



Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
General Restoration, Habitat Enhancement, Habitat Protection, and Facilities Projects
Quarterly Project Reporting Form

Project Number: PWS 4009 Port Valdez – Meals Hill

Project Title: Meals Hill Recreational Enhancements

Principal Investigator(s): Ellen Kazary, Great Land Trust, Executive Director

Reporting Periods and Due Dates:

<i>Reporting Period</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
February, March, April	June 1
May, June, July	September 1
August, September, October	December 1
November, December, January	March 1

Submission Date: September 1, 2022

Project Website: <http://greatlandtrust.org/projects/meals-hill/>

Please check all the boxes that apply to the current reporting period.

Project progress is on schedule.

Project progress is delayed

NA

Budget reallocation request.

NA

Personnel changes.

No changes within this reporting period, with Great Land Trust (GLT) staff members Ellen Kazary, Amanda Hults, David Mitchell, and Libby Kugel continuing to work on this project. Former GLT staff member Mike Schroeder worked on this project through April 2022.

1. Summary of Work Performed:

Great Land Trust was awarded a Cooperative Agreement from the USFWS for the Meals Hill Conservation Project Site Enhancements on February 10, 2020. The award’s performance period



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is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. The award funds are to be used by GLT for enhancements on the Meals Hill protected property in Valdez as described in the statement of work funded and approved by the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council (EVOSTC) in Resolution 17-03, which includes overseeing the planning, design, engineering, restoration, construction, and completion of initial enhancements on the property to further compatible public uses for passive recreational activities, such as wildlife viewing, nature walks, education and interpretative uses and other similar uses that do not change the natural character of the property and are consistent with the conservation easement.

Throughout this reporting period, Great Land Trust (GLT) worked in partnership with the City of Valdez (CoV) on the publication of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architecture & Engineering (A&E) services to bring the 35% design engineering plans for the three priority elements (initial site enhancements) of the Meals Hill Master Plan (entrance plaza & main trailhead, multi-use trail from entrance up to and including the Overlook Loop, and a few other amenities & trails) to 95+% (shovel ready) design engineering plans; the review of the RFQ applicants and selection process; and the budget/costs and tasks negotiations in preparation for a contract with the selected applicant.

Numerous emails, calls, and virtual meetings between GLT and the CoV occurred during this time to assist with the refinement of the RFQ, negotiations, and plans to ensure the EVOS project funding is being utilized for the purposes for which it was awarded for initial site enhancements, including facilitating the development and completion of a site plan, coordinating the design, engineering, and construction of initial property enhancements.

While the CoV has heard positive feedback as their ARPA EDA Tourism Grant application makes its way through the process, they are still waiting on final approval and funding which will hopefully be successful in the upcoming reporting period(s) and will be used in conjunction with the remaining EVOS project funding to help leverage those remaining funds for the construction of the three priority elements during the 2023 construction season.

2. Abstract:

The initial planning process for the property was completed with the adoption of the Meals Hill Master Plan by the Valdez City Council on June 15th 2021. The project moved into the Plan implementation phase which initially included drafting a Preliminary Engineering Report to a 35% design level for three key elements of the Plan required to move to the shovel ready design phase as well as a separate funding strategy process the City of Valdez worked on to assess and apply for other funding sources to help with the initial construction cost of the enhancements (which will help leverage the remaining EVOS project funds).



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The project is on track to contract for A&E services this year in order to have the required 95+% (shovel ready) design documents ready by early 2023 for contracting construction activities during the 2023 construction season.

3. Coordination and Collaboration:

Great Land Trust continues to coordinate and collaborate with the City of Valdez, various project contractors, and BLM as well as keep the EVOSTC staff updated.

4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:

NA

5. Budget:



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Budget Category:	Proposed FY 22	Proposed FY 23	Proposed FY 24	Proposed FY 25	Proposed FY 26	5-YR TOTAL PROPOSED	ACTUAL CUMULATIVE
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Contractual	\$818,182	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$818,182	\$316,625
Commodities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Indirect Costs (report rate here)	\$81,818	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$81,818	\$2,500
SUBTOTAL	\$900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900,000	
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$81,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$81,000	N/A
PROJECT TOTAL	\$981,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$981,000	
Other Resources (In-Kind Funds)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

INSTRUCTIONS: This summary page provides a five-year overview (FY 22-26) of proposed funding and actual cumulative spending which includes the non-trustee agency and trustee agency worksheets. **This Summary Page should automatically populate as the formulas reference the cells in the non-trustee agency and trustee agency worksheets. Please make sure the totals given are correct.** The column titled 'Actual Cumulative' will be updated each fiscal year and included in the annual report (include information on the total amount actually spent for all completed years of the project). On the Project Annual Report Form, if any line item exceeds a 10% deviation from the originally-proposed amount; provide detail regarding the reason for the deviation.

COMMENTS: Great Land Trust (GLT) was awarded \$900,000 for planning, design, engineering, construction, and completion of initial enhancements on the Meals Hill property under EVOS TC resolution 17-03 through a cooperative agreement with the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The award performance period is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. The funding request was for \$818,181.81 in contractual for the planning, design, engineering, construction, and completion of initial enhancements and up to \$81,818 in indirect over the 4-year performance period. The request/award was not broken down into EVOS Fiscal Years. For this financial report, the total requested for each category is listed under 'Proposed FY22' and the 'actual cumulative' includes all expenditures from January 1, 2020 through July 31, 2022.