

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:

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

Submission Date: March 1, 2023

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

Please check <u>all</u> the boxes that apply to the current reporting period.

⊠ Project progress is on schedule.

□ Project progress is delayed

NA

□ Budget reallocation request.

NA

 \Box Personnel changes.

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 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



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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) and the Architecture and Engineering (A&E) firm selected during the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process 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.

Numerous emails, calls, and virtual meetings between GLT and the CoV occurred during this time 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. GLT has completed a preliminary review of the design documents and the A&E firm is expected to continue to refine the 95+% design documents during the upcoming reporting period.

The CoV has been awarded the ARPA EDA Tourism Grant which CoV is using in conjunction with the remaining EVOS project funding to help leverage those remaining funds for the construction of the three priority elements.

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. The City of Valdez is using additional grants from a separate funding strategy to help leverage the EVOS funds for construction of the initial property enhancements.

The City of Valdez has awarded the contract for A&E services for the 95+% (shovel ready) design documents. The project is on track to have the required 95+% (shovel ready) design documents ready by mid-2023 for construction and procurement activities during the 2023 construction season.



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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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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 January 31, 2023.

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