

Homer Trails Alliance

HTA is a non-profit of avid hiking enthusiasts. We are working together to promote, maintain and develop sustainable trails in the Homer area on the north side of Kachemak Bay.

Stewarding a robust trail network for a connected community



Funding



100 Women Who Care
Donation



Homer Foundation grants



Community Assistance
Program (CAP) grant



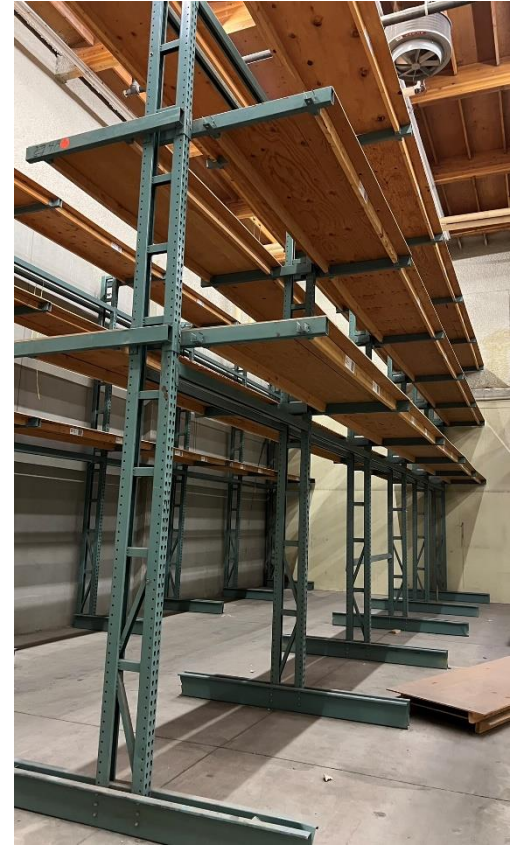
Private donations



Very resourceful at salvaging
materials that can be used
for building trails

6x8 guardrail timbers
from local road rehab
project

Shelving from
warehouse that needed
to get moved; metal
supports strong enough
to be used as
boardwalk joists



Who We Work With

City of Homer

Homer Soil & Water
Conservation District

Kachemak Nordic Ski
Club

Independent Living
Center

Homer Cycling Club





Boardwalks for Wet Trails

We considered step and run boardwalk since it is less expensive & popular for wet areas - but not appropriate for folks with balance issues.

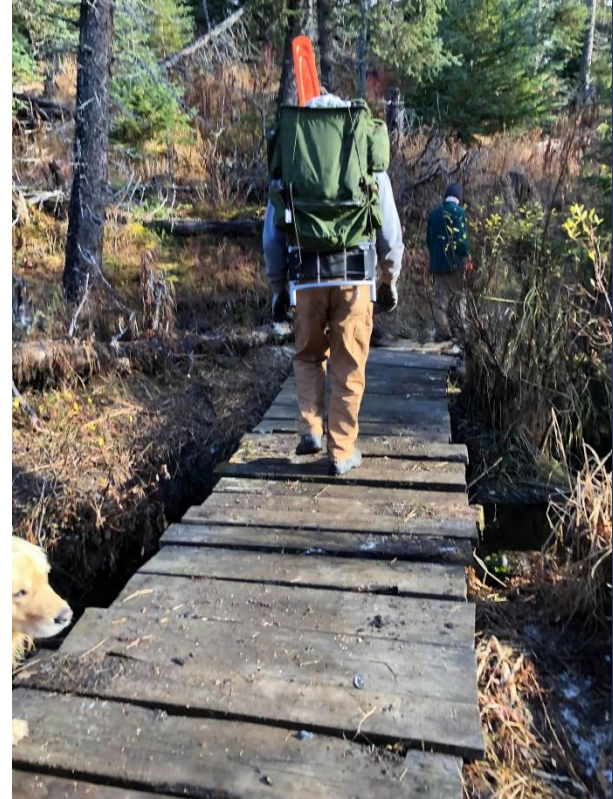
Any boardwalks we construct on a ski trail must be 6-8ft wide to accommodate grooming equipment. We are working with ski club to cost share on mutual trails that would otherwise only need to be 3ft wide for hikers.



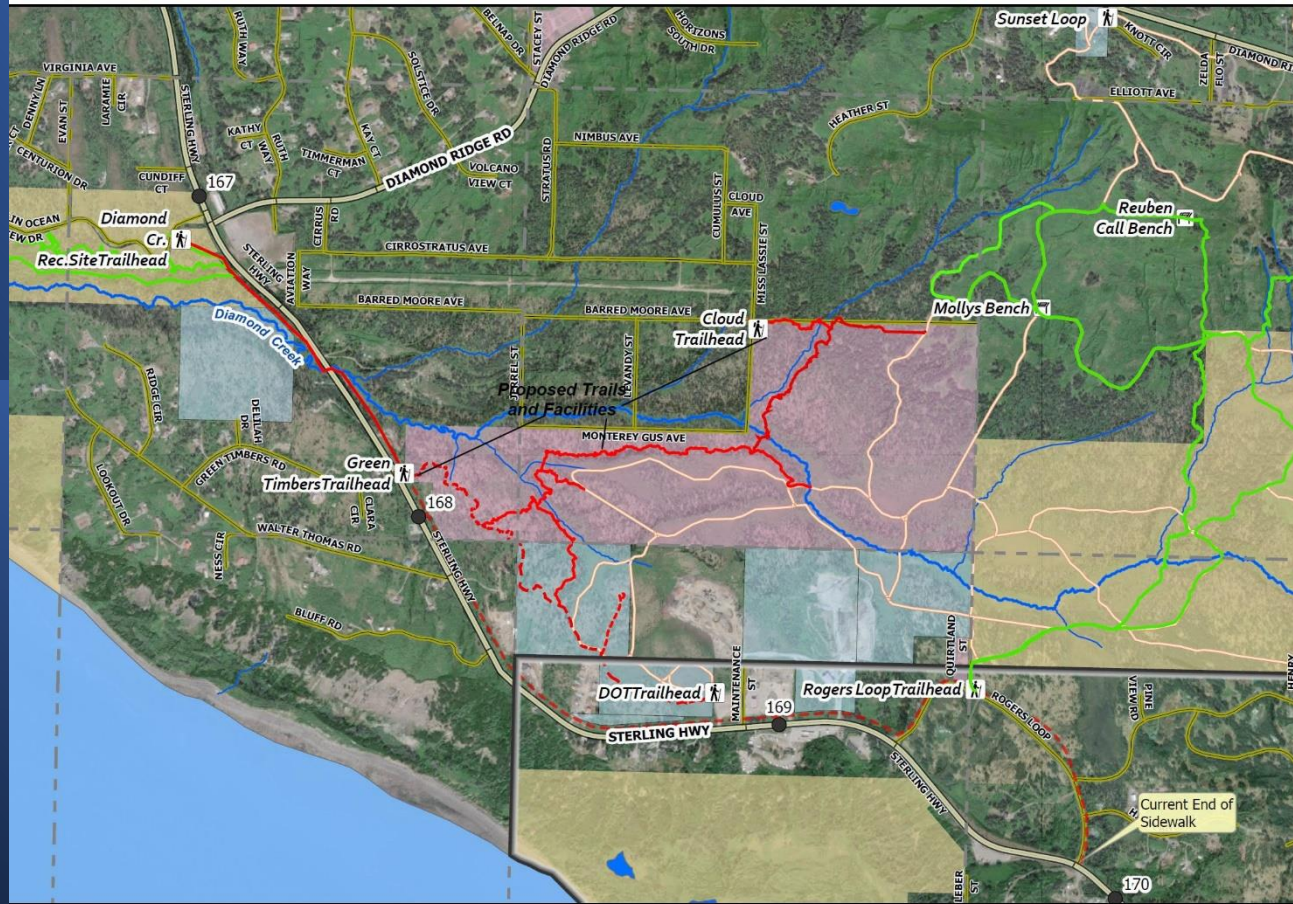


Vision

- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant – connect Rogers Loop to Diamond Creek SRS – 4.7 million dollars
 - Establish pedestrian connectivity between Alaska State Parks Diamond Creek State Recreation Site and City of Homer Green Timbers Trailhead; construct off road parking at the Rogers Loop Trailhead; this includes a multiplate tunnel under the highway for non motorized transportation
 - Construct summer use trails within the City of Homer’s Diamond Creek Recreation Area (DCRA) as outlined in the 2013 plan including all ages & abilities trail
 - Establish direct connectivity between the proposed Green Timbers Trailhead at MP 167.9 and the DOT Trailhead at MP 168.9 to the Rogers Loop Trailhead on Rogers Loop Road – detached pathway
 - Establish connectivity from the Roger Loop Trailhead to the existing sidewalk along the east side of the Sterling Highway at MP 169.9



Project Map

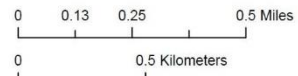


Sources: KPB (parcels, roads, LIDAR 2008)
 Hiker's Paradise
 Parks, State trails
 H&M (LIDAR, ACCEPT/PP, roads)
 Rivers, Lakes
 H&M (Aerial) imagery
 H&M (H&M) data trails
 Alaska State Plane Zone 4, NAD83
 GCS2011
 Author: C. Barnwell, HTA



Legend

	Proposed All Abilities Trails		Streets		ADNR Owned Parcels
	Proposed Connector Trails		Major Roads		KPB Owned Parcels
	Highway Milepost		Hiking and Biking Trails		City of Homer Parcels
	Winter (ski) Trails		Bench		City Homer Boundary
	Trailhead		USGS Section Lines		



WEST HOMER RECREATION PLANNING

What are we doing now?



- The project has given HTA a roadmap for how to develop trails in what we are calling the “Baycrest Recreation Area”
- Most of our projects are “mud to board” ; Will continue developing summer trails moving towards Diamond Creek Recreation Area
- 3 trail projects funded for this summer – extending boardwalk & reroute of ski trail to make it summer friendly
- Focused on getting KML files of Homer area trails on website



Homestead Mower and Horse Team
This is a photo of a hay mower in the 1930s in Alaska. Although this photo was taken near Homer, Alaska, the mower in this photo is nearly identical to the one found at this spot. This mower is a type of mower used by homesteaders in the 1930s and 1940s in Homer. This is a homestead hay mower commonly used by the farmers in southern Alaska in the time.

Ongoing Projects

- Throughout the Homer area, Identify potential easements & prioritize trails for maintenance
- Website & mapping
- Restoring historic Homestead trail (700 hikers/week) with interpretive panels
- Continue building boardwalks & bridges over wetlands and drainages
- Construct kiosks at trailheads with trail information, maps & educational information on wildlife, flora and fauna, and history

We have a very diverse Board; all experienced longtime Homer residents

Here is our surveyor and GIS specialist





Volunteers

- We have a small population base to pull volunteers from
- Notice age of volunteers in photos you have seen
- High School seniors must do 40 hour service project to graduate
- American Hiking Society Volunteer trail crew for summer 2024



Homer volunteer population base 18-65 years
old is 2500 people

Anchorage is 183,000 people



: Back View :

Friend Raising Event



“Coming out” party at Alices June 7th; not a fund raiser



Large maps on walls



Get HTAs name out in the community



Wind jacket designed with HTA logo; walking advertisements & used as door prize



Slide show



Advertise in the paper, local radio etc

Questions?

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