



**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:** June 1, 2023

**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.**

**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.

\*Please note – support for this project, including staff time, travel, supplies, etc. are paid for out of 22220100 which is reported on separately.

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 has been working with CoV to begin the procurement process for site enhancement materials. The A&E firm reached the 65% design document milestone and GLT will be reviewing the 65% design documents and providing feedback during the upcoming reporting period. The A&E firm is expected to continue to refine the design documents to 95+% in the next reporting period and is on track to complete the design process and procure site enhancement materials for the three priority elements by the end of the award's performance 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 to complete the construction of the three priority elements.

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## **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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



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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.

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**4. Response to EVOSTC Review, Recommendations and Comments:**

NA

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**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	Quarterly Expenditures	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	\$59,864	\$536,466
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	\$5,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$62,364</b>	<b>\$541,466</b>
General Administration (9% of subtotal)	\$81,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$81,000		N/A
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$981,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$981,000</b>		
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 April 30, 2023.