

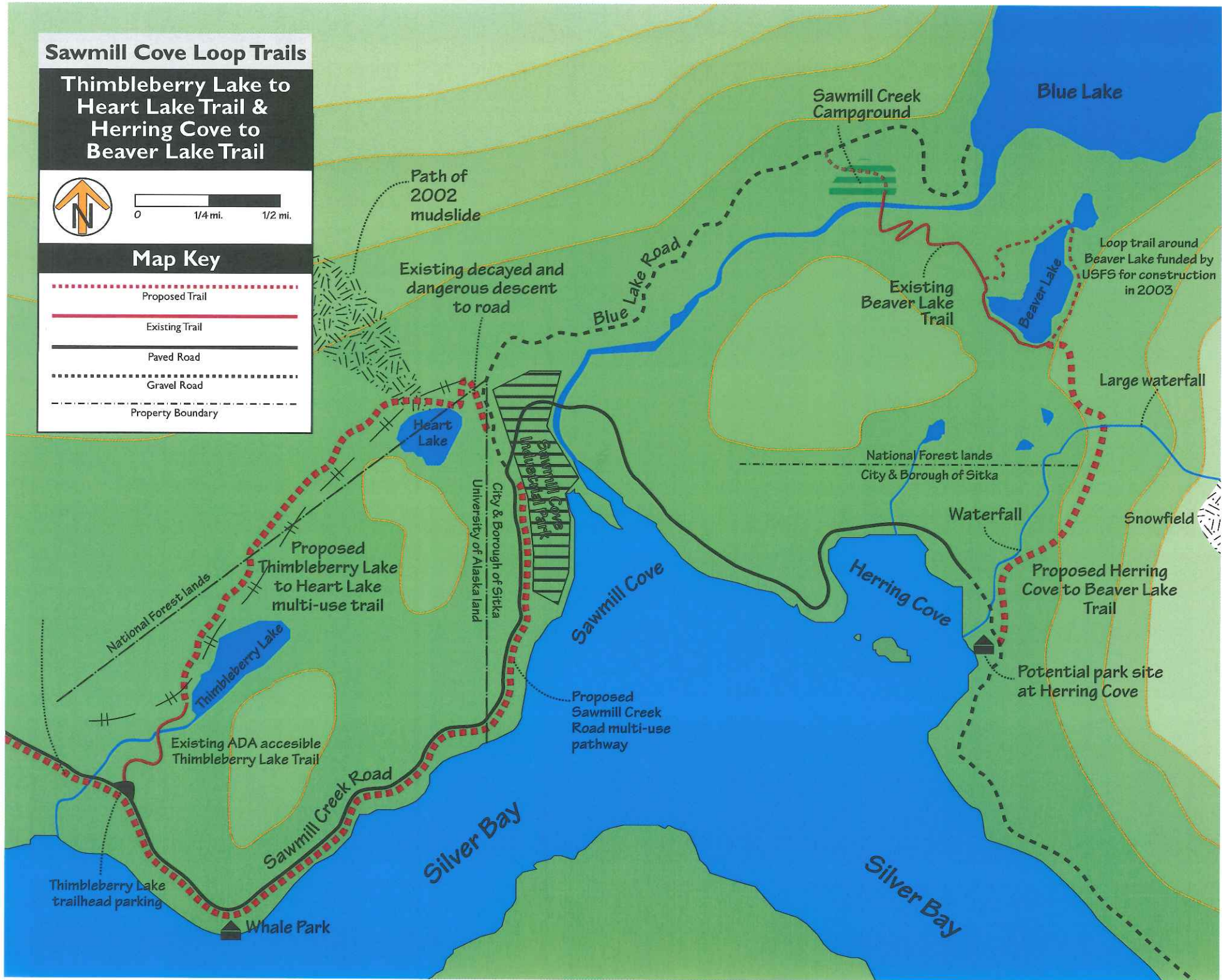
Sawmill Cove Loop Trails

Thimbleberry Lake to Heart Lake Trail & Herring Cove to Beaver Lake Trail



Map Key

- Proposed Trail (dotted red line)
- Existing Trail (solid red line)
- Paved Road (solid black line)
- Gravel Road (dashed black line)
- Property Boundary (dash-dot black line)



Near Town Trails

Sawmill Cove Loop Trails — Herring Cove to Beaver Lake

Herring Cove to Beaver Lake Trail	
Total Length	1.25 miles
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Trail Surface	Gravel, log steps, boardwalk

Project Description

This new pedestrian only trail will connect the proposed park at Herring Cove to Beaver Lake. This segment will join with Blue Lake Road to create a 5-mile long loop hike. The route will pass through beautiful muskegs and along small lakes and rock outcroppings. It will also afford spectacular views of Bear Mountain and two waterfalls.

Public Needs Met

This trail will increase opportunities for exercise and family recreation. The trail will be used heavily in the winter for snow shoeing, skiing and ice-skating on Beaver Lake and other ponds in that area. Fragile muskeg and boggy areas are presently suffering damage from hikers using the existing primitive route to Herring Cove. Trail improvements will help end damage to the area muskegs.

Planning and Design

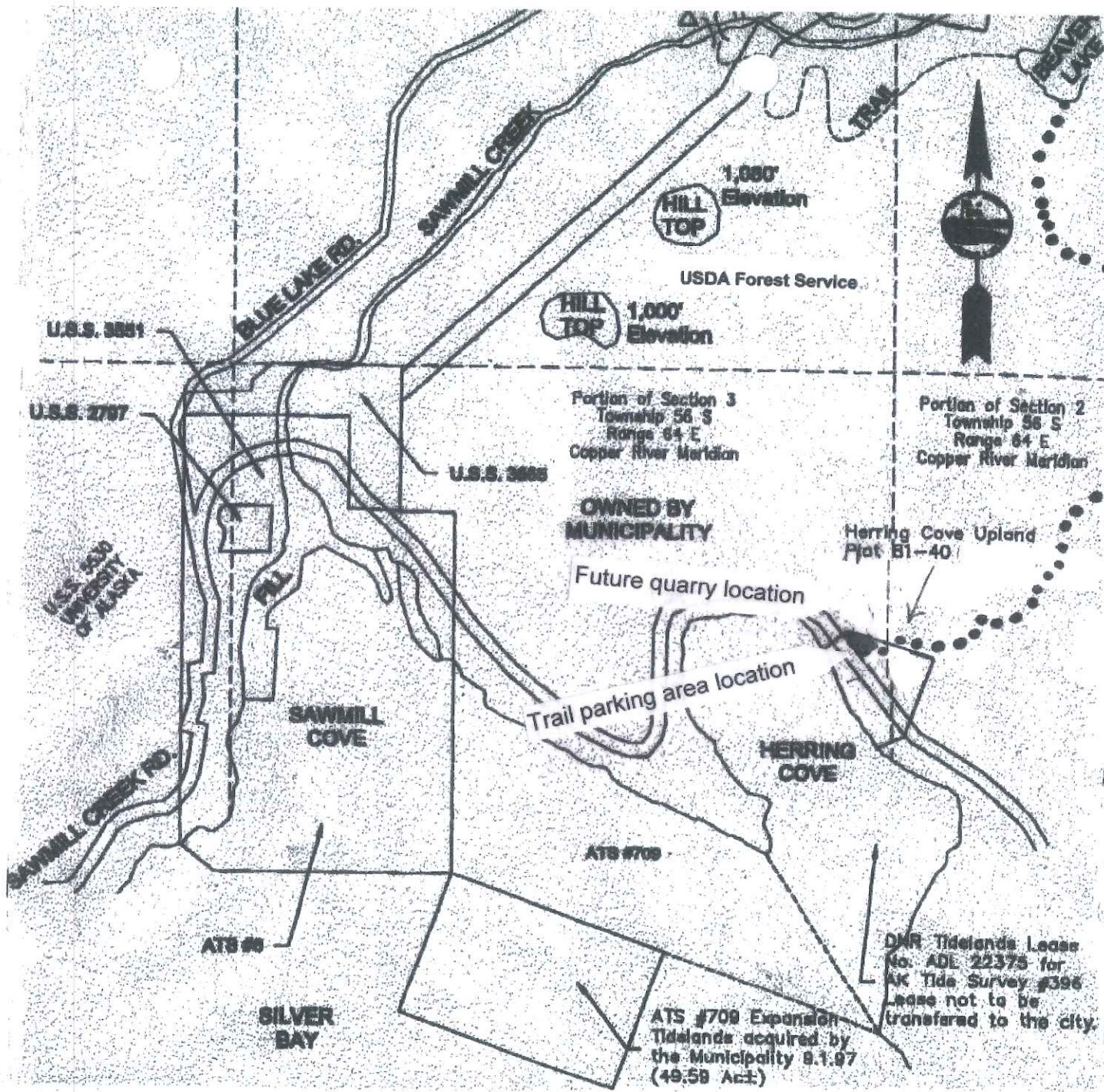
A design narrative report would provide field verified cost estimates and preliminary design. The required National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) planning will proceed from the information in this report and informed decisions could be made. Detailed design and construction would follow this step. The City & Borough of Sitka owns a corridor of land above Herring Cove, which encompasses almost half of the trail. The USDA Forest Service manages the rest of the land. Trail planning and construction would be organized by these agencies.

Lead Agency and Project Participants

Lead agency: Sitka Trail Works, Inc.

Project Participants: City & Borough of Sitka, USDA FS, Alaska Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities, University of Alaska Lands, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, private foundation.

Herring Cove to Beaver Lake Trail			
Items	Quantity	Cost/Unit	Total (x 1,000)
Trail Tread	1.25 miles	\$30.0/lf	\$198.0
Signs & Information			\$1.0
Planning, Design & Administration			\$35.0
Total Projected Cost			\$234.0



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Project Boundary Map
Sawmill Cove Loop Trail
Beaver Lake to Herring Cove**

240ft x 240 ft x 200 ft parking area
Located in Plat 81 - 40
Section 3
Township 56
Range 64 E
Copper River Meridian

3,800 In ft x 25 width trail easement
12.5 ft from centerline

Located in Section 2
Township 56
Range 64 E
Copper River Meridian

Wells Williams
Wells Williams, Planning Director
City and Borough of Sitka

1/14/08

January 14, 2008

1,000' Elevation
HILL TOP

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HILL TOP

Portion of Section 3
Township 56 S
Range 64 E
Copper River Meridian

Portion of Section 2
Township 56 S
Range 64 E
Copper River Meridian

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MUNICIPALITY**

Herring Cove Upland
Plat 81-40

Future quarry location

Trail parking area location

ATS #709

DMR Tidelands Lease
No. ADL 22375 for
AK Tide Survey #396
Lease not to be
transferred to the city.

ATS #709 Expansion
Tidelands acquired by
the Municipality 8.1.97
(49.58 Act)

U.S.S. 3881

U.S.S. 2797

U.S.S. 3883

U.S.S. 3530
University
of Alaska

ATS #6

SILVER BAY

SAWMILL COVE

HERRING COVE

BLUE LAKE RD.

SAWMILL CREEK

SAWMILL CREEK RD.

TRAIL

BEAVER LAKE