

### SITKA STRAIL WORKS

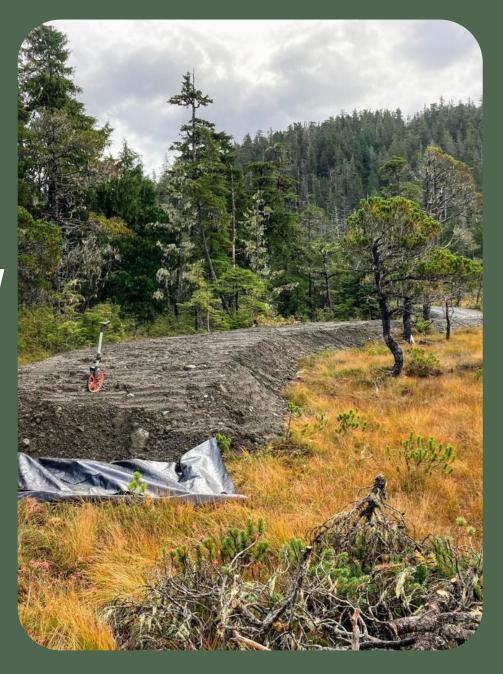
Executive Director, Ben Hughey

## Agenda

- Multi-modal trail
- Accessible viewpoint
- Volunteer program
- Trail Plan

## Project Undates

## Cross Trail Multi-modal pathway



2.6 miles of new trail



Connected network from downtown



#### Funding

#### Grant funders

- FHWA Federal LandsAccess Program
- Denali Commission

#### Match from

- Royal Caribbean Cruise
- Shee Atika Inc





# Harbor Mountain Sitka Sound Viewpoint Trail



Funded by Forest Service -Great American Outdoors Act

# Harbor Mountain Sitka Sound Viewpoint Trail



Local contractor Island Enterprises



Restoration by volunteers on NPLD

#### Salmon Lake

- 2 volunteer work parties
- 56 volunteers
- Over 30,000 pounds of gravel distributed



#### Salmon Lake



**Marine Transportation** 



**Rainforest weather** 



**Volunteer capacity** 



Fun

Funding by National Forest Foundation Leftover micro-grant

#### Volunteer Program

- Partnership with US Forest
   Service
- Funded by Ten Year Trail
   Stewardship Challenge
- Will be hosting at least quarterly volunteer events



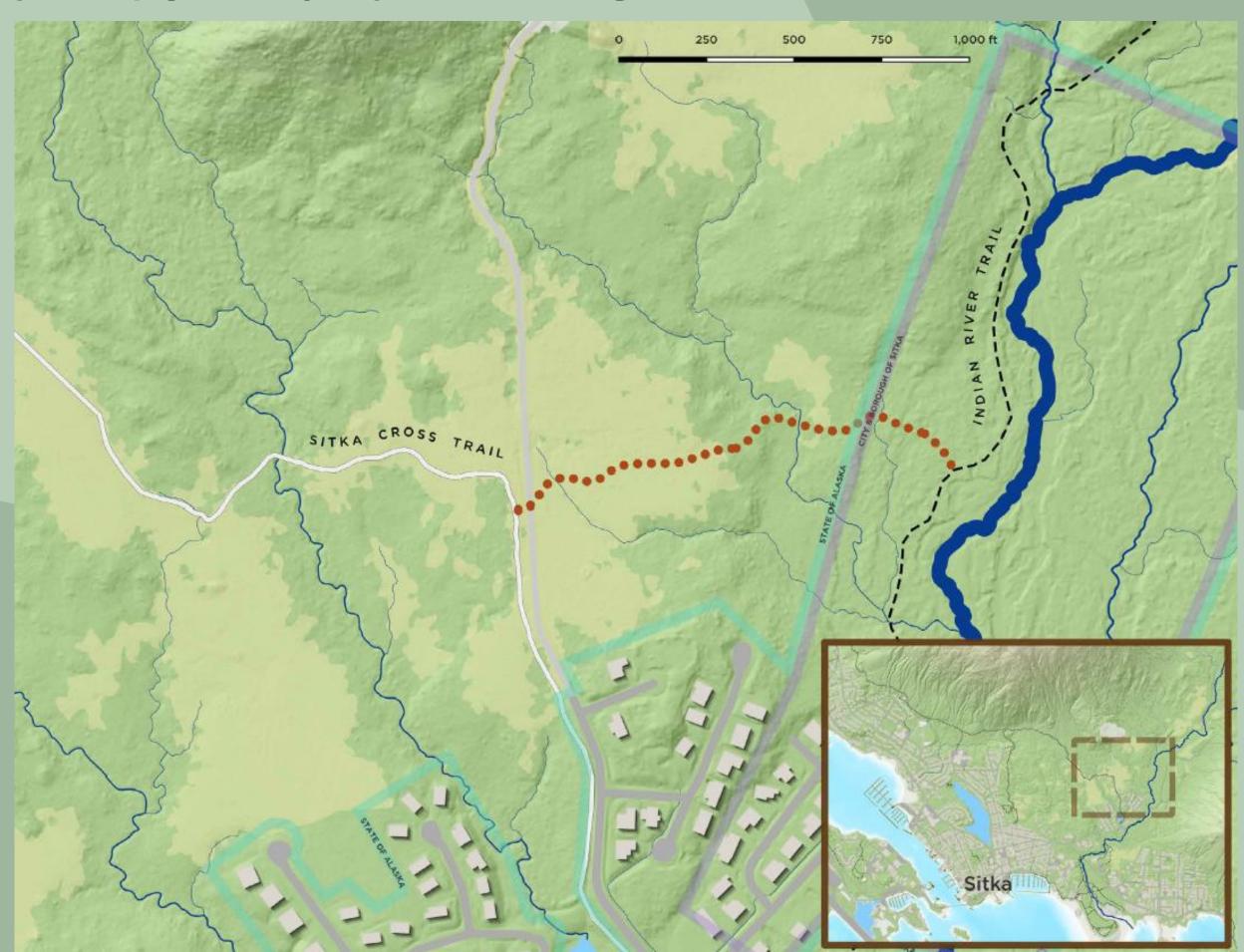


## 2023 Sitka Trail Plan

#### Planning Process & Outreach Timeline

FALL/WINTER **FALL 2023 FALL 2021 WINTER 2022** SPRING 2022 **SUMMER 2022** 2022 SPRING 2023 SITKA **TRAIL GENERAL** TRAIL FIRST REFINEMENT **TRAIL PLAN** TRAIL PLAN COMMITTEE **SURVEY & FEASIBILITY CONCEPTS** TO FINAL TRAIL **LAUNCHED ASSESSMENTS** MEETING **OPEN HOUSE PROPOSALS RELEASED! SURVEY** Trail Plan launch January 2022 April 2022 October 2022 Analysis and announced at Committee **General Survey** Trail concept maps List of trail concepts further scouting of trail launched and the public STW adopted goals, displayed for refined after Committee concepts to scoped geography, review of survey results solicited responses Annual Meeting; feedback during determine initial Zoom breakout user types, and through May. public STW Annual and agency input. feasibility of groups of STW facility types. Meeting. suggested trails. May 2022 members brainstormed and February 2022 Trail Plan December 2022 Community Open shared ideas. Committee Trail Concepts Survey launched creates public House. and ran through January, with participation plan. respondents ranking and commenting on slate of trail and cabin ideas. REFINEMENT OF TRAIL CONCEPTS **103 TRAIL 59 TRAIL 33 TRAIL** 27 **CONCEPTS PROPOSALS CONCEPTS FINAL TRAIL** met initial remaining based on Goals compiled from General Survey **PROPOSALS** feasibility open-call, remaining proposals **Rubric and Proposals Survey** assessment. from 2003 Trail Plan, and responses. partner agency Ideas.

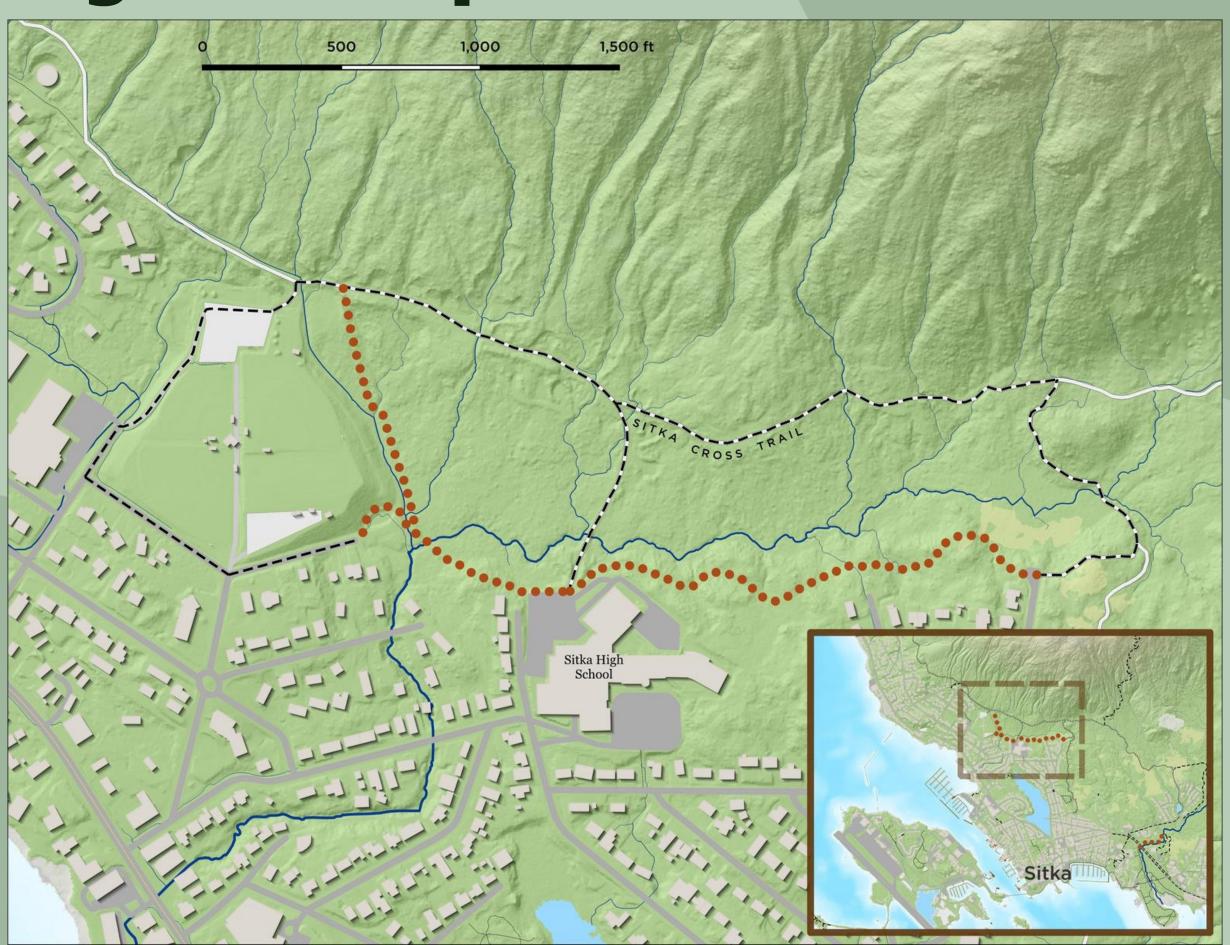
#### Cross Trail to Indian River



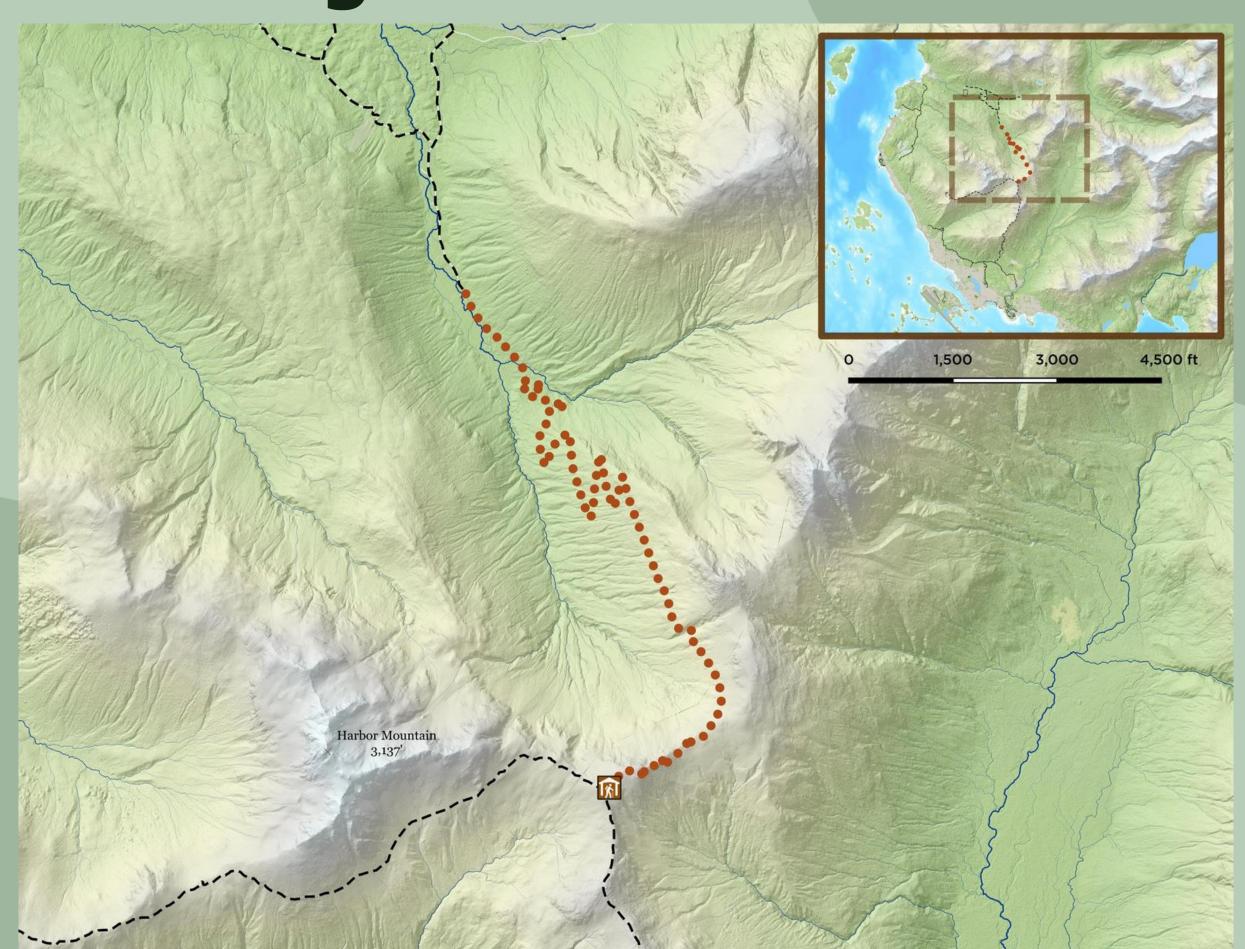
Medvejie Lake Reroute



#### Sitka High 5K Loop



### South Fork Starrigavan to Harbor



# Thank you! Any questions?



## Lingít Aaní Trail Works Camp

SUMMER 2023



- Inspired by the SCORE Program
  - Offered in partnership with STA





## Program Goals

- Support cultural education
- Promote community trails and trail maintenance
- Foster a fun and comfortable
   space for all

### Two 16 year old Youth Leaders hired through STA and Tlingit and Haida

Got job skills training including first aid, leadership skills, communication skills, and a two work field crew experience with other STW staff.



#### Projects with multiple land management agencies



National Park Service

**Totem Park** 



**USDA Forest Service** 

Kaasda Heen, Starrigavan Estuary Trail, Sandy Beach



Alaska State Parks

Mosquito Cove,
Forest and Muskeg,
Halibut Point Recreation
Area



City and Borough of Sitka

Blatchley Middle School, Cutthroat Creek, Medvejie Lake

## Campers got to participate in cultural activities including beading and harvesting berries, s'axt', and s'ikshaldeen



#### 17 youth served

Within just 6 weeks of camp.

#### 75% of campers

would be interested in attending camp if it is offered again.

## Numerous agency and community partnerships

made this camp possible.

## To learn more, explore the Youth Program Story Map created by Kushxeet Sienna Reid



aa Héen Starrigavan



Shis'g'l Noow Sitka National Historical Park



Wootsaagáa X'áat'l Táak Halibut Point Recreation...



T'áax'aa Geeyí Mosquito Cove



Blatchley Middle School



Kadaleich Xágu Sandy Beach



Cross Trail Connector



Ben Grussendorf Forest & Muskeg Trail



Kaasda Héen Indian River







