



SITKA TRAIL WORKS

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Agenda

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

Project Updates

Cross Trail

Multi-modal pathway

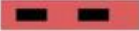





2.6 miles of new trail



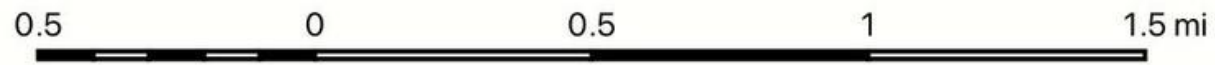
Connected network
from downtown

Sitka Cross Trail

-  Cross Trail
-  Cross Trail (shared use with vehicles)
-  Hiking Trail
-  Harbor Mountain Road

Cross Trail Access Points:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Kaasda Héen/Indian River | 5) Charteris Street | 9) Harbor Mountain Road |
| 2) Baranof Street | 6) S'us' Héeni/Cascade Ck. | 10) Cruise Dock Connector |
| 3) Sitka High School/Lake St. | 7) Kramer Ave. Benchlands | 11) Gájaa Héen/Starrigavan |
| 4) Kimsham Ballfields | 8) Benchlands North | |



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Funding

Grant funders

- FHWA Federal Lands Access 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



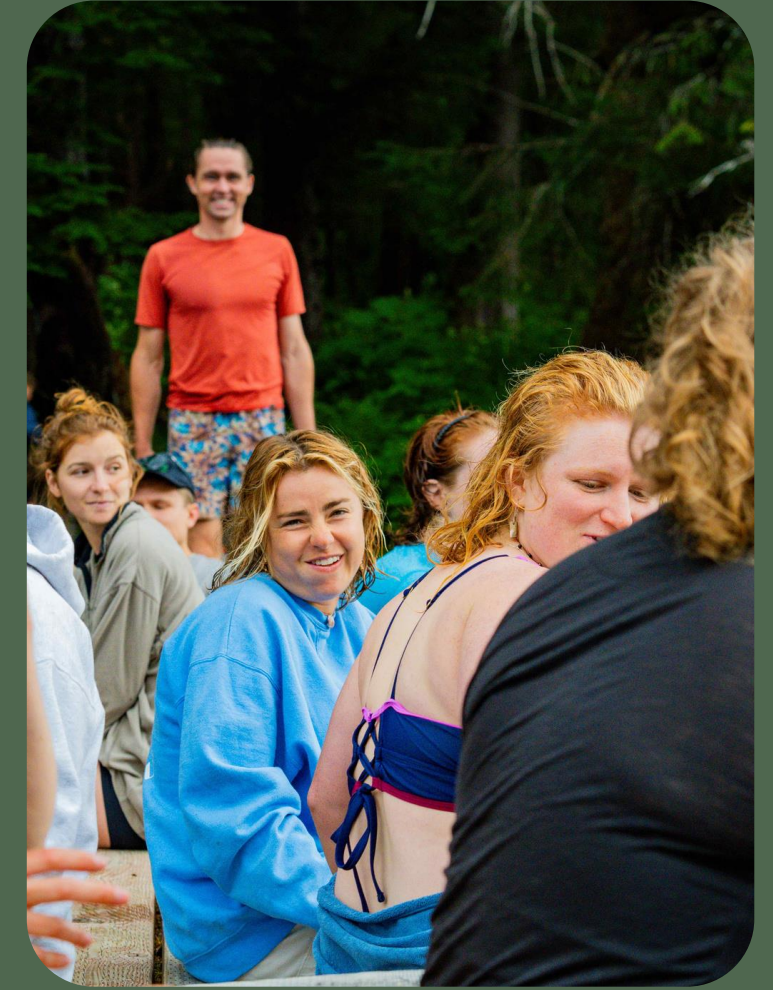
Marine Transportation



Rainforest weather



Volunteer capacity



Fun

Funding by National Forest Foundation

Leftover micro-grant

Volunteer Program

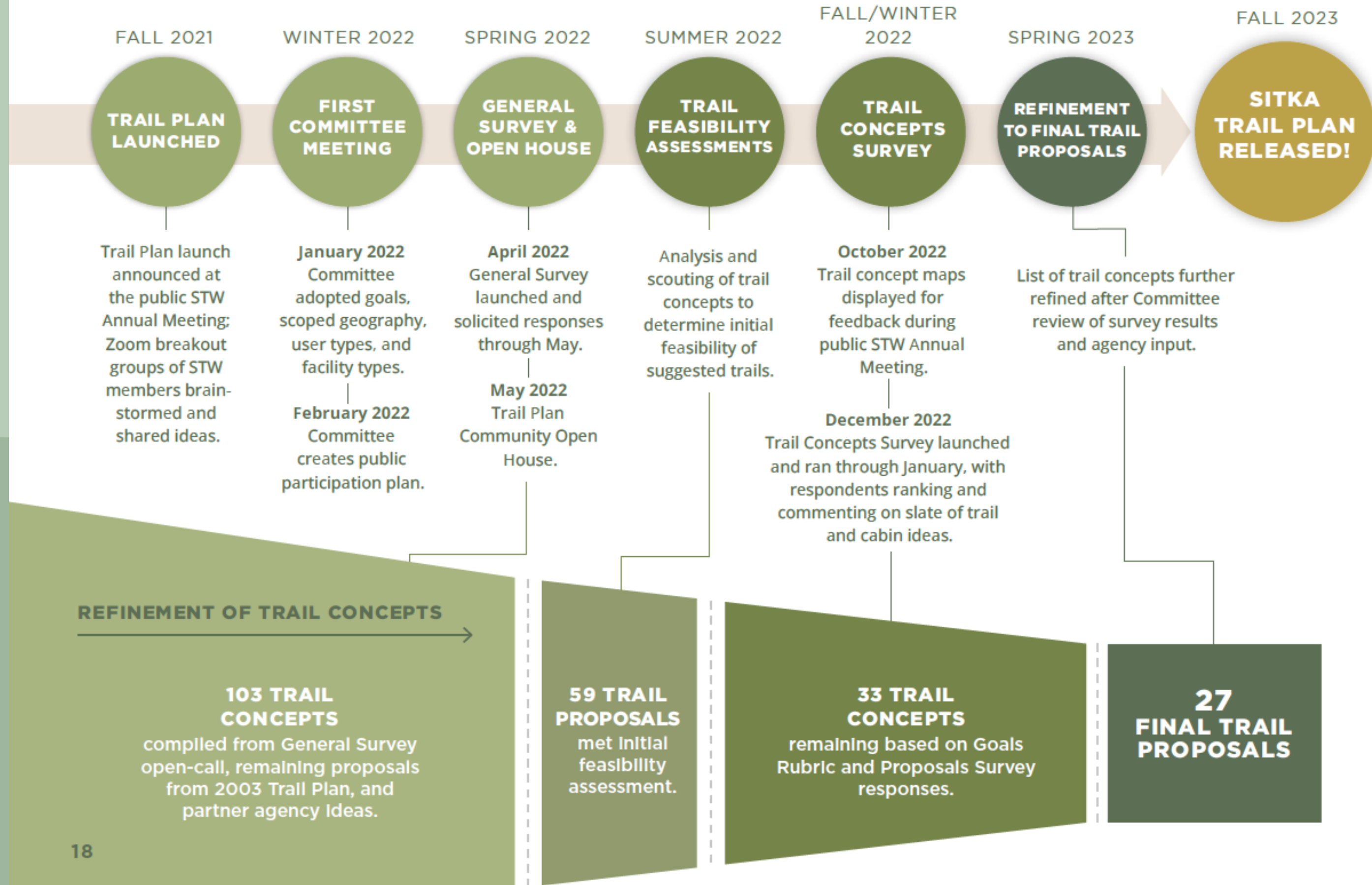
- Partnership with US Forest Service
- Funded by Ten Year Trail Stewardship Challenge
- Will be hosting at least quarterly volunteer events



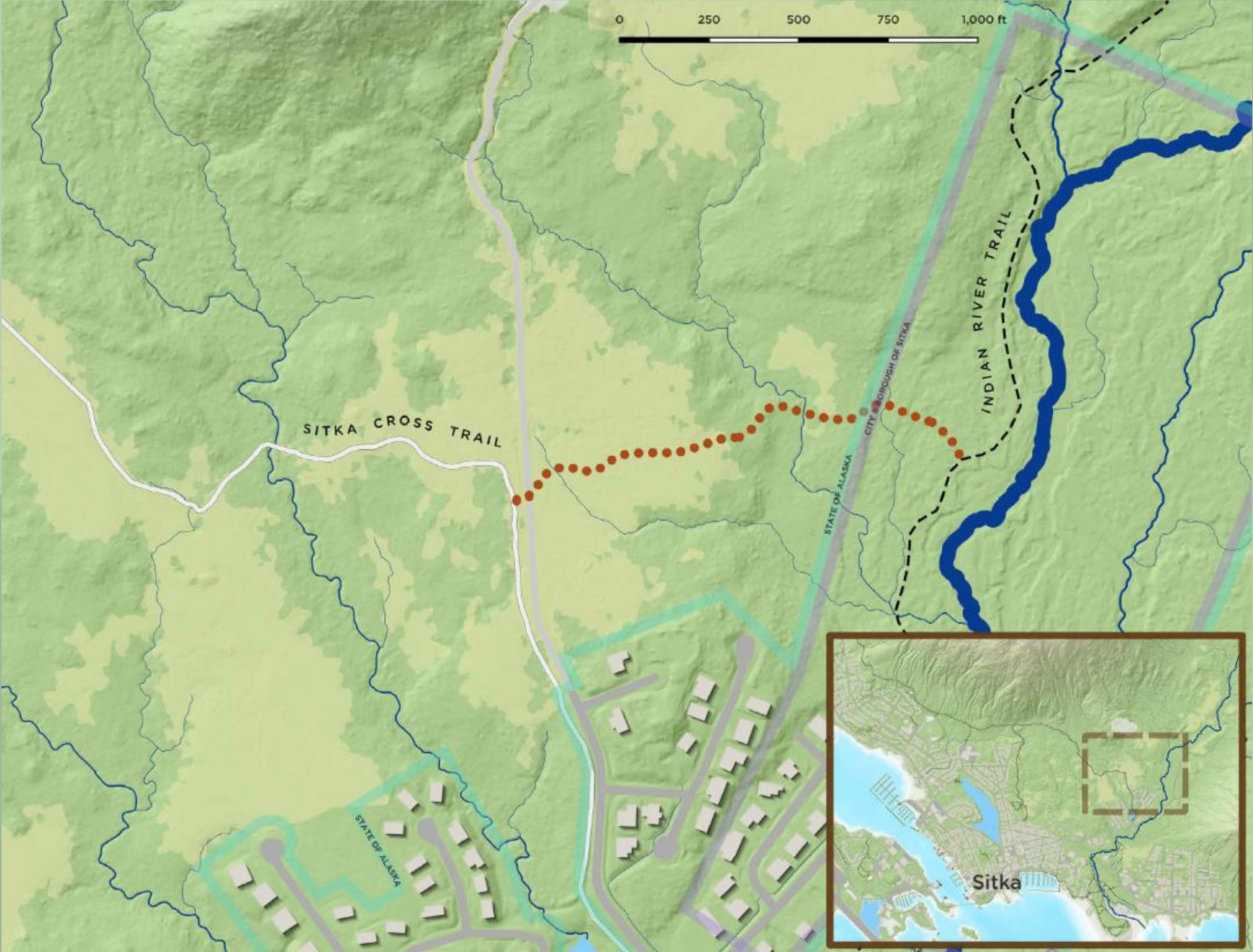


2023 Sitka Trail Plan

Planning Process & Outreach Timeline



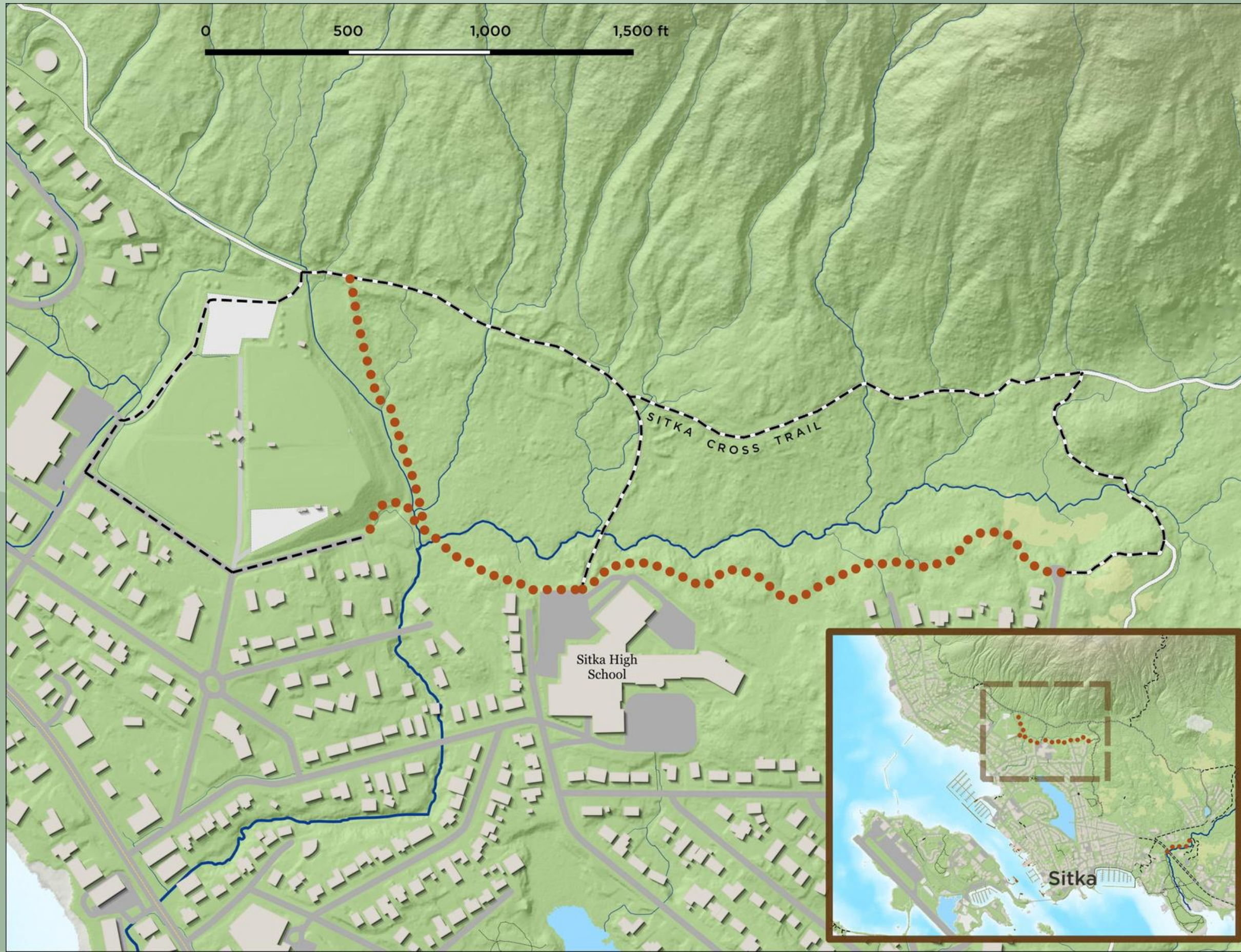
Cross Trail to Indian River



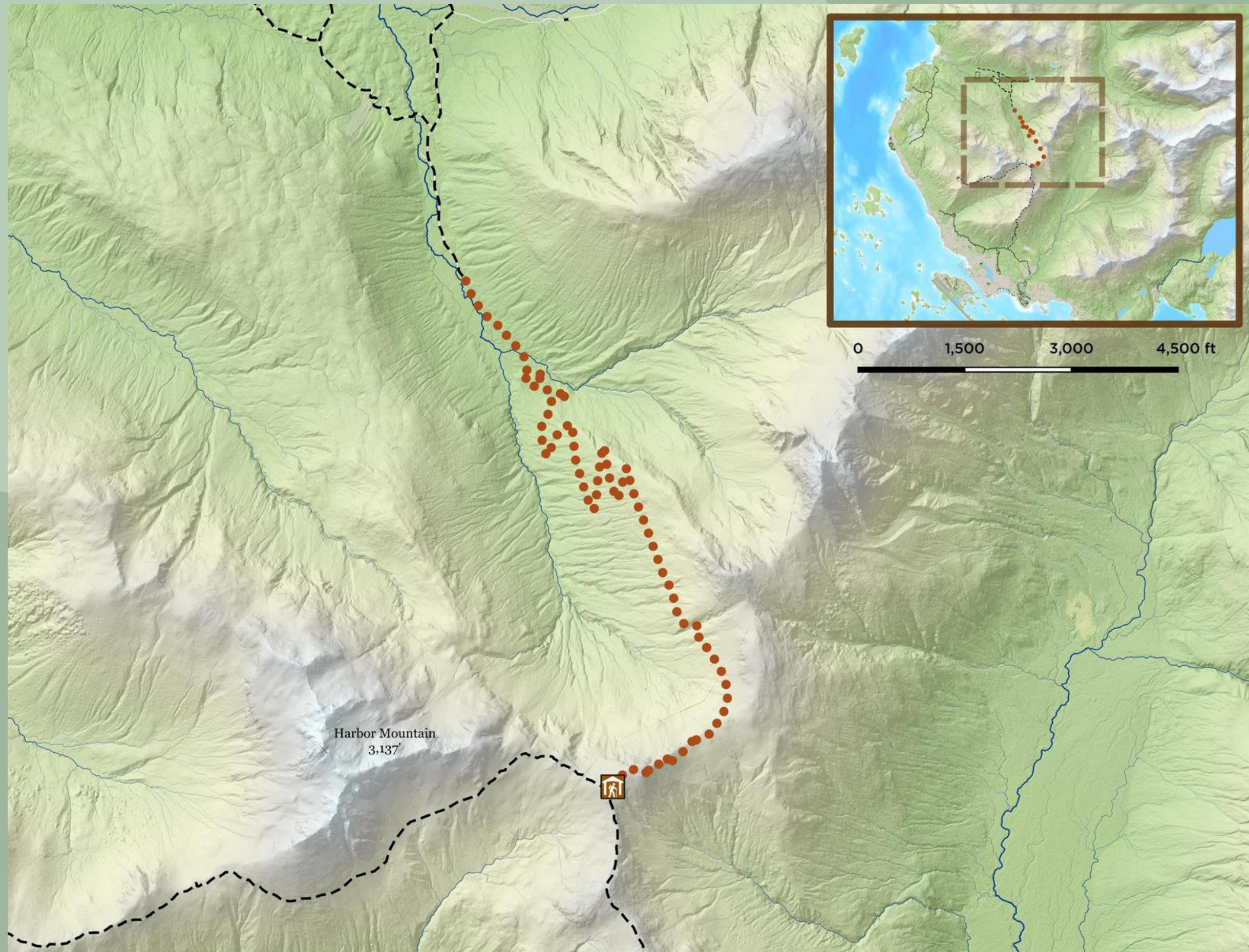
Medvejie Lake Reroute



Sitka High 5K Loop



South Fork Starrigavan to Harbor



Thank you!

Any questions?



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TRAIL WORKS

Lingít Aaní Trail Works Camp

SUMMER 2023



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- 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



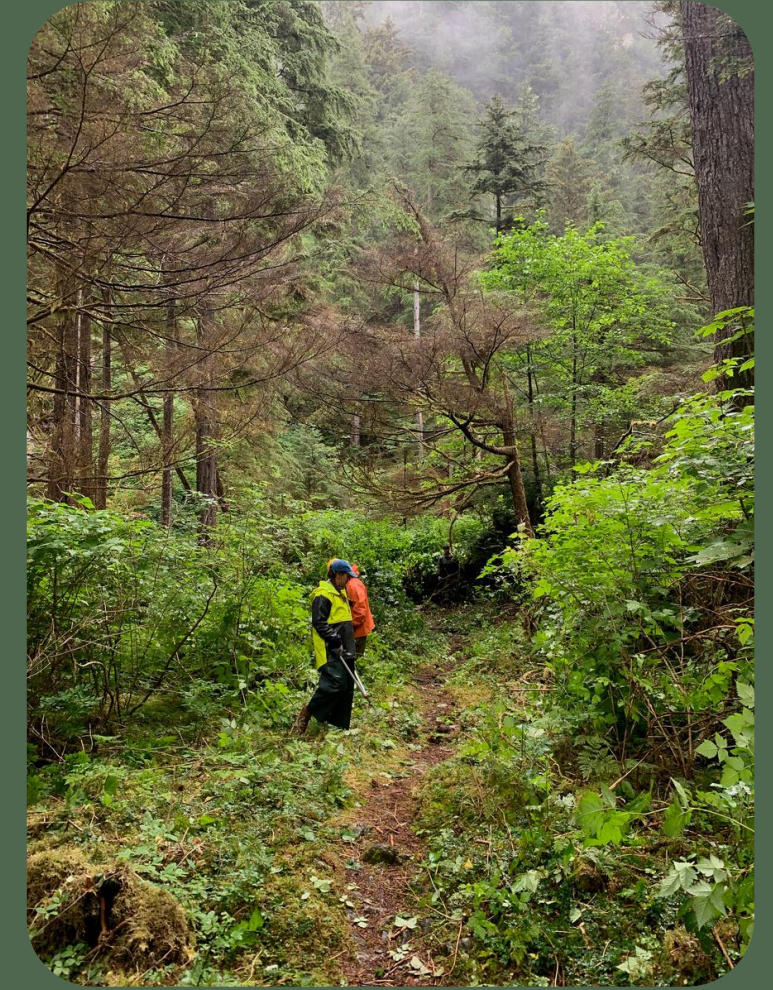
USDA Forest Service

**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.

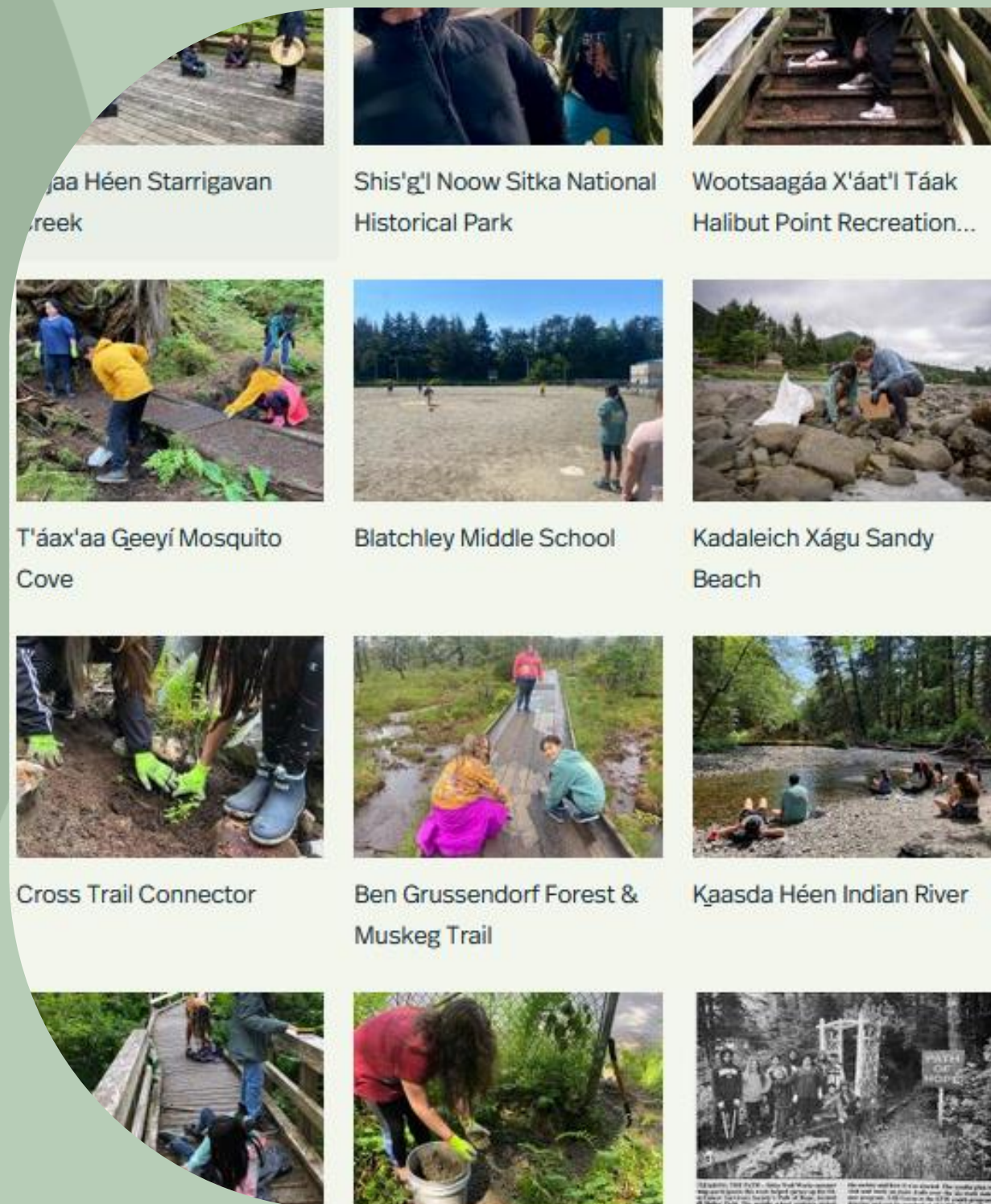
75% of campers

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



Woo'tsaagáa Héen Starrigavan
Creek

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

