

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Island Trails Network****Federal Tax ID: 208024635****Project Title:****Project Type: New Construction and Land Acquisition**

Island Trails Network - Near Island Trails Phase III

State Funding Requested: \$16,187**House District: 36 / R**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Construction of proposed trails identified in the 2012 KIB Comprehensive Trails Plan.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$38,368
Funding Already Secured:	(\$22,181)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$16,187)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

Initial planning and fundraising for Phase III began in 2010. In-kind contributions were committed in fall 2011 and project was submitted to Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board (ORTAB) in November 2011. We recently learned that ORTAB was de-funded in 2012 so we are submitting this as a legislative request for the 2012 session.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

HISTORY: Island Trails Network in partnership with the City of Kodiak proposes to construct approximately 2600' of hiking trail on municipal land located on Near Island in the city of Kodiak, Alaska. ITN believes a robust system of trails on Near Island serves the recreational needs and provides healthy alternatives to automobile travel for all members of the community. By providing hiking experiences easily accessible from downtown these trails also add to the visitor experience and provide an economic return to the city of Kodiak.

APPLICABILITY TO CURRENT PLANS: All of these proposed trails are in keeping with the 1987 Near Island Comprehensive Development plan adopted by the City of Kodiak and the Kodiak Island Borough. In 2011 City of Kodiak renewed their commitment by passing a resolution (2011-34) specifically supporting Near Island Phase III. Trail segments on municipal land are zoned for public use or conservation, both of which list recreational activities (to include trails) as a permitted use.

PERMITS: A Right-of-Way encroachment permit has been obtained from ADOT&PF. ITN began permitting for this project in 2010 when the Alaska Coastal Management Plan was still in force. Although ACMP is not in effect as of this date, we understand efforts are underway to restore it. An ACMP letter of "No Review Required" has been obtained indicating full environmental compliance.

CONSTRUCTION: The proposed Phase III trail will be constructed primarily by hand tools (Hand saws, Lopping Shears, ProHoe, Pulaski, McLeod, Shovel & Rake), using volunteer and service learning trail crews recruited and trained by ITN. Motorized brush cutters, pole saws and chainsaws may be used by trained personnel for corridor clearing. Tracked gravel

buggies and plate compactors may be used by trained personnel to haul and compact gravel. Matching funds will be used to purchase concrete coating and brushes and used to remove graffiti from bridge abutment visible from trail.

SPECIFICATIONS: The trail will meet the design standards of a Type III (Moderately Developed/Improved) trail as identified in the USFS Trail Classification Standards. These specifications include 36" wide full bench cut, 24" wide tread surface, 8' clearing height, and surface vegetation cleared to 18" outside tread edge. Because of the horizontal nature of alder growing on steep slopes, vegetation may need to be cleared further to provide an obstruction-free corridor. The tread surface will be comprised of a 4" cap of imported D1 aggregate on top of geo-textile underlayment to avoid displacement of volcanic ash prevalent on Kodiak island. Vegetative clearing and soil disturbance will be limited to that required for trail construction and minimal brushing of for the purposes of vista clearing.

Since 2009 ITN has leveraged over \$26,700 in the planning of this project and in previous phases of trail construction. Phase I was completed with volunteer labor and donated materials valued at over \$16000. Phase II was appropriated \$8000 by the Alaska Legislature with \$8000 match by ITN. Gravel for both Phase I and Phase II was donated by the City of Kodiak, valued at over \$2700. ITN has also received in-kind donations from the private sector including a conceptual land use plan funded by adjacent landowner Koniag Inc.

Project Timeline:

Trail construction will be performed by several different ITN trail crews over the course of approximately 55 field days between Sep 1, 2012-June 30, 2013. Initial layout and corridor clearing will occur September, 2012 (\$4400). Tight flagging, excavation, tread construction and gravel capping will occur May 20-June 30, 2013 (\$11,772).

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Kodiak / Island Trails Network

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No



Kodiak Island Borough

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November 9, 2010

Bill Luck, State Trails Coordinator
Alaska State Trails Program
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550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1380
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Dear Mr. Luck:

RE: Near Island Trail Development

This is a letter of support for Island Trails Network's grant application to the Alaska State Trails Program. The Kodiak Island Borough supports ITN's proposal to construct approximately 1/2 miles of hiking trail on the greenbelt facing Near Island channel, and another approximately 1/4-mile spur linking this trail to existing trails in South End Park. These proposed trails are in keeping with the 1987 Near Island Comprehensive Development plan adopted by the Kodiak Island Borough Assembly, KIB Planning & Zoning Commission.

Near Island's growing trails system serves an increasingly important role in meeting the recreational needs of the Kodiak community, with uses ranging from high school physical education classes, lunchtime hikes for downtown workers to therapeutic exercise walks for senior citizens. With easy access from the ferry and cruise ship docks, and downtown attractions, these trails also add to the visitor experience and provide an economic return to the community of Kodiak.

We ask you to please consider funding the Near Island trail development project for 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Gifford".

Rick Gifford,
Borough Manager

cc: Aimee Knaiziowski, City Manger
Bud Cassidy, Community Development Department
Andy Schroeder, Island Trails Network.

October 29, 2010

Bill Luck, State Trails Coordinator
Alaska State Trails Program
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Dear Mr. Luck:

As a Near Island property owner, a frequent trail user, and a local physician, I am writing to express support for Island Trails Network's grant application to the Alaska State Trails Program. We support ITN's proposal to construct approximately 1/2 miles of hiking trail on the greenbelt facing Near Island channel, and another approximately 1/4-mile spur linking this trail to existing trails in South End park.

We own property adjacent to the proposed trail, where we plan to develop a small commercial building, with a café, retail and office space. We feel that the trail development is a welcome and complementary addition to the ongoing multi-faceted development of Near Island. Whereas other types of development will tend to limit public access to the island, trails development will allow continued public access for recreational enjoyment of this special part of Kodiak.

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As a physician, I welcome any development that will make it easier for my patients to exercise. Alaska has one of the highest prevalence of obesity in the nation, and these facilities are desperately needed.

I feel strongly enough that I am willing to make a financial contribution to the success of the trails project. If ITN is awarded this grant, then I, too, will do my part and contribute an additional \$1000 to be devoted to development of this stretch of trail on Near Island.

Please consider funding the Near island trail development project for 2011.

Sincerely,



Paul Zimmer MD & Tia Leber
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November 8, 2010

Bill Luck, Trails Coordinator
Alaska State Trails Program
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Dear Mr. Luck:

This is a letter of support for Island Trails Network's (ITN) grant application to the Alaska State Trails Program for ITN's proposal to construct approximately one half miles of hiking trail on the green belt on near Island channel and another approximately one quarter mile linking this trail to the existing trails on South End Park on Near Island.

The trails on Near Island play an important role in meeting the recreational needs of Kodiak with uses ranging from physical education classes, lunch time hikes to therapeutic and accessible trails for seniors. With easy access from the ferry, cruise ships dock and downtown attractions, these trails also add to the growing visitor industry and provide economic benefits to the community.

Please consider funding this important trail development on near Island in 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Branson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia Branson, Executive Director
Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc.

To: Bill Luck, State Trails Coordinator
Alaska State Trails Program
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
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November 8, 2010

Dear Mr. Luck:

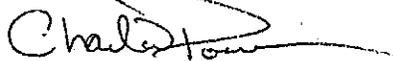
This is a letter of support for Island Trails Network's grant application to the Alaska State Trails Program. We strongly support ITN's proposal to construct approximately 1/2 miles of hiking trail on the greenbelt facing Near Island channel, and another approximately 1/4-mile spur linking this trail to existing trails in South End park.

Near Island trails are used heavily by Kodiak residents because they offer unique views of the interesting and beautiful scenery of our town. Near Island's proximity to Kodiak's main population base and its convenience makes it a local favorite for people. Demand will only increase due to recent development on the Island including: Dog Bay boat harbor, the marine travel lift, Trident float plane basin, two fisheries research centers and Koniag's corporate headquarters. Among other development currently planned for Near Island is a new building to house the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I have heard people around town and in legislature describe Near Island as becoming the fisheries research campus for the Gulf of Alaska.

Near Island's growing trails system serves an increasingly important role in meeting the recreational needs of the Kodiak community, with uses ranging from high school physical education classes, lunchtime hikes for downtown workers to therapeutic exercise walks for senior citizens. With easy access from the ferry and cruise ship docks, and downtown attractions, these trails also add to the visitor experience and provide an economic return to the city of Kodiak.

Please consider funding the Near Island trail development project for 2011.

Kind Regards,



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November 9th, 2010.

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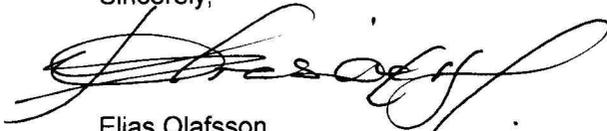
Dear Mr. Luck,

This is a letter of support for Island Trails Network's grant application to the Alaska State Trails Program. We support ITN's proposal to construct approximately 1/2 mile of hiking trail on the greenbelt facing Near Island channel, and another approximately 1/4 mile spur linking this trail to existing trails in South End park.

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Please consider funding the Near Island trail development project for 2011.

Sincerely,



Elias Olafsson
Director Marine Center LLC



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Alaska State Legislature

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October 29, 2010

Ms. Laura Slater, President
Island Trails Network
PO Box 301
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Dear Ms. Slater:

I would like to express my support for Island Trails Network's application to the Recreational Trails Program for continued expansion of the Near Island trail system.

Island Trails Network has built the public support and undertaken the pre-project planning work and coalition building that leads to a successful project. As you know, I supported the overall vision of Near Island trail connectivity through the inclusion of a legislative capital appropriation of \$8,000 to support Near Island/Rotary Park Trail Phase II. I have been pleased to see that the Rotary Park Trail infrastructure built during this last field season is well used and appreciated by the community.

I believe Island Trails Network's overall vision of connecting the trail resources on Near Island into a large loop is a good one, and deserves continuing support. The location of these trail resources immediately adjacent to Kodiak's downtown core makes them a unique and valuable asset to our community, particularly to people who may have difficulty accessing more remote trail systems.

I applaud your continued efforts to link these trails. Please let me know if I can be of future assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan".

Alan Austerman
House District 36

Cc: Senator Gary Stevens

~ Representing Alaska State House District 36 ~

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Newhalen | Nondalton | Old Harbor | Ouzinkie | Pedro Bay | Port Alsworth | Port Lions

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Attachment B
SEAN PARNELL, GOVERNOR

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November 12, 2010

Bill Luck, State Trails Coordinator
Alaska State Trails Program
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1380
Anchorage, AK 99501-3561

Dear Mr. Luck:

This is a letter of support for Island Trails Network's grant application to the Alaska State Trails Program. We support ITN's proposal to continue trail development on Near Island. The proposed trail system on Near Island has already earned broad community support and although it does not directly involve state park lands, I too wish to express my support for this initiative.

Island Trails Network and Alaska State Parks have similar values and shared goals. As ITN has grown in stature, membership, and capacity over the last four years, so has their contribution to state parks. They have been a consistent resource for crew leadership, volunteerism, and equipment, holding several work events annually in Ft. Abercrombie and Shuyak Island State Parks. ITN also provides advocacy, training and education for trails that raise awareness of the park system and promote increased use of parks and public lands.

Please consider funding the Near island trail development project for 2011.

Sincerely,



Kevin Murphy
District Ranger
Kodiak State Parks

CITY OF KODIAK
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-34

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
ESTABLISHING A PEDESTRIAN TRAIL ALONG NEAR ISLAND CHANNEL**

WHEREAS, trails are a popular and cost-effective way to improve the health and quality of life for all the residents in a community; and

WHEREAS, the Near Island Comprehensive Development Plan, adopted in 1987 by the Kodiak City Council, calls for "a Public Use Easement no less than twenty feet wide circumnavigating the perimeter of Near Island...for a trail which would allow the community access to the major portions of Near Island"; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a segment of pedestrian trail along the northwest shoreline of Near Island adjacent to the channel (Exhibit A) would bring the proposed trail circumnavigating the island substantially closer to completion; and

WHEREAS, such a trail segment would offer a scenic hiking experience close to the urban center and provide a unique opportunity for interpretation of Kodiak's natural and man-made landscapes; and

WHEREAS, Island Trails Network (ITN) is the recognized trails organization on Kodiak Island with a track record of successful projects in partnership with the City of Kodiak; and

WHEREAS, ITN has committed substantial matching funds to facilitate the creation of this proposed trail segment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed trail segment lies exclusively on property owned by the City of Kodiak; and

WHEREAS, landowner authorization is a requirement and local government support a key factor in the State of Alaska's selection of projects for funding by the Recreational Trails Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Kodiak, Alaska, to authorize the design and construction by ITN of a pedestrian trail segment along Near Island channel originating at North End Park, passing under Zharoff Memorial Bridge and terminating at Alimaq Drive across from the St. Herman harbor boat launch as described in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Kodiak, Alaska, that in the case of future conflicts with a specific development proposal for this area, an alternative easement shall be provided within reasonable proximity of the existing trail.

CITY OF KODIAK

Carolyn L. Floyd
MAYOR

ATTEST:

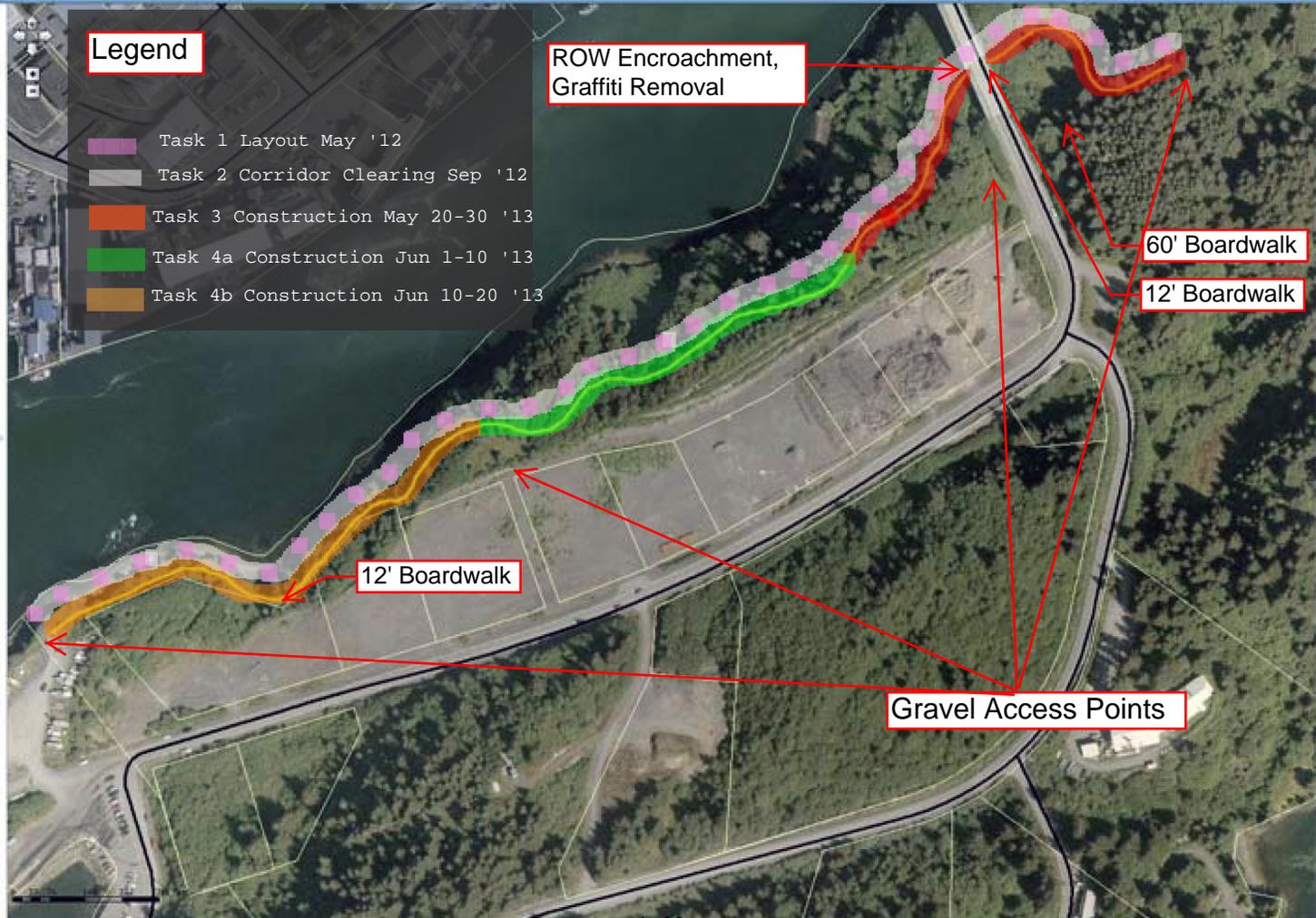
Delva Marder
CITY CLERK

Adopted: October 27, 2011



Kodiak Island Borough





Past, Current and Future Trail Development
Near Island, Kodiak Alaska
Prepared by: Island Trails Network

Attachment F

Pre-existing Trails
3.1 miles
(1987-2008)

Phase I, 0.3 miles
Completed 2009

Phase II, 0.3 miles
Completed 2010

Phase III, 0.6 miles
Proposed 2011

Phase IV, 1.0 miles
Proposed 2012

Phase V, 0.5 miles
Proposed 2013



2213 ft

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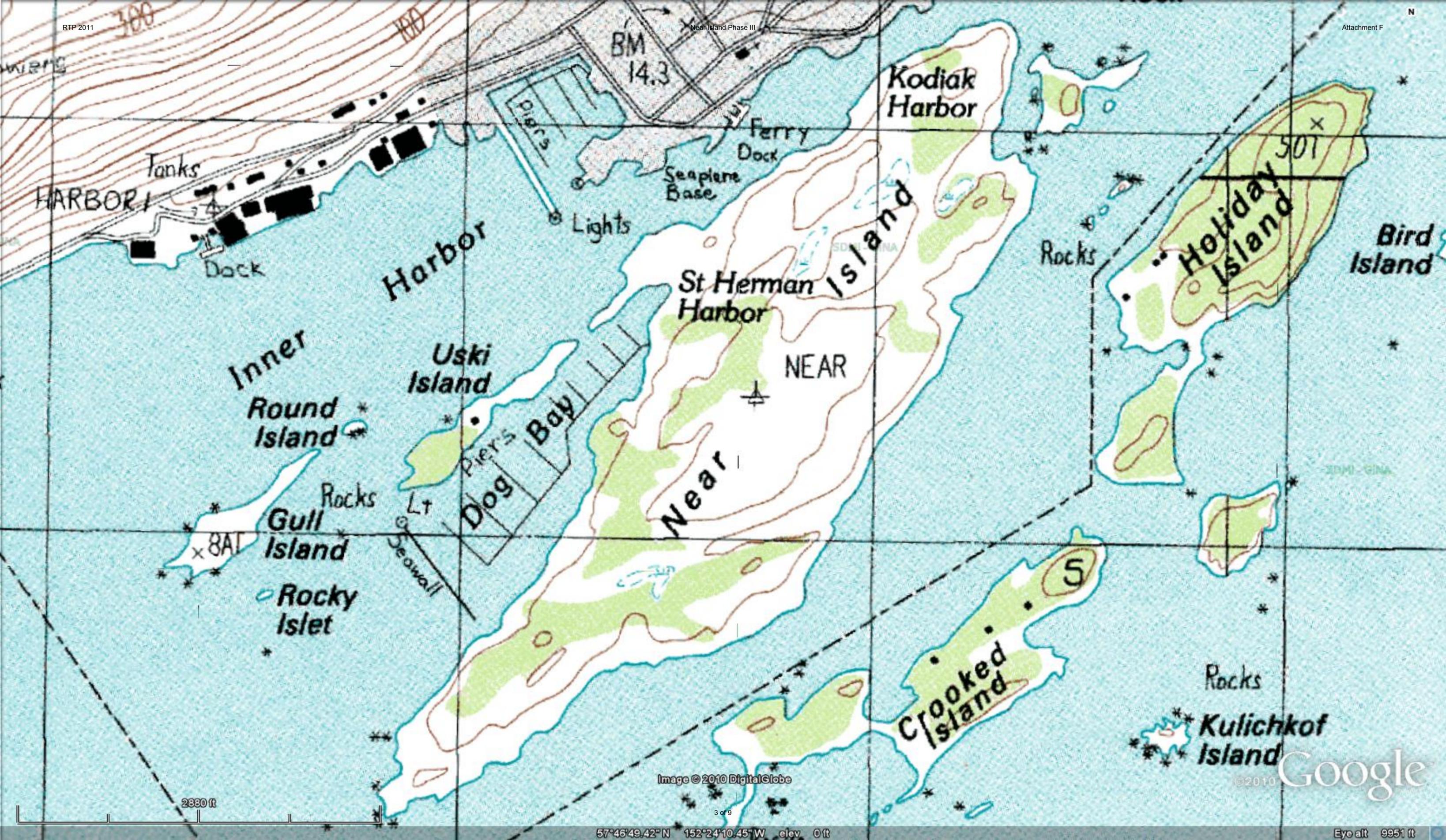


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DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

Storefront Development: Locate building and/or storefront adjacent to Dog Salmon Bay Road with outdoor storage areas behind the building.

Property Access: Reserve the back of properties for access to the back of buildings (north side) and business operations.

Fencing: Limit fencing to the sides and back of lots. Do not place fencing along Dog Salmon Bay Road.

Sidewalk and Trail Connections: Provide opportunities to connect into a separated sidewalk along Dog Salmon Bay Road and for connections to other existing and proposed trails.

Preserve Views: Preserve views of surrounding properties and coordinating development plans with neighboring lots.

Storm Drain Easement: Prevent development and storage from encroaching on proposed drainage easement.

Storm water Treatment: Storm water conveyed to the proposed drainage easement shall be treated to avoid adversely impacting adjoining or nearby properties and receiving waters. Adverse impacts include damage to land or structures caused by erosion, flooding, or siltation, and the degradation of water quality.

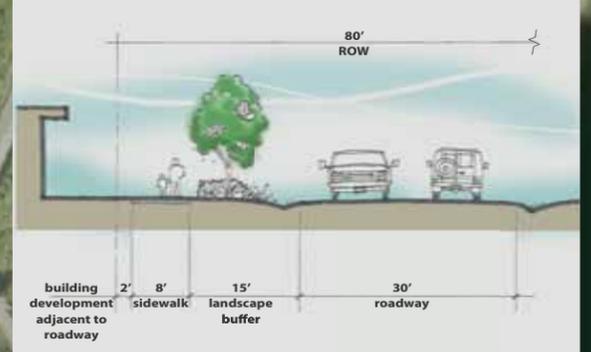
Coordination with KIB and City of Kodiak: Coordinate development in accordance with applicable Kodiak Island Borough and City of Kodiak development codes.

Notes:

1. This is a planning tool to be used to create trail connections; develop sidewalks in the ROW; and create a sense of community among similar developments.
2. The building development and lot layouts shown are conceptual in nature.
3. This plan does not suggest how individual properties are developed.

Legend:

- Possible Building Location
- Parking Lot
- Street Trees with Separated Sidewalk
- Proposed Trail Connections



PROPOSED CROSS SECTION OF DOG SALMON BAY ROAD



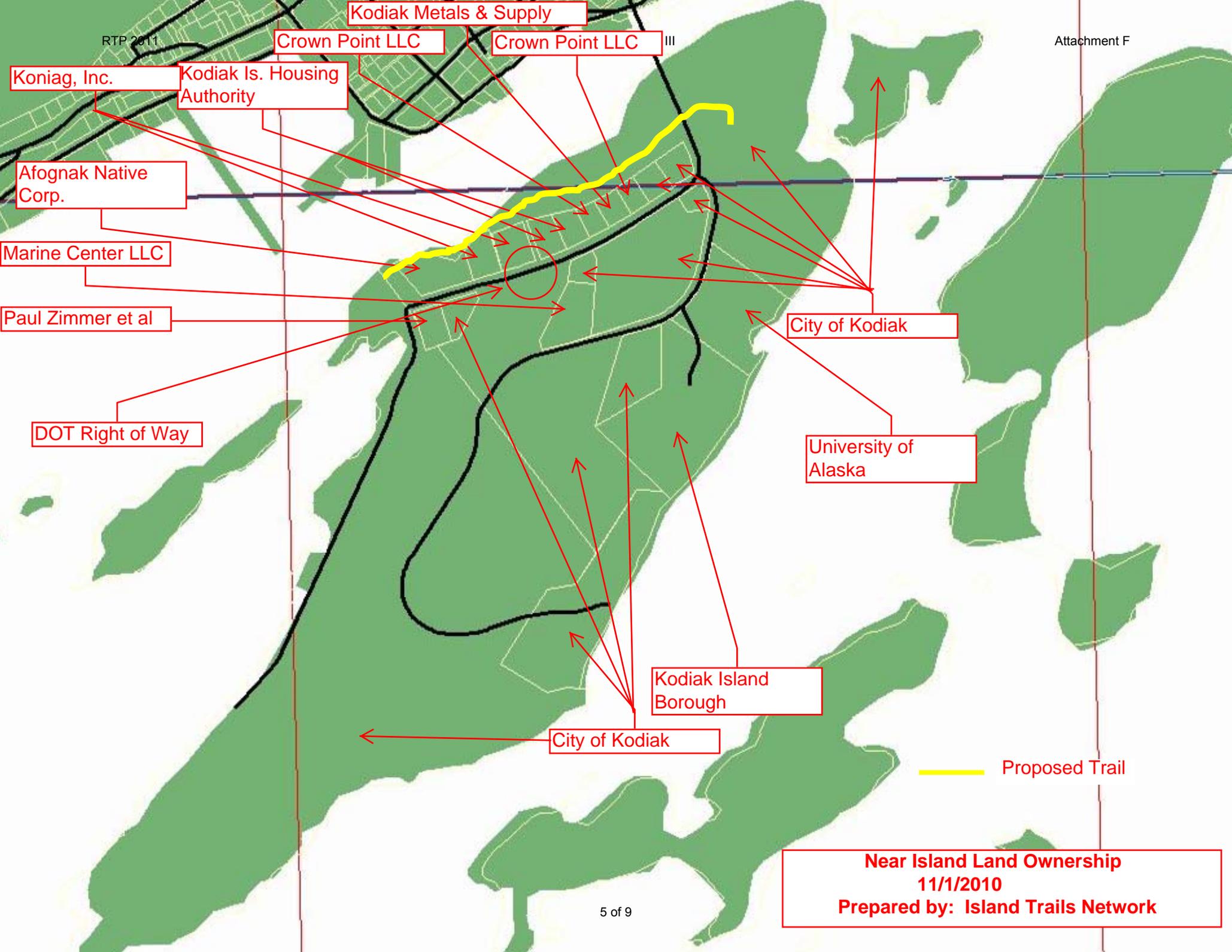
Figure 1

**Kodiak Business Park
Conceptual Master Plan**
Near Island Kodiak, Alaska

0 100 200ft
April 6, 2010



RTP 2011



Koniag, Inc.

Kodiak Is. Housing Authority

Crown Point LLC

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Kodiak Metals & Supply

Afognak Native Corp.

Marine Center LLC

Paul Zimmer et al

DOT Right of Way

City of Kodiak

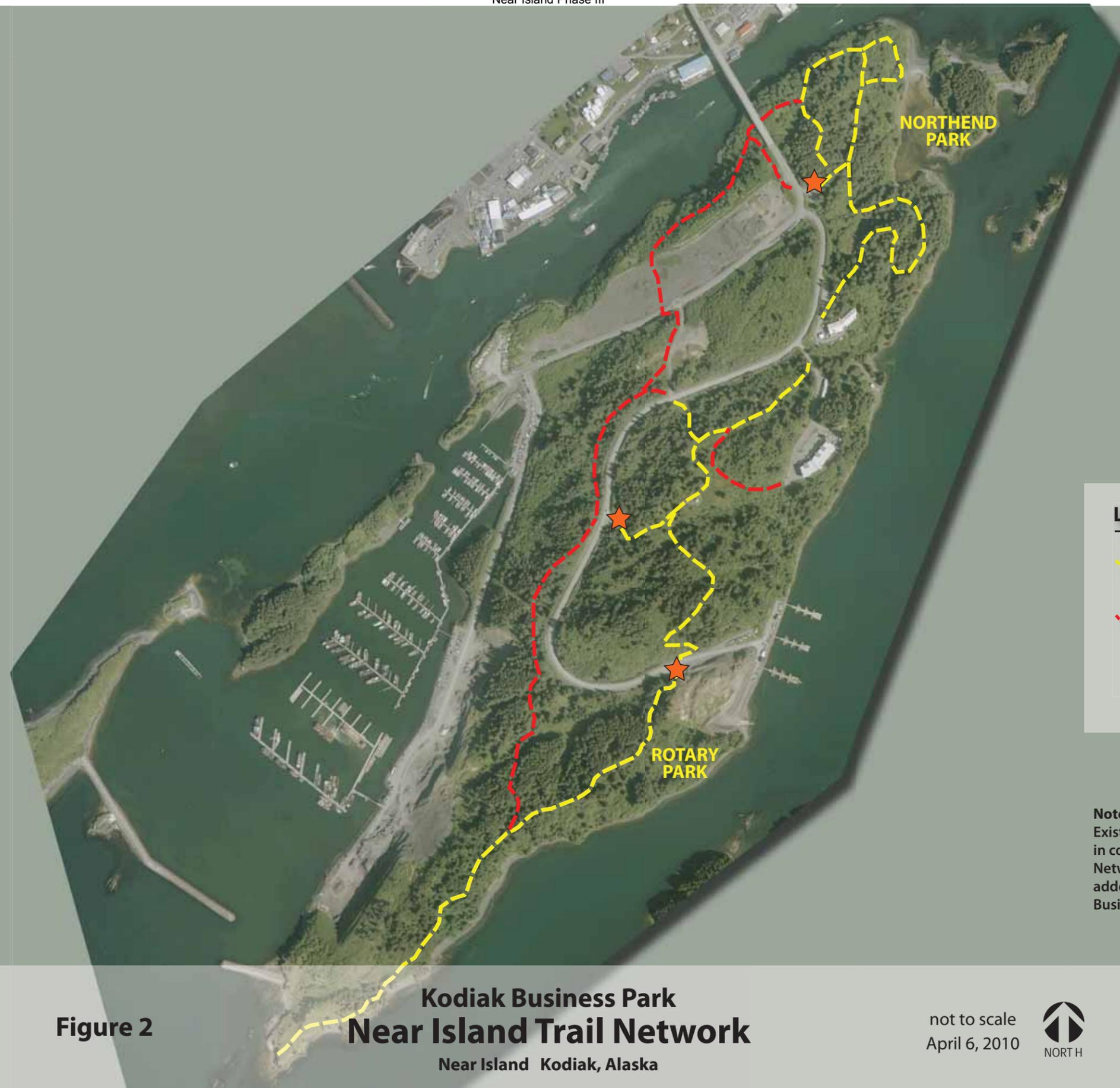
University of Alaska

Kodiak Island Borough

City of Kodiak

Proposed Trail

Near Island Land Ownership
11/1/2010
Prepared by: Island Trails Network



LEGEND:

-  existing trail
-  proposed trail
-  trailhead

Note:
 Existing and proposed trails developed in consultation with Island Trails Network. Additional proposed trails added during development of Kodiak Business Park Conceptual Master Plan.

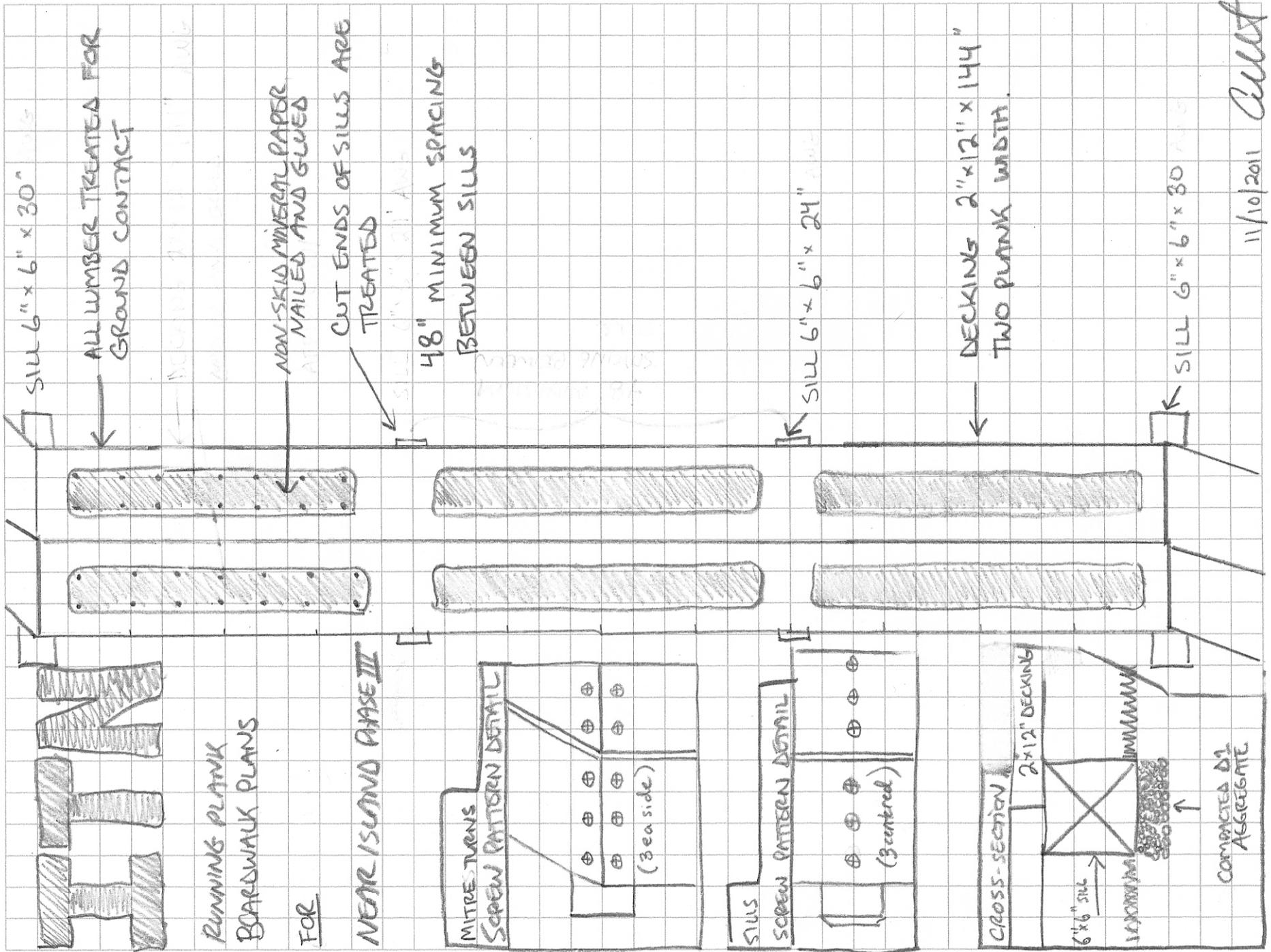


Figure 2

**Kodiak Business Park
 Near Island Trail Network**
 Near Island Kodiak, Alaska

not to scale
 April 6, 2010





11/10/2011 *Curt*



RTP 2011

Running Plank Boardwalk, Phase I



Near Island Phase III

Bird's Next find, Phase I (2009)



Attachment F

Training, Phase II (2011)



Cutting a Swale, Phase II (2011)



Alaska State Parks training ITN on Boardwalk construction (2009)



Typical Volunteer Warmup (2010)



Adult Volunteer, Phase II (2010)



Full Bench, Phase I (2009)



Hard at Work, Phase II (2010)

