

Kodiak Trails Update

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Island Trails Network

Since 2006, ITN has been a member based 501 (c)(3) non profit organization.

Our Mission: To develop, maintain, and promote sustainable trails, waterways, shorelines and access to those resources throughout the Kodiak archipelago through action, advocacy, and education.



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Trails Update

- **Near Island**
Circumnavigate the island based on comprehensive development plan
- **Saltery Cove**
One of the longest multi-use trails on the Island
- **Connecting Community**
Financial sponsors for a group that wants an off road path connecting Kodiak's largest communities

- Near Island is part of the City of Kodiak and trails are part of Near Islands development plan, as well as conservation areas.
- Balancing green space with industrial/corporate use
- Active development has required monitoring and advocacy over the years
- Funded: largely through donations, the city has provided gravel at no cost



NEAR ISLAND



Running Community!

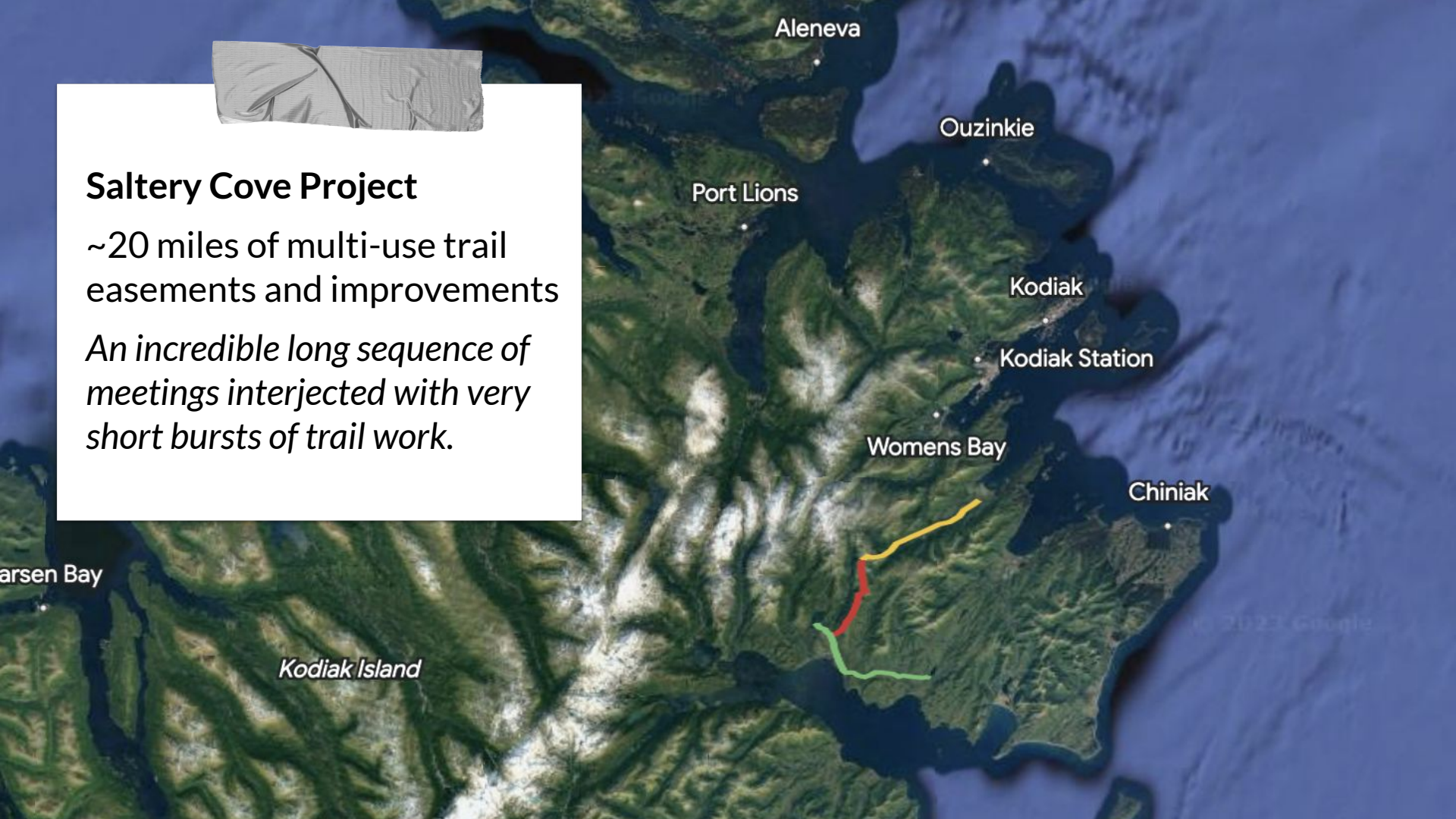
- Rotary International
- Private donors
- Community service from traveling X-Country teams
- North End, no significant work
- South End hardening projects

Illustration by Marcus Dunbar

Saltery Cove Project

~20 miles of multi-use trail easements and improvements

An incredible long sequence of meetings interjected with very short bursts of trail work.



An aerial photograph of a mountainous region with a white text box overlaid on the left side. The text box contains the title 'Saltery Cove Project' and a bulleted list of project details. Three colored lines are overlaid on the map: a yellow line at the top right, a red line in the center, and a green line at the bottom left. The background shows a mix of green forest, brown rocky terrain, and a dark lake at the bottom left. A small white rectangular object is visible at the top left of the map area.

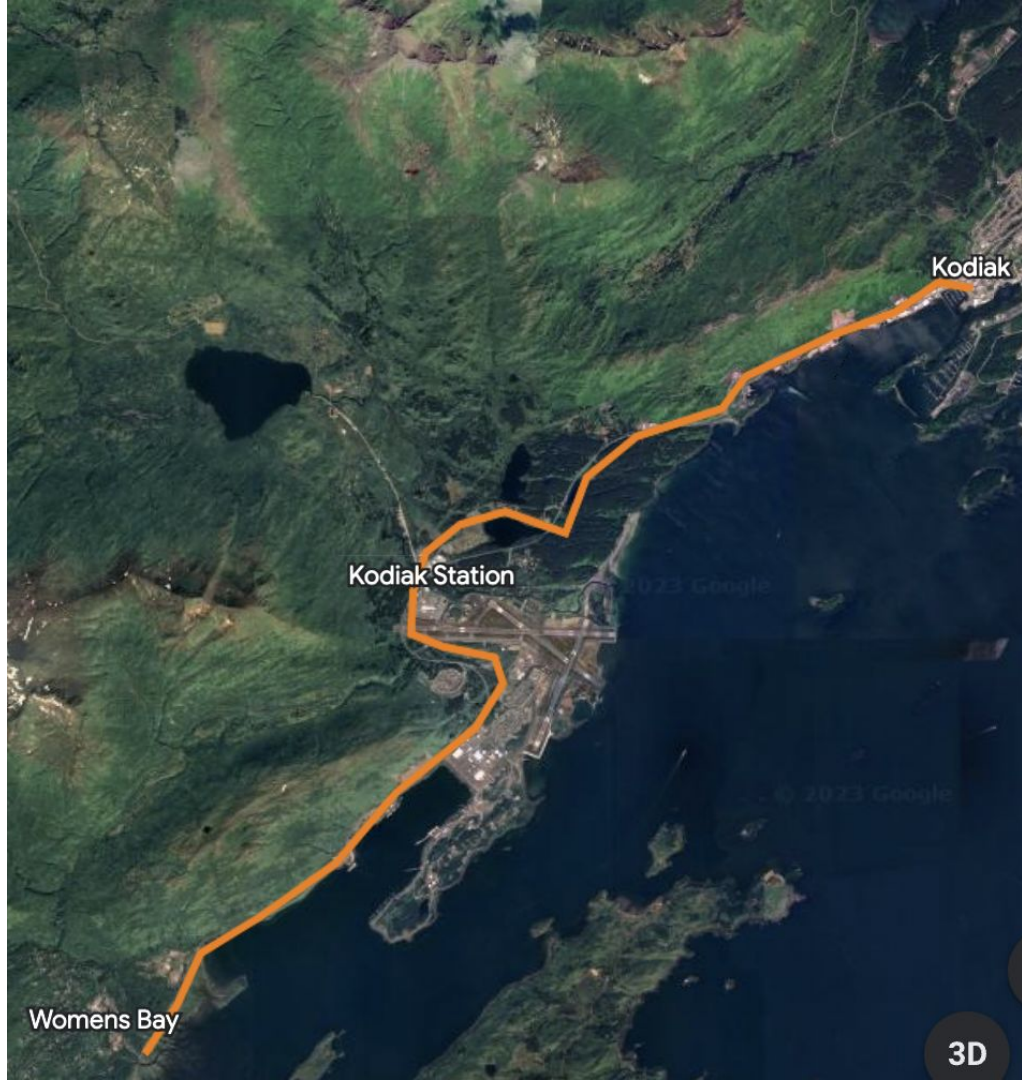
Saltery Cove Project

- A decade of work
- Ownership is now borough
- They currently hold the Hunters Access grant for the current project
- Gold: original road bed easement
- Red: New easement from the top of the pass to Hurst Creek (*Complete*)
- Green: Saltery Lake to Lake Miam
- Need to re-route sections of trail before survey and easement

Connecting Community

A small group of local advocates and volunteers.

Vision: Have an off road path that connects Kodiak's largest communities on the road system: Kodiak, Coast Guard Base, & Womens Bay





Current Stage: 2.5 mile

Coast Guard: currently expanding housing in red circle

First $\frac{1}{4}$ mile complete: 6' wide reused asphalt = \$7 per linear foot



Womans Bay Safety...

Co-Stewardship with Native
Corporation and public entity

Safety

Bear/bird viewing

Recreation

