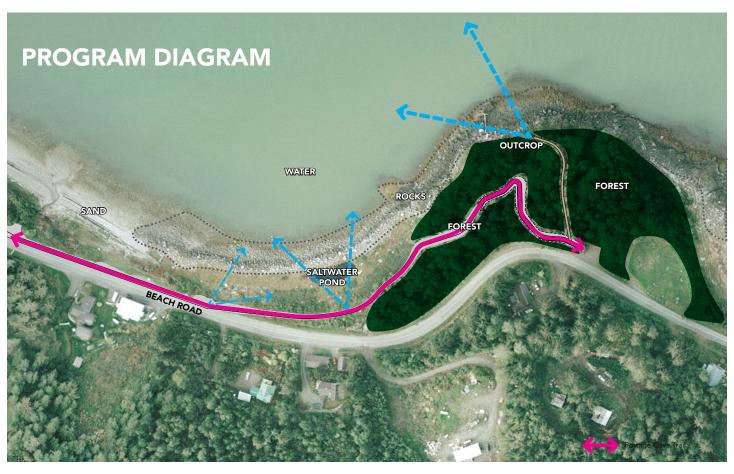
Promontory Point is a place where one can experience and learn about the geological and natural history of Haines and Southeast Alaska without having to venture out of town. Its position at the south end of Portage Cove looking north, particularly from the existing wood outlook platform, facilitates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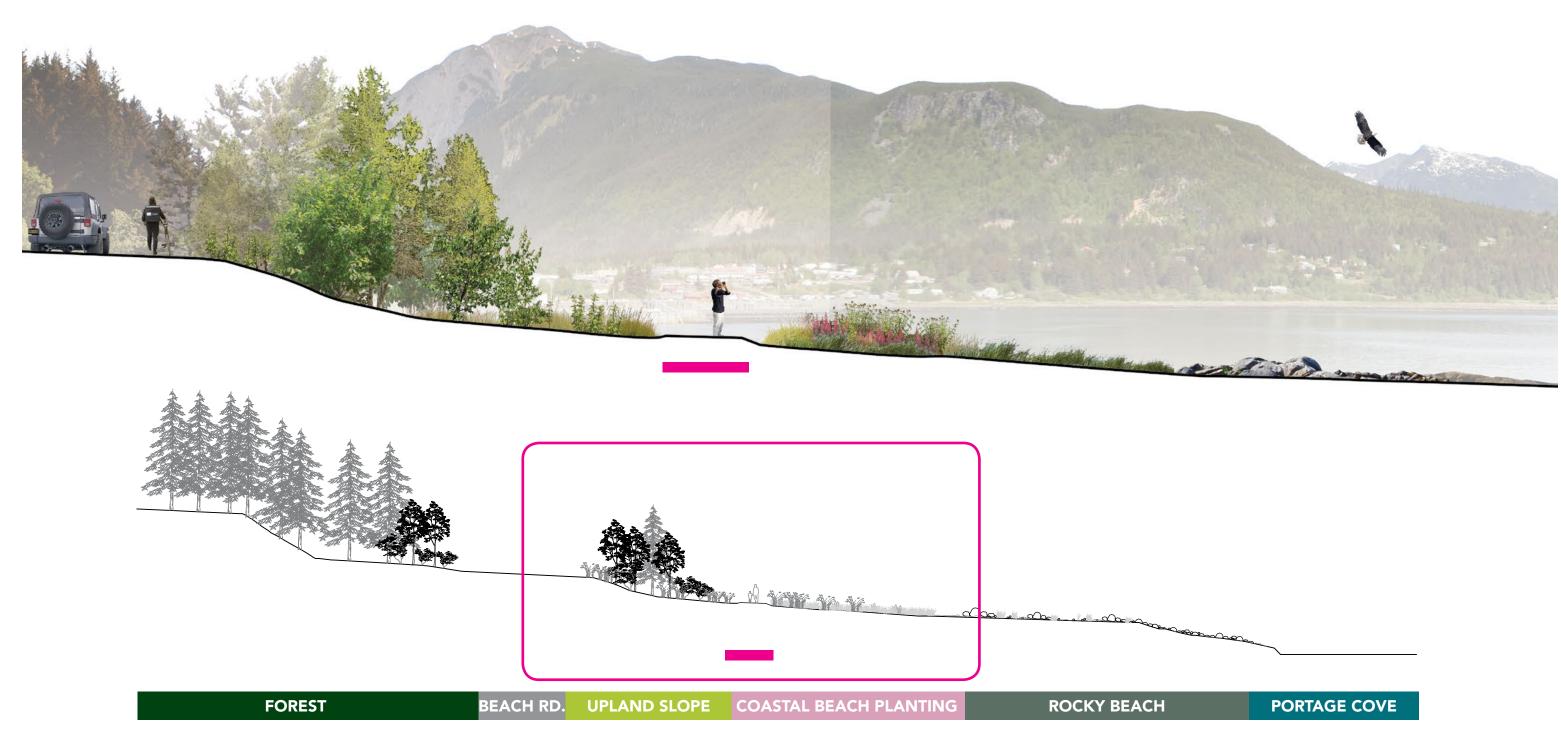






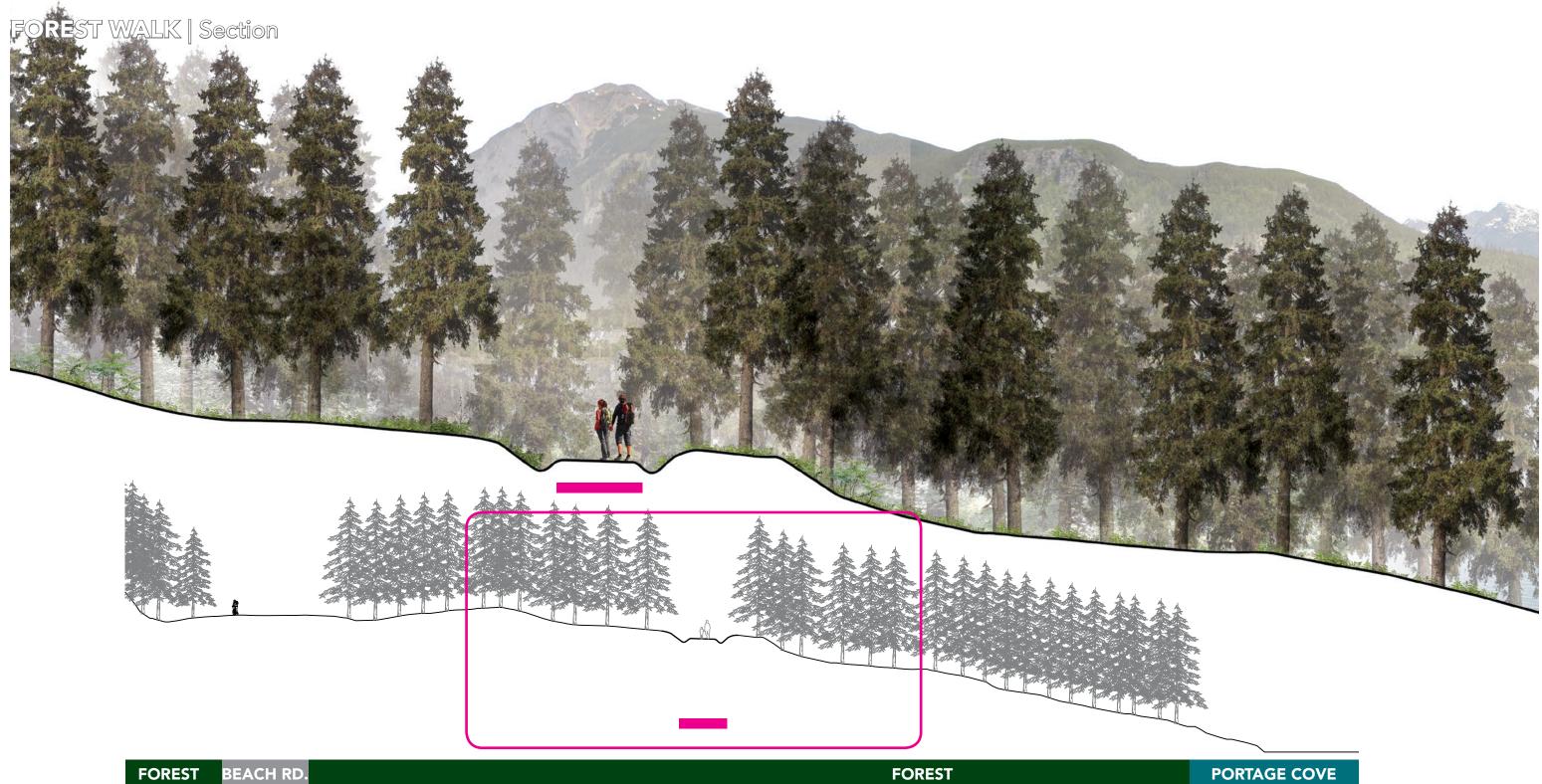
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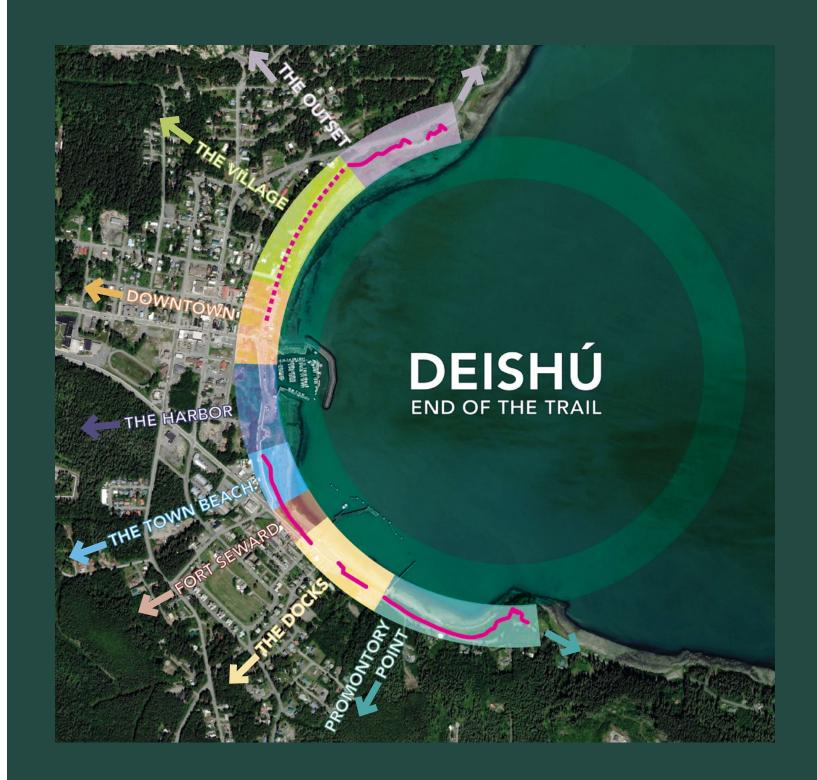
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# 4.0 Connections

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One of the most special things about the Portage Cove Trail is that it will be constructed by the Chilkoot Indian Association, who have not only built high-quality contemporary trails throughout Haines, but whose people have been, for centuries, the trail builders and guides to this landscape. The construction of the Portage Cove Trail will lead people not only from end-to-end along the Portage Cove waterfront through its rich diversity of narratives and environments, but, also, up and into Haines and to trails and destinations beyond.



# **5.0** Art

- 5.1 Overview
- 5.2 Convening Local Talent
- 5.3 Precedents

#### 5.1 **OVERVIEW**

Art has expressed the spirit of the cultures inhabiting this place for centuries. It has frequently been used to symbolize the connection of people to their environment, past, present and future. Art has taken many forms, from storytelling, poetry and performing arts, to physical representations through various forms of visual, temporary, ephemeral or permanent expressions.

Interestingly enough, Haines has recently drawn many artists from all over who live and practice their art in Haines today. They draw their inspirations from the beauty of the environment that surrounds them and tell stories through their work.

Symbols and images of old and new expressions mingle in Haines and the significance of art is palpable, making the local culture incredibly rich. This distinguishes Haines from other places. It has a voice, through all the artists who live and work here.

Haines is a dynamic place where life is intimately tied to the cycles of nature: the daily tides, changes in season, and extremes of daylight hours. The art is just as dynamic, temporal, and ephemeral, it expresses or relates to this changing environment. The Portage Cove Trail is the perfect setting for a conversation about the community of Haines's relationship to this place where life on land meets life on water.

#### **ART AND PLACE**

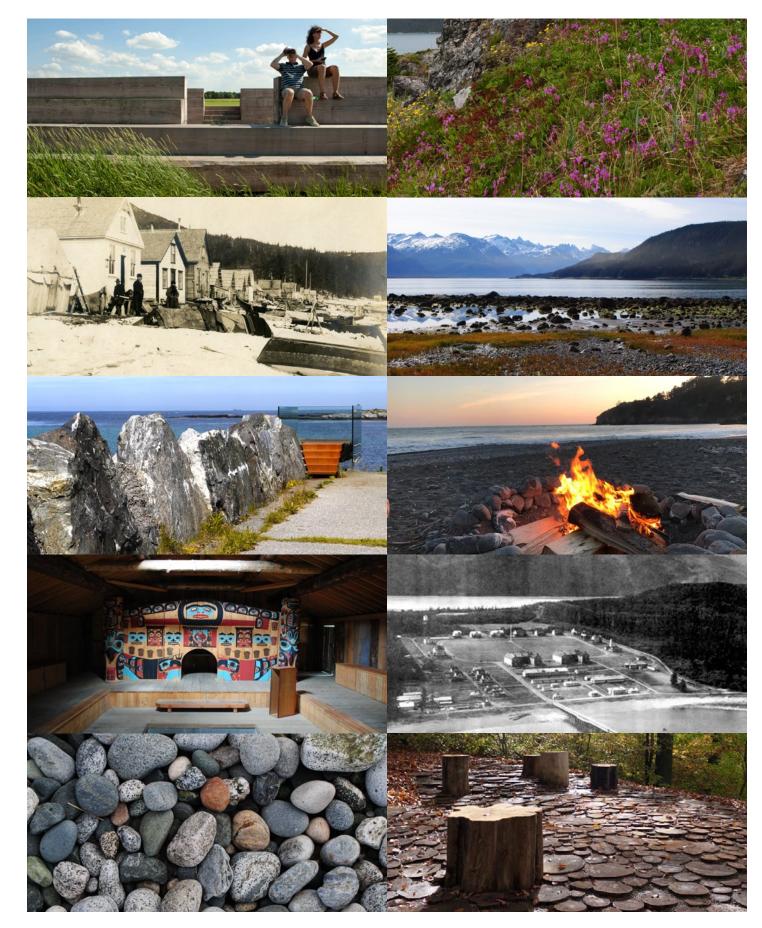
In his book "Being and Place among the Tlingit" (2008), Thomas Thornton writes: "As Angoon elder Lydia George explained to me, the places Tlingits hold sacred tend to have four ingredients: a name, a story, a song (typically accompanied by a dance), and a design (or crest).

"...places are infused with meaning and value through the process of human experience" ... "Perhaps nowhere is this more evident in Tlingit than in the processes of place making through

expressive cultural forms, or genres of place, which are at once representations of places and ways of sensing them."

Storytelling is a fundamental form of creative communication of histories and mythologies, past present and future. Gatherings will allow the exchange of stories from all the different people, with different backgrounds and cultures who are living in Haines today. Performing arts, including song, dance and theatre, are another way to tell stories and animate spaces within and along the Portage Cove Trail. Plastic arts, encompassing the creation of sculpture and objects, can also enhance the experience of spaces within and along the Portage Cove Trail by framing views, marking places of significance.

The character of each place identified through the Framework Plan needs to be respected and enhanced through art that should be resonant with its context and surrounding. A thoughtfully crafted art plan for the Haines waterfront would help guide artists and orchestrate their themes, forms of expression, timings and locations, so all can be heard and enjoyed. The plan would strive to strike a balance of permanent installations, locations for rotating installations, and installations that are temporary or ephemeral and through creating places for gathering and engaging in performance and storytelling.



#### 5.2 **CONVENING LOCAL TALENT**

The diversity of skills, talents, and passions of Haines residents is broad and deep. Yet, while the mediums of artistic expression may vary and particular interests and opinions may diverge, one thing that is abundantly clear is that the common thread that undergirds life in Haines is a love of this place.

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It is somewhat intangible and difficult to pinpoint, but it is a feeling that is palpable through meeting with the people of Haines, and a feeling that is communicated through art and craft.

The Portage Cove waterfront, where land meets water and tides and seasons set the rhythms of life, is an incredible place to convene the diverse talents of artists, makers, and doers in Haines. It is the physical location where all of Haines comes together, and can also be a place that is shaped and influenced by and for the people of Haines.

The town includes many art organizations, an art museum and several galleries, creating a culture of creativity and appreciation of all that art has to offer.

Indeed, it is a truly special gift that the trail itself will be constructed by the Chilkoot Indian Association – descendants of the original Tlingit trail builders who have been the guides to the lands of Southeast Alaska for centuries.

To borrow the words of Alaska Arts Confluence's mission statement, the Portage Cove has the potential to "draw upon the resources of the area's Native and contemporary visual artists, the strength of the written and oral traditions, and the influence of music and the performing arts in rural Alaskan community life" in order to shape a truly unique place that is expressive of the diverse narratives of Haines, and communicates a sense of place and identity through physical construction, artworks, programs, events, and performances.





#### 5.3 **INSPIRATION AND PRECEDENTS**

There are many places where artists have influenced people's perceptions and understanding of their environments. Some are described and represented on the following pages as food for conversation.



Autumn 200



Autumn 200

#### **Belvederes Drentsche Aa**

Strootman Landscape Architects Gasteren, Netherlands 2008-2010

Aiming to celebrate and help shape experience and appreciation of the Aa River area and its cultural and natural history, through a careful analysis of the site and its topography, the landscape architects identified the two best locations for constructing modest belvederes: places that would create destination points for visitors and create a place for viewing and appreciating the natural landscape. The belvederes themselves were made of local, untreated, large-scale dimensional lumber. Finally, with careful consideration of the viewsheds, vegetation was carefully and precisely cleared in order to open up views of streams that feed into the Aa River basin.

#### Relevance

Constructed with simple materials that are also readily available in Haines (large-scale dimensional lumber), the materiality and scale of the belvederes themselves are a good precedent for the Portage Cove Trail, particularly in areas with special views and outlooks (as in The Outset). Additionally, the careful consideration and removal of vegetation to help frame specific views is a potential strategy for the Portage Cove Trail: careful editing and removal to open views and establish visual connections can be a low-cost, impactful strategy





#### **Spiral Jetty**

Robert Smithson Great Salt Lake, Utah 1970

Constructed entirely of mud, salt crystals, and basalt rocks, Spiral Jetty is an earthwork sculpture by Robert Smithson that extends from the shore into the waters of the Great Salt Lake in Utah. The location of the sculpture was specifically chosen based upon characteristics of the natural environment: the color of the water (red, from the algae that grow in the lake's extreme salinity), and its anti-pastoral aesthetic. It was designed to be periodically submerged, revealing itself based upon season and water level in the Great Salt Lake.

#### Relevance

Spiral Jetty is a strong example of land art created from materials found on and around the site, and one whose expression is tied to cycles in nature – it was designed to only be periodically visible. The strong tidal fluctuation in Haines presents an opportunity for artworks to engage with this daily cycle of nature





Lines (57° 59'N, 7° 16'W)

Pekka Niittyvirta + Timo Aho



Bruce Munro

# 6.0 Appendix

- 6.1 Front Street Technical Considerations
- 6.2 Community Feedback

# 6.1 FRONT STREET TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

In order to determine the feasibility of creating a pedestrian connection along Front Street from Main Street to the Portage Cove Trail at Front Street and Lutak Road, it was necessary to study the existing right-of-way and alignment of Front Street. Haines Borough GIS Parcel Data and survey information provided by proHNS from the Portage Cove Trail project and Front Street water line project were overlaid in order to gain an understanding of the extent and width of the right-of-way, as well as the alignment of Front Street relative to the right-of-way. The drawings (opposite) depict these overlays.

Based upon these studies, it was determined that it would be reasonable to assume that by reducing Front Street from a 25' two-way street to a 22' two-way street, a sidewalk could be accommodated. To the north, it appeared that there was ample room within the right-of-way to add a 5' gravel shoulder separated from the edge of narrowed Front Street by a planted buffer roughly from Lutak Road to the residence at 317 North Front Street. From 317 North Front Street to Main Street, it was determined that a 5' shoulder along Front Street could be accommodated after Front Street was narrowed to 22'.

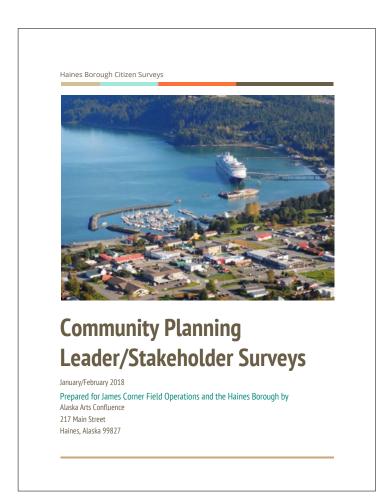
Further survey information will be required to affirm these assumptions. The Borough will also need to discuss this approach with the State, and ensure that it is compliant with relevant AASHTO standards.

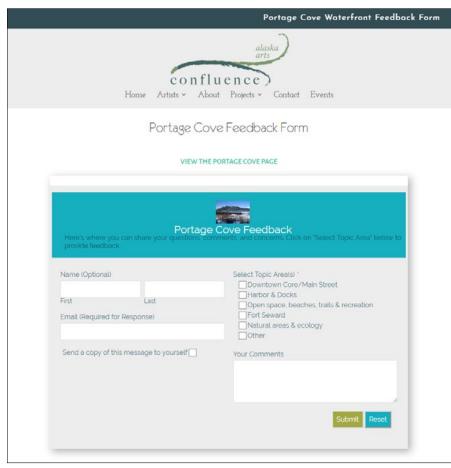




### 6.2 **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**

As a community vision for Portage Cove, public outreach has been a central component of the Portage Cove Framework Plan. The primary sources of community feedback came through the Community Planning Leader/Stakeholder Surveys and feedback collected via the Friends of Portage Cove Facebook Group/ feedback form on the Alaska Arts Confluence Website. In addition, a site visit and meetings in May 2019 and subsequent phonecalls and interviews with stakeholders supplemented the aforementioned sources and informed the Portage Cove Trail Framework Plan. For reference, the Community Planning Leader/ Stakeholder Surveys and comments collected from the Alaska Arts Confluence feedback form are included on the following pages.







# Community Planning Leader/Stakeholder Surveys

January/February 2018

Prepared for James Corner Field Operations and the Haines Borough by Alaska Arts Confluence 217 Main Street Haines, Alaska 99827

#### **Overview**

In consultation with Tatiana Choulika, Principal, James Corner Field Operations, and to fulfill the community engagement portion of a National Endowment for the Arts Our Town grant project, Alaska Arts Confluence worked with Holly Smith, Haines Borough Planner, and Courtney Culbeck, to design an online survey open to the entire community, with a focus on approximately 100 community leaders from all sectors of the Borough.

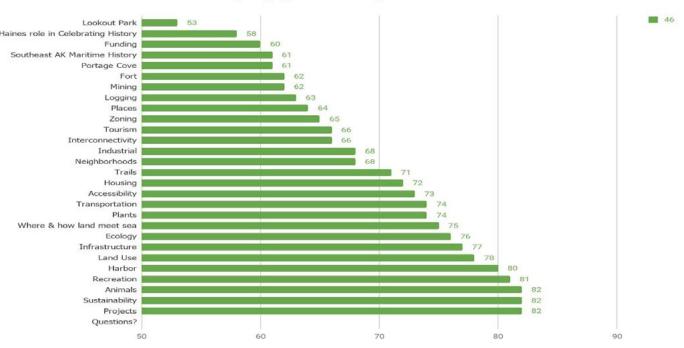
#### Goals

- Redirect public discussions and partnerships to achieve realistic plans for a Portage Cove waterfront trail that has broad intra-governmental and community buy-in and engages local talent and venders
- The Portage Cove Design Plan proposal is a capacity-building project. We want to help build community capacity to address development and growth challenges in a proactive, collaborative spirit. It is our hope that the intensive two-plus year planning project will see a series of successful interlinking, yet individual development plans along the entire waterfront that will be self-sustaining by the respective property owners (State Park Service, Haines Borough, private business owners, private resident owners, and Native Allotment property owners).

#### Same Topic, 2 Surveys

The low response rate for written comments on the initial survey draft prompted us to re-design the survey on the same topics. Survey #2 allowed participant to rate on a scale of 1-10 the level of importance each topic had for the respondent (1 being the least important, 10 being the most important). 126 people responded to Survey #2. The graph below summarizes the average importance of each topic among respondents.

#### Community Engagement Survey



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#### Community Engagement Survey #1

l. Do you think of yourself as a community leader?
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no, but I think of myself as an engaged community member
No. What I try to do is to understand the concerns of the community; and then to determine f the concern can be addressed by the government.
not as much as I could be
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No - a few years ago I would have said yes.
10
10
Not usually. Although I believe in thinking of most people as potential community leaders.
no, just an engaged and concerned citizen
'es
2. Do others recognize you as a community leader?
ves
some
Maybe
10

Yes, I think others believe I can be a community leader. I am less confident.

some do, others don't

no

I have no idea

Yes

No

I've been told some people do in some of my various capacities yes

#### 3. What parts of the community are you most concerned/enthusiastic about?

our youth

sustainable tourism and protecting the watersheds

concerns: finances/development conflicts Enthused about new arrivals

Excited about Economic and Community Development, concerned about social tension

excited about outdoor recreation, concerned about declining school enrollment and the economy

I am primarily concerned about good health and good happiness - neither of which occur in isolation.

our tourism draw, communication, income level, fairness, community events

It depends on the day. Water system, sewer, deferred maintenance. Avoid problems blowing up. Water Quality. Other days I was so enthusiastic about younger people coming to town, opening businesses, that's how it's supposed to be. Very excited.

the environment; PRAC, recycling

Government follow the law; code and national laws; this is not happening consistently economic growth, economic stability, quality of life for all residents (families, couples, retirees, longtimers, newcomers, etc.)

the small business community

## 4. Thinking of Haines and your life experience, what do you think about these topics?

#### **WATERFRONT:**

everyone in SE has one; how is ours different; what should be saved

Waterfront: I live on the waterfront; when younger I have fished, hiked, worked at the Fort; now I just appreciate all those areas but I am aware that people who came before me made them accessible to me and that I need to do the same for those who come after me.

We must pay attention to all of the waterfront. Look at what other cities have done

with their waterfronts. Look at New Orleans. That is not going to change. When a lot of attention is put into a waterfront it changes the whole feel of a city. Baltimore. It is our jewel. The working harbor is exciting and beautiful, beches are beautiful. Little forested areas. This is where we shouldn't skimp. Not a popular view at the moment. It will be important for the next 100 years. Make it walkable from Portage Cove to Picture Point. Not just for visitors --for the folks who live here. Every time I go to the Haines Hwy from here I see Gene's Dog Cart and I just love it. That sculpture is the spirit of what we love here. Young people

More of a public space and a walking experience; vitality for community gathering

#### Where and how Land Meets Sea:

Keep as many natural areas as possible

Important that this area is well thought out. Combining aesthetics with industry/keep it vibrant. Highlight our working harbor.

I think it's important open space.

keep as natural as possible

beautiful, dynamic, precious

public access and maintaining the natural qualities of the shoreline; keeping industrial development to a finite area

we all need to work together to preserve it and keep it working

I enjoy the natural beach areas. I also appreciate that we need developed beach and waterfront areas to attract visitors and recreation. We also need good stewardship of maintaining these areas to keep them healthy and pristine.

surrounded by beautiful subsistence waters

The best part of living in Southeast Alaska. We need to protect all the needed uses including recreational, servicing fishing needs, and industrial.

#### **South East Alaska Maritime Heritage:**

No road to Juneau, look at local control of Juneau/Skagway ferry connections

Not sure

don't think much about it

Southeast Alaska's heritage: I am more interested in Haines heritgage v. "Southeast "

heritage. And in Haines, I am espcially drawn with compassion and hope to the Tlingits living here. I am sensitive to the loss they have experienced; and continue to experience. I am humbly proud of how Klukwan has helped itself through the arts.

make it come alive with area wide attractions, tours, accessibility

same as above

Commercial, subsistence fishing basic to who we are as a community and connecting to the native tradition

work together

I think it's important to acknowledge and interesting.

very important from fishing to travel

very important from fishing to travel

Important part of our past and our future.

#### Harbor:

conflict: how a "working" harbor fits into world-class scenic waterfront

Let's make it happen and let go of the baggage from last years debates.

I barely use it, disappointed in the mass pave-over and loss of greenspace

unfortunate expansion design, unnecessarily large, expensive in future

potential to become a bigger part of our community; adds to diversity of economics

A bad example of community-based decisio for longrange community benefits for a shrinking resource; should have acted 50 years ago when the public asked for action

Unfortunate that the harbor went the way it did, but we're stuck with it. Pretty bad shape

I'm tired of talking about the harbor. It's so contentious that I really don't like discussing it anymore.

needs repair, not exaggeration

Working harbor to service the needs of our boating public including commercial fishing, sport fishing, and private boating needs for transportation.

#### The Fort:

Barracks building should be saved

great future as recent re-development has proved

Port Chilkoot should put the barracks up for sale on the condition that it is restored.

confusing. I like the Parade Ground, I like the aesthetic, I really don't get the new junkyard art thing. Aren't these private properties? Is the Green public land?

Urban Environment: Our urban environment was created for practical purposes, not beauty; probably not inspiration. But times have changed; the culture has changed. I have a bias against urbanization but recognize that that is a personal value and I will work to help others build the urban environment if it can be contained so that those of us who want to feel like they are living in a rural environment can continue to host that sense.

major attraction in disrepair, barracks building needs to be saved

classic

Would have liked to see the barracks building restored for community enterprise, but another example of neglect

I don't like that a private corporation owns most of the non-private buildings. I don't think the fort areas can reach its potential in private hands. There's no cohesive planning or collaboration around the fort even though I think it has huge potential. Luckily, some of the private entities operating there - like the distillery, the renovation of the fire hall - have increased the fort's attractiveness. But it's not realistic or good planning to rely on private enterprise to "prop" up the fort.

historic reminder of our past

Historical and iconic part of Haines.

#### Lookout Park:

i've never used this park. it's windy, even in summer and very exposed

where's that?

nice addition

part of our heritage, should be maintained and saved

We need multiple lookout parks along the waterfront; one park is short-sighted; we need more public spaces along the waterfront

Maintain the way it is

beautiful tribute

I find the multiple levels of this part to be odd and not very functional.

#### **Portage Cove:**

Klukwan dock area tourism development should be encouraged to provide destinations south of Cruise Ship dock

someone needs to buy the Chilkat Cruises dock b4 it collapses

It's going to be fine.

I walk the dog there sometimes but it's a very short trail. Looks like a nice little campground, though is someone really living there in a tent?

Natural Environment: I am profoundly attached to the natural environment and would love to share that passion with others. The community garden at the fair; the children's school garden; Takshanuk Watershed Council are elements. I would love for Haines to have a "gardener" to bring the natural environment into its urban places.

unique campground

The sooner we get the trail established (right of ways) and space for picnic areas, connections along the entire waterfront. We're running out of time

Maintain and work together to make it user friendly

I'm thinking of the cruise ship dock? It's great for those who benefit from ship traffic. I think it's unfortunate that the parking lot seems essentially off limits to locals in the summer - at the very least, it's very confusing when and how non-permitted vehicles can use the space. The restrooms are ridiculous when we could have upgraded restrooms around town for the price of those. I'm also concerned with the temporary trailers popping up around the fort area for visitor services. I'm disappointed the assembly didn't take a more proactive approach to these type of structures. They could be a great benefit to summer economy, if planned correctly. I will be thrilled to see a trail constructed along the water front from the dock to downtown. I think the dock area needs enough benches, lounging areas, trash cans and shelter/shade for visitors.

modesty over flair

Important part of servicing our cruise ships and tourism needs.

#### **Industrial Areas:**

Former sawmill site a logical location

limit these downtown; move others to existing Lutak industrial zone

Hopefully the new harbor has space for an industrial or small scale boatyard. Other obvious place is the tank farm

I know this is the area along Sawmill Road where the ball field and some business are located. I don't see much need for industrial zoning, at least currently.

needs beautification

tastefully discrete

Industrial port is needed and shold be concentrated at Lutak

Have to have - already zoned in the city; need to follow code

Vital to our economy but not planned for well.

needs attention

We need to protect the industrial waterfront so that our needs for services and an economy are able to be met.

#### **SOUTH EAST ALASKA'S HERITAGE**

Visions for the Future: I would love to implant a garden that identifies wild vegetation in Haines; maybe at the museum; or Judy Heinmiller has envisioned just such a garden in the Fort.

vague -- what specific part of heritage?

Important part of our past and our future.

#### Places:

emphasis on history should link with evolution of town and what's happening today and why what happened before isn't happening today

I would really like to see the open lot by the Brewery kept open in perpetuity, perhaps as a Park. I think it is beautiful, and makes our town look lovely. I would love to see more landscaping/flowers, and lots more white Christmas lights in winter.

undiscovered

Part of everything we do must include the Native perspective as to how these areas relate to their history and culture. We must include and embrace their voice. A lot

more can happen in a community when it restores historical sites and structures including Native role and history/culture

Klukwan and CIA have important places that need to be maintained

Not sure what this means

all of Southest is in symbiosis and are essential to one another

The gold rush history, Porcupine Creek gold district, Dalton Trail, trading history that the natives had in this area.

#### Trails:

a waterfront trail is a good idea

More trails more better. Good for residents, visitors and tourism promotion

the Haines trails are a huge asset, but need to be better marked so that they are more accessible to those with less familiarity. I'd like to see trapping banned within the townsite. I think it's a conflicting use that favors the trappers and keeps other people out of public spaces unfairly. I'm not against trapping, I just think there's a better location for it than right in town.

better and more trails here in Haines area for visitor attraction

good variety of difficulty

They are great; keep maintaining them

They are great; keep maintaining them

Dalton Trail has a lot of history and is an excellent opportunity to tell the story of our area.

#### Accessability:

Much of the Haines Recreation is hard to access.

accessibility is great. We need another Battery Point trail. I'm hoping Jones Point can become that and wish that the Borough would support those trails more

Ferry service improved

The Cannery, thought privately owned has kept an accessible environment and preserved the historic structures and ambiance

We need to pay attention to accessibility; make sure that property we want to sell is accessible

accessibility to heritage?

without the AK marine highway many places would become disastrously remote

The coast and access to the interior was an important part of the history of this region.

#### Wayfinding:

mark the trails better

Signs should not be obtrusive; this needs to be evaluated and make good decisions that actually direct people effectively

Not our strong suit as a town.

travel around southeast is a part of life here

Interpretive signage throughout Alaska enhance a travelers experience. We can use signage to tell the story of the people that came before us.

#### Interconnectivity:

keep upgrading internet

In the past we had a rich heritage that included all the different industries working together in support of each other and the community. We can have that again.

lack of collaboration between town and Klukwan

Trails, bike paths and other non-motorized connectivity mobility should be done now before development suges

Would be nice if trails connected; not sure about funding

as of now we are connected and we need to proiritize that

#### -Logging-

support current management; small sales for specialty markets/firewood

Better to do small scale value added products or biomass with our local wood. Not really in support of exporting in the round.

I'm all for selective logging.

for local products only

checks and balances in place; need to listen/value opinions

Forester said we are only cutting 10-15% of the sustainable yield. We should be harvesting more, if there is market

I think of "heritage" (and so does Websters) akin to cultural traditions. These industries are not that for me. They are industries that flucuate over time and generations based on resources, markets, technology and other factors. I suppose some people can be sentimental about industries that have declined, but you can't make healthy economic decisions based on "heritage" only.

essential but needs strict regulation to not repeat past mistakes

After Fort Seward was established logging was the way our community was able to support families. This can be an important part of our future.

#### -Mining-

keep it low-key/small-scale- nothing industrial

only with bonds to protect fisheries in perpetuity

People need to become very educated on this topic before taking a stand. Mining is the only thing on the horizon with the potential to significantly increase the school population and bring about year round vibrancy.

mixed feelings. I don't particularly trust Constantine, but I'm also not overly concerned about the mine

upriver mines deadly to salmon - should be halted

should use caution

I'm in favor of mining if it can be done responsibly; I don't know if it can be

Ditto as above.

boom and bust economy has failed Haines before

The turn of the century gold rush put this region on the map and should be acknowledged as an important part of our economy.

#### - Tourism-

keep a good balance from big ship, small ship and rubber tire, emphasize the natural world. Chilkoot needs to be managed better in August/September, connectin with Yukon needs to be improved/stressed

seek niche markets; revive eagle festival; encourage camps/schools

Tourism is great but we should work to encourage other industries too. Tourism economies are fine for 4 months but we need year round opportunity.

yay tourism! I'm concerned about the shirt shops and food trailer situation down by the harbor though. It's looks trashy and takes away from downtown shop owners who invest in real estate and year-round businesses.

needs new approach to finding destination clients / customers for shops

growing, yet important to sell Haines as more realistically Alaskan; small community values

small, exclusive tourism is key. We are not Skagway or Juneau

We need to promote it

Even more so than above - I don't think of tourism as having anything to do with "heritage."

Tourism is a good suppliment to our economy and provides several low wage earning seasonal jobs. It is an enjoyable way to share our community with others.

#### - Recreation-

more once in a lifetime experiences then anywhere...per capita

develop a ski area at Mosquito Lake

start publicly funded recreation program for residents

Recreation is very important to a vibrant community. Both indoor and out.

Our biggest asset. We have to cultivate our recreational opportunities, but we need both outdoor and indoor recreation, like the pool. Thor's Gym has helped fill this need to some degree, but is expensive. We need a roof over the hockey rink!

better social interaction

keep development to a minimum so as not to take away from natural setting

Our youth enjoy the different recreational opportunities the different seasons provide, boating, camping, fishing, hunting, snow machining, etc. It keeps them active.

#### - Haine's role in celebrating S.E. Alaska's heritage

Not only SE Alaska but Canada needs to be considered and encouraged here

Not sure what this means?

needs improvement, more enthusiasm

vague

Participate

Haines' role, I suppose, it making sure we have a quality historical and museum resources to document our heritage and history for generations to come.

more important than given credit for

We should embrace our past and the manner in which people were able to settle our community. Tell our story of the natives, logging, mining, transporation route.

#### **URBAN ENVIRONMENT**

#### - Infrastructure-

There are so many possibilities of ways to enhance our downtown - painting the fronts of the buildings was a good start. That makes a huge difference.

sewer plant and Lutak dock need to be addressed

continue downtown revitalization conversation

Need to work on both Lutak Dock and the Public Safety Building replacement. Great to see new cruise dock, harbor, Wastewater treatment, pre school, etc.

we really need better cell service and internet. It's untenable to not have connectivity on cruise ship days. It doesn't feel fair for my work day to be completely disrupted by tourists using all the bandwidth. I think the cruise companies need to be providing free public wifi. we need public trash cans and restrooms. it's bizarre for tourists to not be able to dispose of garbage without driving to the disgusting landfill.

continued improvement

why fund the economic development group over other nonprofits?

Incredibly important. It means sidewalks can't be crappy and junked up after one year. In order to implement daring ideas that work with out environment we have to pay attention to what we have and be creative about the downtown.

we have a pretty good infrastructure if the government can make it work, which they generally do

Urban is not how I discribe Haines. At all. Never in a million years. Our infrastructure certainly isn't urban. I believe we could be more proactive and incorporate new ideas into some of these topics, especially in housing, land use and zoning, but I don't know what the term "urban" has to do with any of these ideas.

crumbling, we need to invest in ourselves now

Public works and utilities are the most important infastructure services that the local government can provide.

#### - Housing-

Haines should be seasonal overflow housing for Skagway with Fast Ferry connection

Some say that Haines needs to add more multi-family residential zones to allow for duplexes, etc. which makes for more affordable housing.

I'm concerned that the huge number of Airbnb places are gobbling up all of the decent housing in town. There seems to be a dearth of decent rental places for working professionals and I think it contributes to turnover

more summertime housing for workers in visitor industry

We're limited in affordable housing. If you are a middle aged, single mom or couple with no kids, unless you want to buy a house, there are almost no housing options. We need urban infill such as a few townhouses, low maintenance, clean, well designed. Housing is a big challenge here. Roger Schnabel may have been thinking of that with one of his developments

minimal, expensive, and old infrastructure

It is important that the community place housing complexes in areas that are compatible with residential living and avoid commerical areas in the future.

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#### **Transportation**

a daily seasonal bus that goes Lutak, Mud bay and out the road at least once a day

Would be great to see more frequent ferry service. Probably only likely with more economic activity in Haines and the region.

sigh. Another huge problem. We so desperately need better ferry service. It's okay to not have everything we need here (medical, etc.), but we HAVE to be able to access those resources somehow. It is also critical in attracting people with jobs located in other cities who may need to travel more frequently.

If we don't have reliable ferry service for Haines we are at a terrible disadvantage: for visitors, medical needs, travel of any kind. It makes a difference to have a reliable ferry. It's critical to the survival of Haines and Skagway and probably all of SE Alaska.

incentives for taxies

no public transport

Maintaining our roads, ports, and airfields are neccessary for our community.

#### - Land Use-

Haines Assembly should stay out of land use decisions like University land, DNR (Heli-skiing) etc. We do not have authority to manage these lands and it wastes our resources and adds to social strife. Let the state manage the lands as they are supposed to do. Upset locals can be upset at the state, not their neighbors.

keep industry local

leave 3rd Ave & Main without physical structures

We must come to terms with whatever comes up.We have to look at land use decisions. But think of the lovely Letnikof estates and how recently the corner lot at the entrance was clear cut. We need to look at the consequences of minimal restrictions on land use.

it's zoned. Rules are set

conservatively developed land

We need to develop and understanding in our community that land ownership has rights.

#### - Zoning-

Need to apply rules evenly.

I would like to see zoning laws more strictly enforced. I think there is a general sense that you can "just get a variance", whether before or after the fact, and that people aren't paying attention to zoning when they purchase property or build/renovate.

This is where we can come to terms with the problems of development and growth. We can sort it out.

I don't always agree with zoning; it's essential for urban development; Government can always improve on it

could use thought on Conditional Use and Use By Right

A community must provide sufficient areas to meet the needs of community for commercial and industrial areas in the townsite on the powergrid with public works.

#### -Community-

continue with community building and respectful communication

start community forums on local issues/vision of future

Currently seems like lots of tension which is not helpful. All sides need to engage with others and find common ground. Our main political sides need to look for win win solutions verse a winner and a loser.

def. concerned about seemingly increased drug use. Or are we just talking about it more? Concerned about potential density of pot shops.

better dialog about issues, projects, vision for future

unique, nurturing when needed, passionate differences, need to overcome prejudices in order to listen well

Community needs to work together

the best of intentions

I would like to see us develop a sense of community where our children feel secure, nurtured, supported, and have the hope of finding gainful employment.

#### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Priority to maintain all listings below

We need to do our best to sustain what we have. I don't know anyone who doesn't feel that way. We did it with bears and garbage. We can do it with anything.

#### - Plants-

keep as much trees as possible, cut down on alders

all regulated to the max

I'm probably a greenie by some people's standards. I like plants. I like protecting our natural resources. I think it's our moral obligation to be excellent stewards of the land and resources, especially in a place with such valuable resources and such a special and sensitive ecosystem. I secretly wish I would hear the term "global warming" at an assembly meeting someday in the context of our small community actually doing something to address it on a policy and community level.

a plethora of ancient forest

Spruce and other trees, berries of all kinds, devils club, alders, mushrooms, and many more.

#### -Animals-

careful assessment of bear population needed

Animals are important for all kinds of reasons, but it is not the Borough's job to manage them. That is a state responsibility and we need to hold them to this.

I would like the Borough to more strictly require people to keep their garbage locked up and away from bears. Having a free or Borough-sponsored dump would encourage people to keep cleaner looking properties and get rid of trash more frequently.

protect wild animals - end trapping

all regulated to the max

the entire alaska experience aside from Polar Bears

Moose, ducks, geese, swans, eagles, fish, and more.

#### - Ecology-

keep waters and rivers clean

The borough doesn't really have a grasp on that; eg: solid waste management; doesn't seem to be equipped to maintain a healthy ecology

Haines has the best best weather in all of Southeast

Throughout the last century we had a thriving economy and thriving ecosystems. We need to get back to using our resources again.

#### - Sustainability-

should be top priority

Sustainability means economics to me. A stable economy allows for thoughtful planning, regulation and development. Everything is connected, but a struggling family does not have much time to consider esoteric topics.

economic progress that is sustainable, low footprint on resources

How do we deal with waste, protect subsistence lifestyle we value, honor nature and grow an economy that doesn't destroy the aesthetics of the valley--one of our greatest asset

Hopefully the gov will allow some activity that will make our environment sustainable; eg: tourism can be very sustainable

we need to be reliant on our own sustainability rather than use the sustainability of other areas

The Haines State Forest is our biggest resource. It has the ability to provide us with jobs, berry picking, recreation, and an environment for animals to thrive.

#### **VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE**

Young families coming in with kids in the school are the best thing for this town. I love that young people are stepping up and taking leadership roles. The new wrestling coach's partner is organizing girl's volleyball

#### - Projects-

#### Ski lift at Mosquito Lake

Maybe another Haines 2005 exercise; was a great visioning exercise; many ideas that came from it -- including downtown revitalization, energy conservation -- have become local, successful projects

Assembly and HEDC should consider getting behind the "move to Haines" campaign that targets location neutral workers. This would mean that every decision made would consider "Will this make Haines more attractive to location neutral workers?" Tourism departments should adopt "Haines is a great place to visit, but a even better place to live" strategy.

I'd like to see more support for Jones Point other trails as well as town beautification projects...

community green houses, art school development, barracks renovation and use

Chilkat Center acoustics are amazing - maintain building so as not to lose this asset

The whole area around the borough office and 3rd and Main could be a beautiful town square and green area

#### Lutak Dock

I don't think of Haines as having a lot of vision. About anything.

renewable energy programs, small business incentives, investing in community

The bio-fuel plan is visionary, but I have heard negative comments about the astetics of the area. Can we work on making it an attractive area for downtown?

#### -Funding (Grants, etc...)-

good luck

use permanent fund for art school / barracks; access available grants through borough

need for government to value all that nonprofits do for our community

I think we should be spending on these challenges. Getting NACo and other outside technical support and funding is good for us.

The borough needs to get budget in order so they are not deficeit spending grants for a permanent boat launch for seasonal boat tours to market Haines as

#### the Boating capital

I do not know of available funding sources.

#### Other thoughts you would like to share

The first step is to help people visualize what a town square would look like.

Need to play up our uniqueness, desirability as retreat destination for healing inspiration, skill rehabilitation, youth skill programs. Market local products through internet.

Haines has so much potential which is never realized. Overcoming our "divisive" reputation should be a priority as it has seeped into our collective psyche and taints much of our dialogue. Maybe the arts confluence can offer town counseling.

Haines is a great place but the social and economic infrastructure need work. We need places to discuss the crazy, big ideas. That's how we got a tourism program. Either the Chamber or the community foundation or the assembly needs to launch regular forums where we could achieve agreement on issues outside of assembly meetings. This would greatly speed up completion of community projects and resolve issues more efficiently.

Bald Eagle Preserve needs to run to the border to connect with Tat/ Alsek Park and Glacier Bay

I believe we have a tremendous asset in the American Bald Eagle Foundation. I would like to see us work towards a way of celebrating that as a resource.

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#### **Community Engagement Survey #2**

Written comments provided in addition to rating scale. Graph depicting rating scale responses on page 48.

## Question # 18 Please share any ideas or concerns you have about Haines Borough waterfront areas.

- -There is nothing more beautiful than a working harbor and waterfront!! -The deep water dock for barges needs to be fixed.
- -Survey very poorly presented. Poor screen definition! Must be Liberal plot!

- -Haines needs more industrial water frontage.
- -Over built too many parking lots needs pedestrian connections
- -lt should be easy to get to them and enjoy them.
- -All of these areas are an important part of Haines, it's economy, it's history and it's future.
- -lots of room for development beauty and natural beauty
- -The waterfront is our connection with the sea, if we are to be connected, the waterfront will reflect it and what we think is important. If kayaking, small boating and recreation is important, we will have a means to the sea for them. If groceries, building materials, and freight are important, than we will have docs and facilities for them. If fishing and chartering is important, than we will have accommodations and support for these things. Port Townsend decided it would embrace this type of thinking and has been lauded for its success. A working waterfront is a beautiful thing just as much as a pristine beach is a beautiful thing. A place where old men stare out across the harbor watching the activity and remember their past and their connection with the sea, where children jump in excitement for catching their first fish off the dock, where excited tourists look across the water and at their hosts in anticipation of a day ahead on the water, where people excitedly pick out the fresh fish or crab they will have for dinner, where men and women work together to unload ships and barges bringing their neighbors roof trusses or those fresh fruits and vegetables now being harvested so far away where the soil is already warm. These are just as beautiful as the solitary beech with the breeze bringing the mixed smells of seaweed and spruce, of sedges and seawater. A place where we might catch a glimpse of a bounding bear disappearing into the forest from its disturbed feeding among the sedges. It's a place where we can be contemplative and be rejuvenated. Both of these places are beautiful, both are important, both are needed in our lives and in our community.
- -Not a park or entertainment area! Just improve the harbor, with spaces, not flora or fauna. Parking is important, not park benches! Stop spending on beautification!
- -Would prefer not to build more until we can afford to maintain what we already have.

- -I really wish they'd stop filling in beaches. Thanks to the ridiculous cruise ship dock and the travesty in front of the RV park and lighthouse we've had TWO of the beaches on our waterfront essentially destroyed.
- -Industrial areas should be not in plain sight.
- -Lutak Dock needs more focus that is where our bigger cruise ships could dock
- -The waterfront areas are our connection and access to the sea. They should be functional, accessible, usable and available for all to enjoy.
- -We need to keep industrial areas in good shape so we can draw in industry.
- No need to spend money we don't have on any projects than the harbor
- -Upkeep what we have, no new trails
- -We should do things that enhance the beauty in conjunction with the fishing fleet, but no one wants to see a 6 acre parking lot or a 6 acre Gravel RV Park.
- -Need room for business!
- -Would be good to leave them alone and let nature prevail. Keep the natural shoreline and don't regulate uses, allow broad interest use- encourage good respectful behavior through dialog and engagement but don't restrict or put up a bunch of signs. No more ordinances please.
- -Having a useful waterfront is more important than viewshed. Once it is working well, the rest will come. Until people can afford to eat and keep their children in college we can not afford glitter.
- -A working harbor is a beautiful thing in and of itself boats coming and going, fishermen working on projects, birds calling, workers loading and unloading and hauling provisions, kids fishing off the dock, waves lapping, dogs barking, cranes lifting, old timers jawing, new comers exploring, tides rising and falling, sea air blowing in the rigging...a working harbor will invite and create it's own esthetic. The most important part of our waterfront is to have

- a well designed, long term, efficient harbor the rest can follow and much will follow of a natural course.
- -Need to keep developing them and stop locking them up. Have to have areas to expand uses somewhere.
- -I would like to see minimal impact from any type of development along our waterfront. we should look at preserving what we have left. A major attraction that Haines has to the outside world (tourist, visitors) is our intact town that isn't over developed and our fairly pristine ecosystem.
- -Keep it beautiful and accessible for people to enjoy as an outdoor attraction.
- -Keeping our waterfront areas beautiful. We live in an amazing place in which others depend on it for their lively hood. Tourism, fishing and retirement homes all depend on our keeping Haines beautiful and clean.
- -None
- -I support public and recreational access.
- -These areas need to be developed
- -fix the lutak dock
- -Look to the future.
- -I would like to see development that supports the industry set as a priority. Development of waterfront for leisure should follow. I would like to see commercial zones.
- -future planning should focused on preserving as much shoreline and public access to shoreline as possible
- The maritime history of Haines has never been celebrated or fully capitalized on. Unlike most every community in SE Alaska, there was not a continuous use of our waterfront space. It is difficult to grow the space or do anything with it now because most of the waterfront is owned by a couple of individuals and the borough.
- -Build it bigger then you think you need

- -Our waterfront is lovely. We should do everything we can to preserve it in its natural state.
- -Waterfront should more closely resemble Sitka's model, with paved, landscaped walking trail along a waterfront that also hosts several large harbors.
- I would like to see a working waterfront that is also ecologically sound and aesthetically pleasing. With the large number of talented boat builders in town, I think the community's economy could really benefit from facilities to support working on and building boats. This could be a great addition to our community and could bring business to town and allow local boat owners to more easily hire local people to work on their boats.
- The current industrial uses of the waterfront are not offensive.
- -lt is important to develop a comprehensive plan for the Haines waterfront, in order to avoid the fiasco caused by the current breakwater project.
- -Industrial areas along the waterfront are just as important as other uses it's important to have a healthy mix of all uses.
- -I think we can and should maintain both usefulness and aesthetics. We also need to consider our seeing earthquakes, tides, winds, etc.
- -Plan for multi use and make it beautiful. It's one of our biggest assets!
- -waterfront walkway from Portage Cove park to Lookout park is an excellent idea
- -Too much intrusion on coastline by engineering and development
- -I think form follows function regarding the harbor and am mostly concerned that it meets the needs of it's main users. A multi-use trail system along the waterfront would be fantastic and the more the fort and the maritime heritage can be incorporated and emphasized the better.
- I really hope the community works towards a sea walk! Even from the cruiseship dock to the harbor. But for Picture Point to Portage cove would be the bees knees!
- Not to effect that beach area towards the walk/bike campground on Beach Road. Leave it natural.

- -Too much of the waterfront has already been impacted and developed. We need to keep the rest in its natural state as green space, ecosystem and wetlands. Lots between Lutak Road and the water as well as Mud Bay and the Chilkat Beach Area should have been kept as Borough green space and not sold.
- Keep it safe for all. Cut brush away for clear line of sight
- -walking path at waterfront is important as a community asset
- -I believe the Fort area can be transformed into a welcoming and dynamic historical/arts district that would be a draw to cruise ship passengers disembarking. Haines needs to focus on the waterfront plan that ties in Portage Cove from Picture Point to beyond the Portage Cove Campground

Question 7 seems out of context. Industrial areas are very important to the community (and me), but I'm unsure if the question is relative to Portage Cove, harbor, etc. Do I think industrial development in Portage Cove is important? No, unless there are no alternatives, then yes.

- -We have an amazing asset with such a beautiful waterfront. It is important to our community and for tourism. Keep it beautiful and add nice walking paths
- -I like the idea of a working harbor and would be in support a boat yard/ boat working area in the new harbor parking area as long as it is done in an environmentally sound manor. This means capturing and treating run off, sanding and cleaning done on tarps, etc.
- -Haines needs a mix of a working harbor to serve boat owners and a beautiful waterfront for the enjoyment of all residents and visitors.
- -Trails not important at this stage
- -That's what we're here for!
- -We need a reasonable harbor for our fisherman. I think we can combine that with an interesting trail (that utilizes local businesses to construct and design), which celebrates our history and our Heritage. -

- -Fort desperately needs basic grooming and cleanup. Waterfront is a huge draw for locals and tourists and should be pretty and well as useable
- -waterfront should be kept open to public access and natural to the extent possible. There should be substantial setbacks borough wide to reduce point and non point source pollution/degredation of this very important natural resource. Protecting and enhancing view sheds from the land and from the sea are important for tourism and environmental preservation. This also increases the overall value of real-estate throughout the borough.
- I would like to see thoughtful planning for our waterfront and industrial areas. The fort is an underutilized treasure.

#### Question # 19 Please share any ideas or concerns you have about any of the areas.

- -l am not a fan of too many signs, re way finding. I am not a fan of large scale mining or logging
- =Trails are important but can be built with public volunteerism. Infrastructure depends on government. People should have access to waterfront, public lands and mountains -- that access should be multiple use so that everyone will have equal access and areas won't become the private public lands of a few. The terrain will determine the access all by itself.
- I care about logging and mining in regards to environmental concerns. Am I interested in supporting logging and mining? Or are you asking if I am in favor of logging and mining? It is not clear what you are asking.
- -Co-exist
- -Would like to see jobs and income, more families. Then there would be more money for enhancements
- -Basic signage is important for visitors to navigate successfully, detailed maps and instructions directed towards visitors may seem like a good idea, but it has some drawbacks too defining places on a map defines how people view and perceive them, they experience them as the mapmakers define them. Having a map to interpret the landscape eliminates the need to interact with individuals in the community for that information they

remain strangers and visitors. Maps with landmarks are important - the Tsirku R. the Chilkat R. Mt Rapinski, etc are landmarks and help to gain spacial orientation, Bear viewing, River Rafting, Eagle Viewing are not needed and are destructively promotional. Developed foot trails are no more beautiful than forestry roads or 4wheeler trails only in the eyes of the beautiful people who promote them over other paths. For me, the most beautiful trail is the game trail, there is a logic about it that seems to escape the minds of the developed trail proponents. The most useful trail/path is the one that Best serves the purpose. No-one says walking is the best and then decides to walk everywhere, always. They don't decide to walk to the hospital, they fly, they drive, they bicycle, they kayak. Just as no-one decides driving is the best and so their house has a driveway to the bathroom and the bedroom and the kitchen. Our land is designated multiple use - this means everyone gets to use it, let's keep it that way. Restricted means a group has cleverly carved out a public use area for themselves personally - they have stolen access from everyone else.

- -Fix up the buildings, most of them need paint! Looks like owners don't care. I don't know what number 9 'Places' means.
- -Again no money no jobs, use tax money to create good year round paying jobs for our youth no one cares about spending extra money on past It's wrong When tourism tours on locals rights. ATV tours ruined moose hunting this year at Devils elbow. Helicopter noise when they fly to low is disturbing.
- =Don't keep adding restrictions
- -Why is there no mention of heliskiing as a MAJOR part of the Haines economy and world view?
- -Protect the land and protect landowner rights and protect all citizen rights to use land responsibly for recreation, non-motorized and motorized, extraction, logging, development and conservation. No preservationist approach, extremists should be reminded of Alaska's constitution and environmental protections already effectively in place. Trails for motorized. Not restricting which seems to be the desired trend. Logging and mining open access for all, so they are a positive effort to access.
- I marked mining and logging as important. Important that they be managed or not allowed. Questions didn't leave a clear area for response.

- Need the mine or we die. This town is chasing away young people at a rapid rate. If this trend continues who will pay taxes and keep the town alive.
- -We should be trying to maintain what economy we currently have. We should be looking at sustainability as our future. A short term fix like a mine in the headwaters of our rich salmon streams is foolishness to the long term sustainability of our fisheries. We need to get away from the false mind set that growth equals progress when it is sustainability that equals progress.
- -More and better trails in and around the Haines area would benefit both the locals and tourist.
- -None
- -More trails please
- -More natural resource extraction.
- Hard to know what this survey is asking. Mining likely to destroy salmon habitat. Accessibility should be non-motorized where roads do not exist.
- -fix 'historical' lutak dock
- -Very worried about Constantine mine. Completely opposed to industrial mining in salmon river.
- -I love that we have history here and that we are able to preserve it...but we won't be making anymore history here unless we invest in our future here.... More money and time invested in our future and growth instead of money and time on history. Maybe volunteers for the history part. I don't mean to take away from an amazing history here, I really don't. But if there's a future here, we need to start planning it.
- -Too many environmentAl restraints, too much government, -industrial logging will impact the watershed..as will industrial mining..should not be for or against logging..but rather for small scale, local logging that serves local workers and local consumers of rough cut lumber and firewood

- We have as vibrant of a past as any other community. We seem to lack an x-factor of every other community in SE Alaska. We don't have mining in a story book way like Skagway. We don't have a Capital like Juneau. We don't have the Russian history of Skagway. We do have a continuous Indigenous culture. Haines itself has sort of disregarded that. Klukwan is making in roads with capitalizing on their own heritage.
- -This section is confusing to me. I didn't understand what I was rating on the statements that I left blank. I am very concerned that companies that make money via tourists are running rampant over the areas that used to be lovely for locals to visit. I believe that the companies that make money off of our natural resources, should at least be required to make payments to the borough, state or federal governments on their use and evolving overuse of local trails, rivers, lakes, mountains, etc.
- -Small scale, sustainable, ecologically & culturally sensitive tourism is very important to me. This includes SMALL cruiseships, independent travelers, and the ferry system. I DO NOT want to see more large cruiseships and would be perfectly happy to see fewer large cruiseships. Likewise, I support small scale, sustainable forestry but I DO NOT support timber sales such as Baby Brown or Mud Bay. We have a thriving community of woodworkers and I would love to see SUSTAINABLE local logging operations but I do not trust some of the current logging operators' commitment to ecologically sustainable logging. Re. access, I strongly (100%) support access and recreational opportunities for people experiencing physical disabilities but I do not support increasing access overall. For example, the Battery Point trail could be made wheelchair accessible, but that would be a poor choice for other trails like Seduction Point. I support trail building and improvements that is well thought out and does not degrade our wildlands. I do not support increasing access to the wilderness or recreational development in the wilderness.
- -I support responsible resource extraction and am concerned that the push for Tier 3 Designation would ultimately hurt the Haines economy. I also support an improved and diverse trail system for multiple use.
- -These questions are a bit vague / too general. I don't know what Southeast AK Heritage means. The first lead-in question to these topics is confusing.
- -Not sure what you want by wayfinding

- -Interconnectivity & accessibility overly vague and subject to manipulation.----also, original native Alaskan sites in danger/facing extinction
- -I support tourism, fishing, timber, and mining, all on a responsible and sustainable scale. I think the community should be extremely careful with industries that could be detrimental to other industries in the area. I support an increase in tourism where possible to a point. I would be less supportive of a dramatic increase in cruise ship traffic. I'd strongly support increased traffic from multi-day tourists where possible. I also strongly support small scale timber extraction, especially for use in local industry. I am much less enthusiastic about larger scale clear cuts for export, as in Baby Brown. I support small scale, responsible mining but would likely not support a larger scale mine unless it could be virtually assured that it would not impact the water quality and fish habitat in the Chilkat.
- I'm not sure what some of these terms mean. I am not even quite sure what Southeast Alaska heritage means. Some definitions would have helped.
- -The wildness and wilderness character of our Valley is most important to me. Places like Haines will be a very rare resource in the near future. The value of our region for this reason will continue to grow.
- -Make some places ADA compatible
- -I thought I understood what you were asking until I hit "interconnectivity," "wayfinding" and "accessibility." I don't understand how they connect to "heritage."
- -What do "interconnectivity" and "wayfinding" mean?
- -Recreation and trails are very important in a vibrant community. Creating year round options should be a priority. walking and mountain biking trails that turn into ski trails in the winter.
- These categories are very vague, more like buzzwords. Ranking them doesn't seem useful. For example, the results may be a popularity contest of mining vs. recreation.
- -I don't understand what you are looking for, here. What do you mean, "wayfinding" "interconnectivity" with respect to heritage?

- -Wayfinding and interconnectivy????? Not sure what is being asked. Also accessibility....to what, Trails, harbor. ???
- -I took "interconnectivity" to mean the different groups in Haines (such as tourism, logging, and recreation) to be working together.
- -Stick to basics. Clean up and preservation. Example: There are amazing totem poles just rotting on the ground in the fortt parade grounds.
- -Our multicultural heritage is critically important and we need to honor all aspects. The heritage and history of Native culture and people must be shown with respect and be given truthful representation. Dan Henry's book recently published is a good reference for understanding.
- When thinking about being a business owner it is interesting to think about how easy/difficult it is to get around Haines and how we move through our town.

#### Q26 Please share any ideas or concerns you have about any of the

#### built areas.

People should be able to use and develop their private property without so many rules and regulations, limiting what they can do!! "Neighborhoods" seem to create bullies who will do whatever they can to STOP growth and development activities!!

- -What people do on their own land should be up to them. Not local government and do gooders.
- -downtown housing is a priority, affordable homes, zoning with a plan, and neighborhood influences. Also, transportation -- the ferry service is critical, and so plans for walkable routes, cycling, electric vehicles-- and even electric shuttles perhaps?
- -All are important, including property rights
- -Limit where and how many B&B so it does not decrease property value.

- -More development, less zoning
- -People who own 1-3 acre lots should not have more rights than those who own 40, 60, or 150 acre lots. People buy property so that they can control it. If you cannot control the land then why would you invest? If I told someone who had a 1 acre lot and Home that they needed to tear down their home because it ruined my view and no I don't want to compensate them, they just have to do it, because it bothers me. Do we expect that people should just obediently tear down their homes? No we don't, so why do these same people with the 1 acre lots and homes think it's appropriate totake away the property rights and property values from others because they don't like what thoseother property owners want to do with their investment. If you want to control the land - buy it. If you can't afford it, get like minded individuals to pitch in and purchase it to set it aside just like they've done in other places like Homer. Quit stealing other peoples property and rights. Planning & Zoning is important for community as long as it is equitable and just and respects property owners rights. It should not allow the few to steal from others because they are more vocal or more pationate about what they want. I have lived in the remote wilderness and I have chosen community. Alaska has more wilderness than any other place in the US by a wide margin. If you want to live in wilderness then choose wilderness and move to it - there's plenty of it. Don't be lazy and try to make my community wilderness.
- -No 15 foot set backs for fire protection, on our own land, our lot is small, but this set back uses, a lot of it, for none use!
- Zoning is hugely important to stay as is- no new zoning. Transportation needs to be improved for better commerce. Land use is extremely important, let people develop, log, mine, etc. Put money toward infrastructure maintenance.
- -We need more roads less dependence on out dated marine highway. -Things look good to me
- -We have some horrible streets, and restrooms should be available Year round residents pay taxes and deserve to be considered more.
- -Keep Haines open for all, promote uses for everyone not just 50 vocal citizens

- -Let people use their land. Continued zoning restrictions are not needed. Political efforts to stop any development or growth is forcing the young families out of town, soon the school will be down to nothing and we wont have youth willing to work. Then where will we be? Who will repair our vehicles, do our carpentry?
- -Only to say that these "questions" are so vague. How important are these things? In what regard? Are you asking if there are problems with these areas? That we need more of these areas? That the borough needs to make improvement to these areas? Hmm
- -Again can't keep locking up areas from development. If Haines is to grow we need areas to do that in. Also can't keep having new people move to areas that have been historically used such as the gun range then demand they shut them down.
- -Because Haines depends on it's natural beauty the industrial sites in the townsite detract. Keeping in mind our main industries (fishing and tourism) when making decisions regarding the waterfrontand the town itself.
- -None
- -We need more roads, less dependent on ferries
- -Again this survey is hard to understand. Many of the above items are great if done in a manner that protects the environment, but terrible if they destroy the environment.
- fix lutak transportation dock
- -Too much government
- -housing density needs to be limited..there needs to be trails and parks in all new subdivisions..costs of development must be borne by the developers not by the existing residents..Haines needs to do its part for clean energy, walking/trail access in and around town, maintain public shoreline access, keep watersheds green and healthy for fisheries and be climate aware..
- -Haines has a housing problem. There are very few affordable rentals in Haines, especially when you rule out trailers.

- It's ridiculous that housing cost so much in Haines. Some people want over 900\$ for a one bedroom. Now that's sad. Haines has no jobs and no economy. A one bedroom should be like 400-500. 900 wow
- I believe that Haines plays favorites and doesn't support its own codes if the people who are violating them have enough money.
- -I strongly support maintaining our existing infrastructure. I oppose building unnecessary new infrastructure. I oppose building or improving infrastructure that would lead to Haines becoming a significant industrial transportation corridor. I oppose new roads other than secondary roads in residential neighborhoods. I support improved ferry service and oppose the Juneau Road. I support efforts to make it easier for local people to buy or own houses, as that builds investment inour community. We have a lot of empty houses in town and I'd hate to see a lot of new residential development while houses are empty. Zoning is extraordinarily important for land use planning and quality of life, but should also be revisited as the community changes. I support strong neighborhood culture and zoning can help to enhance and build community.
- -My biggest concern is having dependable and affordable access in and out of Haines. I think it's important to have a vibrant and interesting town center. I have appreciated all the efforts to dress up Main Street.
- -Again, very vague, so difficult to rate when generalized.
- I am thinking of the ferry system when you mention transportation. Roads are also quite important, but I am putting them under infrastructure
- -Planning is crucial.
- -Need to get rid of selectively enforced, punitive regulations that impose on pedestrian, cycling, and vehicle traffic.
- -Haines has a lot of room for investment and revitalization. We are rich in accessible, useable land on the road system compared to the rest of SE AK. I think responsible and thoughtful planning are important, as is strong encouragement of projects that revitalize or repurpose existing buildings. Half of Main St. is for sale!

- -Planning is important and following the rules we have is very important. Why aren't more people taken to task for junk cars, etc.?
- -We need to plan for the future and create public spaces downtown and make it more attractive for residents and visitors. Our human imprint is a disgrace to the natural world where we live. The Fort looks quaint but it may soon be ain't if it is not given some serious \$ and attention.
- As I said earlier i believe if the owners of the Fort would work with the Borough in some way to make this area a desirable place historically and for the arts. Downtown has made great progress with presenting building improvements, arts confluence and First Friday. This can grow. Keep green space and park areas within growth.
- We need to plan for a sustainable future that provides for a healthy environment, social justice, and a reasonable economy.
- Economic infrastructure is the foundation for every community. Lutak Dock, roads, ferry terminals allow the rest of the fun stuff to happen. There is no first Friday without transportation routes to town or barges that bring the wine and cheese.
- -Transportation is a bit vague. I feel we need better walkability / bikeability in the townsite. This is imperative to create better livability in my opinion. Also, we need to create a "pedestrian priority" mindset in the townsite. The borough should develop a program to train drivers that pedestrians have the right of way in crosswalks.
- -These categories are also vague, more like buzzwords. Ranking them doesn't seem useful. For example, the results may be a popularity contest of community vs. infrastructure. Of course we need both equally.
- -Not sure about community....what are you asking
- Our current euclidean zoning system is not the best. It would be good to start moving towards Combining recreation and industry, residential and commercial, etc. I believe this will help bring the different factions of the community see more eye to eye.

- This survey is too vague to answer correctly. Example: What do you mean by zoning? More zoning or less zoning? Proper zoning or current zoning?
- -Planning and zoning must be consistent and with long term compatibility in mind. We have a comprehensive plan we need to follow it.
- -I'm a big advocate for urban planning with infill and not sprawl, fostering pedestrian and non-motorized access throughout the urban areas and the borough; always working toward maintaining the authentic and diverse qualities of our community.
- I would like to see Haines taking care of our infrastructure. Sewer, trails, municipal buildings. It's all very important

# Q31 Please share any ideas or concerns you have about any of the natural areas.

Natural areas should be USED, not SAVED!! Responsible development and use will allow for sustainability and a good economy for our community!

- -Those of us who live here love Alaska, but people still need to make a living. We can support a thriving economy without sacrificing our way of life.
- -Sustainability is key here with all these things-- how we live in this place. we have he example of thousands of years of civilization to guide us
- -All these things are important, including the use of resources, but we need to be good stewards and we need to respect each other's different ideas
- -We have beautiful nature and it is well protected. All industries want to sustain it and not destroy for future. Good laws in place for protection. Don't lock it up with more regulations or restrictions.
- We all have chosen Haines because we love it here. We also consume natural resources because we are humans and we are living organisms. If an individual is truely against resource extraction, then they shouldnt be using those resources, they should go naked in the world, no cars, no bicycles, no flying to get to the wilderness or to anti-resource

conventions, no lumber, no nails, no anything - naked in the world. If the complaint is that they only support environmentally sound resource extraction, then they should be donating and supporting ideas, methods and research that promotes environmental SOLUTIONS to resource extraction problems NOT STOPPING resource extraction (otherwise you've moved yourself to the first category). If, on the other hand, you insist that you will continue to use extracted resources, but will do what you can to prevent them from being extracted in your neighborhood, your back yard or your State or country, then you are the worst kind of imperialist, hippocritical, selfish human being because you are willing to support and fund what you dislike onto other less regulated, less fortunate human beings so that you can feel good about yourself. If you say that you are pro-fishing, but are an anti-resource extractionist because you want to protect the fish from extractionist, I would remind you that the sad state of our fisheries is not because of logging or mining, but because of poor management and that the greatest human threat to fish is the directed commercial fishery, the second greatest human threat is the subsistence fishery, The threat is not from resource extraction except for the fisheries resource extraction.

- None
- -Alaska has a great constitution and protections in place to assure sustainability and ability to enjoy and use our resources. Borough should quit trying to regulate issues that are state issues (heli-ski and other permit requirements, why take on that liability and time. Waste of money) Our plants, animals and resources belong to all Alaskans. Protect them and use them. You can do both just fine.
- -What kind of questions are these they are difficult to relate too.
- -Use the State Departments for their knowledge not local emotion to crease jobs, work out differences between industry's to help create jobs, this town will die without a year round economy, since this isn't a borough but a non profit, hopefully this will not be used to stop jobs and create more protected lands
- -The borough has issued permits without concern to natural habitat, and residents uses and needs. There are ATV tours running while residents are trying to subsistence moose hunt. They should cut the tours off Sept 1st.

- -Protect but enjoy and use the environment
- -Enough of the borough acting as wildlife and resource managers! Let the people who know manage the resources!
- -Conserve what we have and don't destroy our environment but allow lots of responsible development, mining, industry, tourism.
- -Again, here is a survey with questions without context. While nature is important to me, I realize that our local preserve and park land, including Glacier Bay already protect our valley plenty. We don't need more preserve and protect. We need less from the Borough.
- -This is the part of Haines that has attracted me to move here 10 years ago. This is one of the last special places left on this earth where one can live within a natural space. Once we industrialize, we will have lost it.
- If you put poisons in our soil, water, and air we all die.
- -None
- -More year round jobs,less green areas,This community can not sustaine its self without a year round economy.
- -Protect Chilkat Ridge, background to Eagle Preserve, from logging
- no tier 3 proposed by the largest polluter of the chilkat river
- there are many good places to forage along the beaches and trails of Haines. These need to be protected. Must maintain and/or provide migration corridors and food resources for bears, moose, and other wildlife. Ecology..how things are connected to each other is the most important science. Clean air. Clean water. High priorities. Sustainability more important than boom and bust.
- Nature is important to everyone in Haines and draws people in. There are some that are here for the unspoiled aspects of that nature. There are some here that are here for the bounty of that natural world. Haines has a problem compromising between these two worlds.

- -We need good paying jobs so people can raise there families. The old people better watch who's toes they step on. They do NOT get the struggle that most have to. To live here.
- -All over the world lovely places have been degraded, yet some in our community never see that happening in Haines and as long as the word "jobs" is uttered almost anything is allowed—even though there is no proof that the jobs will be there.
- -Our ecology is at the heart of our economy. We need ecological integrity for our fishing and tourism economies. Our wildlife tourism should be sensitive to the well-being of wildlife and regulation is necessary to achieve that. I am concerned about a potential mine's threat to our ecology.
- I really love the abundance of fresh produce being grown and sold in our community. I think managing the Chilkoot River traffic in the summer is a big issue, although I would hate to see it reduced to the point that locals couldn't enjoy the wildlife.
- The natural areas are why I live here.
- -Protect it, especially the water and fish.
- -Sustainability is becoming a buzz word/term: poorly defined & misapplied to promote projects [to perpetuate the projects, "sustainable" or not.
- -Overall, I think we should respect the area and aim to leave it better than we found it. I don't want to see overly stringent regulations that stifle economic growth, but I think there is room for both economic growth and responsible development.
- -That's what we have going for us, our natural state is a threatened resource. One just has to look at what has happened in the rest of the world.
- -These are very vague questions? We are surrounded by nature and I believe it is a part of all residents lives. I have concerns about the Chilkoot area and bear/people interactions. I would like to see the borough support Parks more to make sure this area is managed and staffed. We also need an overall tourism plan to be ahead of growth and decide what areas are prone to overuse and what does the community want.

- -The quality and health of our local ecosystem is our greatest asset. None of our economic sectors can survive significant degradation of our environmental quality.
- -I believe that the natural ecosystem around Haines is in good shape. In terms of sustainability I would focus on food production and local energy production.
- -The natural environment is important to protect for all of us (human and otherwise) both now and into the future. We are part of nature, not separate from it.
- -These categories are very vague, more like buzzwords. Ranking them doesn't seem useful. I don't see how this survey will be useful.
- -Again too vague even to answer. The results of this survey should not be used.
- -Balance and sustainability; careful planning that allows for species diversity and continuation of economic development involve difficult decisions. I think we can figure out ways to make these decisions win-win for a vibrant community

#### Q34 Other thoughts you would like to share

- -Non-profits need to be more self sufficient and not depend on Borough funding. Taxes might have to be increased, but that should be a well thought out decision. We need to be very cautious and careful about partnerships. Haines is a community full of wonderful volunteers!
- Local government should not represent special interests. They are there to represent the whole community.
- -No new taxes,less non profits they have bled this community dry
- -I think we need to seek creative solutions, make real community plans and follow them, and perhaps relax some old rules and create new ones to match a new way of being
- -Transportation is key to any communities survival imagine walking everywhere, or paddling everywhere -- or not going at all when you can't. Infrastructure is critical in a community, but volunteerism and partnering is essential to the vitality of a community.

- -I believe the non-profits need to learn to stand on their own feet instead of expecting and/ or relying the Borough to give them tax payers money for their operations. The tax payer pays taxes for government provided services. Non - profits in my opinion do not qualify
- Funding from economic development to support projects, not more taxes or handouts
- -We need industry and jobs. Then there will be more people to volunteer and donate!
- -There is a lot of profit in Non-Profits, it's just not expressed as retained earnings, but rather goes out in the form of salaries and benefits. If I want to support a non-profit, I am free to do so - I should not be taxed to do so. The only time non-profits should be supported with tax dollars is when it is demonstrateable that the non-profit can perform a community need more cost effectively than can the government through the tax payers. There are times when non-profits can secure funding and team with local government to occomplish things the government cannot on its own. This is also true of business teaming with government and business teaming with non-profit. The infrastructure, transportation and utility as well as maintenance of these elements are of the highest priority in a community and why government exists. All the rest of our expenditures as a community are subordinate to these things. The color of your house may be important, whether or not you have nice pictures and paintings on the walls may enhance you emotional state and encourage you throughout the day. But, if you place these things above the importance of a watertight roof, or siding that keeps the elements out, or an adequate and solid foundation, then walls will rot, the rain will trickle down on your pictures and paintings, the nice paint will peel as the wood rots beneath it, your doors will not close as the foundation settles and things go out of square and your entire investment will be lost - does it sound like the Lutak Dock and the active cathodic protection that didn't seem so important at some time??
- -None
- -Can't answer these well because they combine too many disparate concepts. For example, I support building maintenance but NOT new public construction. I support Highway fixes. I support volunteerism but I do not support the borough subsidizing non-profits. Rather have spending cuts over increased taxes.

- -We need economic development not more blood sucking non profits.
- -Why put corporations involvement in this question and don't need to fund the non profits with tax money if they are good they should raise their own money don't tax people out of town between the States financial situation and potentially the Boroughs, one better worry about watching the cost to live here. Many people leaving and school at all time low in enrollment. Every family that leaves take children out of school. And less taxes paid.
- -We need the dock for goods to keep us alive in Haines. We are already taxed beyond capacity for people who lived here all their lives and now on fixed income. Non profits can find more ways to help themselves.
- -The borough should not be supporring nonprofits with taxpayer money. Undercuts private industry
- -What about heliskiing and winter tourism?! Yet another extremely onesided survey. Very disappointing.
- =can't answer #33 as I agree with some, but disagree with others =Maintain what structures we have, get rid of duplicate overlap in buildings, functions, government should not fund non-profits, that's called welfare programs not non-profit. Non-profit is for private funding, that's what it means. I encourage private non-profit donations but government funding of non-profit is taking away a business opportunity. Very bad form.
- -No new taxes. The borough should sell assets to meet budget deficits. They have way too much property. The lot on main street needs to be sold.
- -In the last question maybe seprate those Apart cause taxes, non profit and volunteer because I'm not for more taxes but I'm for the other two. It kinda mess with the way I want to awser that one
- -Lumping Lutak Dock and the highway with new public construction again skews your result. Maintaining (repair) of two major transportation items is far different than having the borough build an ice rink, or even a new pool. The dock and highway are transportation needs, a pool or ice rink are not needs in our current budget crisis. We should not be

paying taxes to fund non-profits. Non- profits should be supported through people giving; if you can not find enough people or non- government money to operate go away.

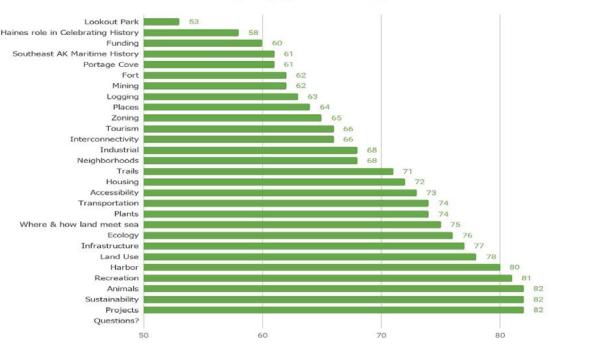
- -Non profits are the death of a healthy economy. Can't keep asking for handouts anymore. Times are tight and if we can't pay for it don't build it.
- -my vision for the future is sustainability. I have heard said that the town is dying, but in the last ten years the population of Haines has held steady if not increased by a small amount. It is difficult to make it here, but it can be done. this place isn't for most people in our country and many people move in but give up and move out. making things "easier" will not improve the quality of life we have here. if anything it will degrade it with growth.
- I support taxes for the services we all enjoy.
- -No -
- -No more taxes ,you can't tax your self into prosperity it will not work.
- -Survey is not written well. Haines Highway rebuild for safety should not damage bald eagle perching trees or salmon habitat. Opposed to increasing taxes.
- -you want more taxes? pay more than the 'suggested' amount. fewer borough employees No need to tax take care of what we have and have a stable economic future
- -Haines is about to make a huge mistake up Chilkat with highway straightening and a goal of a 55 mph speed corridor through a scenic byway that should maintain its wetlands and natural curves of the river. We need to reexamine those plans. Industrial scale logging is going to have a severe impact on river temperatures and local climate overall. Local community is harming itself by going down this road. Lutak dock safety and maintenance is essential..but not as a place for shipping out logs to Japan or as an ore terminal. Costs of development must be borne by the developers..not existing residents. Quality of life highest priority.
- -If Lutak dock is not rebuilt, it will become extremely expensive to live in Haines. Haines will suddenly be on par with more rural areas of Alaska as far as cost of living.
- -No new taxes read my lips Jobs jobs jobs

- I believe our local government has wasted huge amounts of money on projects, studies that aren't necessary and never come to fruition. The latest being the payment for yet another survey. We are a small community. We don't need to continually increase our government footprint and when we do, it should benefit the majority of the people rather than the few. I do not believe that government's job is to support and promote businesses. That should be up to the individuals who want to have a business.
- -I support whatever improvements are necessary for the safety and integrity of Lutak Dock but I do not support developing it to the point where Haines would become a major industrial transportation corridor. I support maintaining the Haines Highway but not "improving" it. I support building maintenance. I would like to see new building facilities built to high environmental standards to minimize our community's contribution to climate change. Any tax increases should be thoughtful and should not place disproportionate burden on people of lower income, as would be the case with an increase in sales tax.
- -I'm so happy that the highway improvement project is going forward. I think it will provide for safer travel but also allow for greater use by runners and bicyclists.
- -Projects is wide open. Depends on the project.
- -Possible to use one project to leverage for another.
- -Allow "projects" to organically evolve out of community consensus instead of out of bureaucratic dreamscapes.
- -I think a diverse economy is important, as is supporting current businesses and industries.
- -Not sure what "projects" mean.
- -What we are going to spend our time and money on as a community will take working together and compromise. The current National trend is a losing proposition for all.
- -We need to focus on rebuilding our industrial Lutak dock. I would like to see funding/grants for wellness as in a recreation center
- -My response depends of WHAT projects and WHAT grants. the questions are too broad to have any meaning.

- -Not sure what this means.
- -This is a free association excercise?
- -I believe a sustainable local timber industry has tremendous potential in Haines.
- -We have to learn to stand on our own feet and not be so heavily reliant on grants. It has already been proved that Haines depends way to much on grants
- -We have many public buildings, areas, and assets here that need better care and basic upgrades. Basic building repair, paint, landscaping, garbage removal, etc.
- I'd like to see the money we have used carefully. There is a lot to take care of and we may need to tap into grants more and become more self sufficient.

**Survey #2:** The low response rate for written comments prompted us to design a survey on the same topics that allowed participant to rate the level of importance each topic had for the respondent. 126 people responded to Survey #2 show here in graph form.





Graph showing the average importance placed on each topic by the 126 respondents to Survey #2. To simplify the task topics were rated on a scale of 1-10.

#### Alaska Arts Confluence

Portage Cove Waterfront Feedback

Comments	Source	Date	Topic Area
Haines is lucky to have this fine working harbor right in the middle of town. Yes it needs more work, but it's a critical piece of infrastructure and fun and interesting to walk around. Suggestions: the ice house doesn't need to be white, it could be, say, green (PLEASE don't put a mural on it, that would be silly). The parking area is not done but it would be more useful to the fishermen if there was a windbreak of trees all around the outer edge, and the walkway could go there and it could be really nice. There could be benches out there too. No reason it can't multitask but please remember, it's a working harbor, don't fuss it up too much- thanks.	facebook	06/05/19	The Harbor
We need more bike trails in Haines! The town is perfectly laid out to be connected with bike trails. Good trails already exist between the Fair and mountain market (the CIA trails). Connect those to the waterfront and make sure the new portage cove trail is bike friendly! I think it should have two lanes. One for bikes, one for walkers. The bike lane could connect from Picture point to the Lutak road bike lane for those who want to continue on towards Lutak. Another connection should go from Lookout Park(ing lot) up to downtown or the CIA trails. It wouldn't be that hard, and would greatly improve safety and environmentally-friendly accessibility around town. Plus it would improve quality of life!	feedback form	06/06/19	Downtown Core/Main Street Open space, beaches, trails & recreation Fort Seward Natural areas & ecology
help us reducing paved parking lots on the waterfront; keep entire waterfront beaches open to the public for the trail, recreation, and interconnectivity from end to end of Portage Cove; encourage reestablishing traditional vegetative habitat	feedback form	06/01/19	Harbor & Docks
happy to see the trail planning finally in the worksthe more trails, the more natural areas and beachfront preserved the betterthanks for all you are doing.	feedback form	05/27/19	Open space, beaches, trails & recreation Natural areas & ecology
Continue the Picnic and seating areas down on the beach (firepits) and trail to connect to the beach road.	CIA comment form	06/09/19	Picture Point
Picnic Pavillions/Fireplaces like Auke Rec village in Juneau	CIA comment form	06/09/19	Picture Point
It would be really great if the trail would continue on the front street as boardwalks on and off the sculptures telling the story of the history that is there. One way street would be hard to get used to but BENEFICIAL!! I walk that road as much as I drive it, so a great trail there would be awesome.	CIA comment form	06/09/19	The Village
I would like to see a town center and gathering place. I'd like to see it near the waterfront- but set back. Tlingit Park/Presbyterian church/Museum/V.C. Parking lot (made to look better) combine. Museum +Visitor Center- move to Museum. Trails link to town center from waterfront. I see art and statues along the museum, Tlingit park, church overlooking the waterfront on the hill. Welcoming people. Haines is a waterfront town and the focus is of Haines (downtown) should all be centered around that. However we need wind breaks for the wind to create sunny sitting areas and play areas. All trails near the school and CIA trails should link to the Fairgrounds and golf course area to make ski trails link. Approach to Haines from Highway needs help. There is a Y and it's confusing.	CIA comment form	06/09/19	Downtown
Better directional signs entering town. From 2nd ave. (ferry) it says Port Chilkoot instead of Harbor. The "Y" from the highway- signs are very confusing. WAYFINDING!	CIA comment form	06/09/19	Downtown
We need a town center, a hub! I would like to see it on the corner of 3rd and Main, also to move the visitor Center there. It would be great to have the trail have an access point to Main St. so that it brings them together. The Hub could include Food Kiosks, the Visitor Center, local art, a music emporium and? It could be built in increments. I think it would breathe life into the downtown! Signs could be posted from the ferry terminal and the highway, directing them to the town center. It would revitalize the downtown and increase revenue! Thanks for the opportunity to respond:)	CIA comment form	06/09/19	Downtown

Comments SouMone ToDateArea Date Source The empty grass on 3rd and main should have an ampitheater! It 06/09/19 Downtown would be a great place to have vendors,- the Farmer's Market would be better located here, I think. It would be the perfect place for First Friday- artist vendors- during the fair, etc.- & with the ampitheatre, there could be music for events, open mic night in the summer, etc. View Spot, sitting areas or even picnic tables along the CIA comment 06/09/19 The Harbor sidewalk/parking lot bordering harbor. People like to look at the Fishermen/boaters would enjoy places to relax and chat in the parking 06/09/19 The Harbor CIA comment lot that doesn't feel like a parking lot. More picnic, seating areas that are on the beach. Platforms or areas CIA comment 06/09/19 Recreation that are usable- that are now brush More access points and way finding. Naturalized trail, but with CIA comment 06/09/19 Recreation memorable, and dramatic pieces, like the "Welcome figure" in more landscaped spots with Viewpoints and photo opportunities. Sculptures and art along waterfront to harbor 06/09**CIA** com CIA Lestine Ro Recreation Ample spots to stop and take photos or inteact. Make section a 06/09/19 CIA comment Recreation destination, not a walk through. We need to preserve some of the trees and nature in the middle of our 06/09/19 Recreation CIA comment Needs more places for visitors to interact and experience the history. CIA comment 06/09/19 Fort Seward Connect through to Battery Point, even if only with signs 06/09/19 Fort Seward CIA donnhent More History incorporated into actual water front, art installations, CIA comment 06/09/19 Fort Seward memorials Sculpture that leads to sculpture Garden... or way finding to all things CIA comment 06/09/19 Fort Seward Fort, from Waterfront ADA accessable SMOOTH with contour of the land down to the CIA comment 06/09/19 The Docks beach, a natural feel, yet lets everyone get on the beach for at least a User friendly access to food, fish markets, bounty of land offerings, CIA comment 06/09/19 The Docks local Art Shops Nobody knows this is here! Trail markers, nature platforms and CIA comment 06/09/19 Connection to nature educational markers. 06/09/19 More access points to the water for kayaking, swimming, standup CIA comment Connection to nature paddleboarding. We love the saltwater pond just before Portage Cove Park. Diverse 06/09/19 CIA comment Connection to nature wild bird, otter, seal, etc. sightings. The lookout in the park is also fantastic.

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