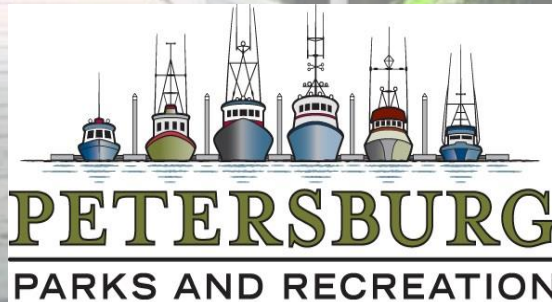


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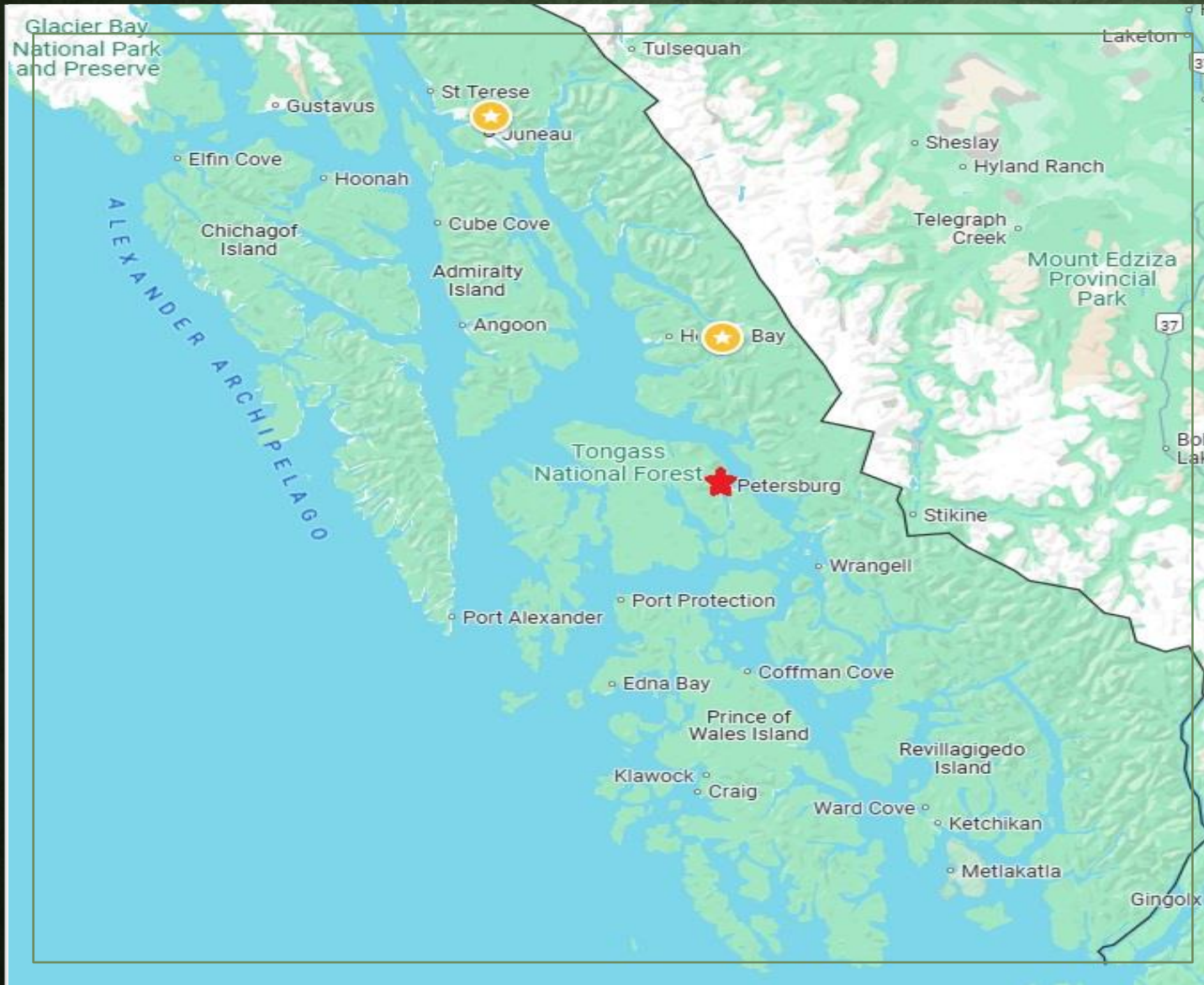
**Petersburg Indian
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contributions to
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**Susan Harai,
Director
Tribal
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**Stephanie Payne,
Director
Petersburg Parks and
Recreation**



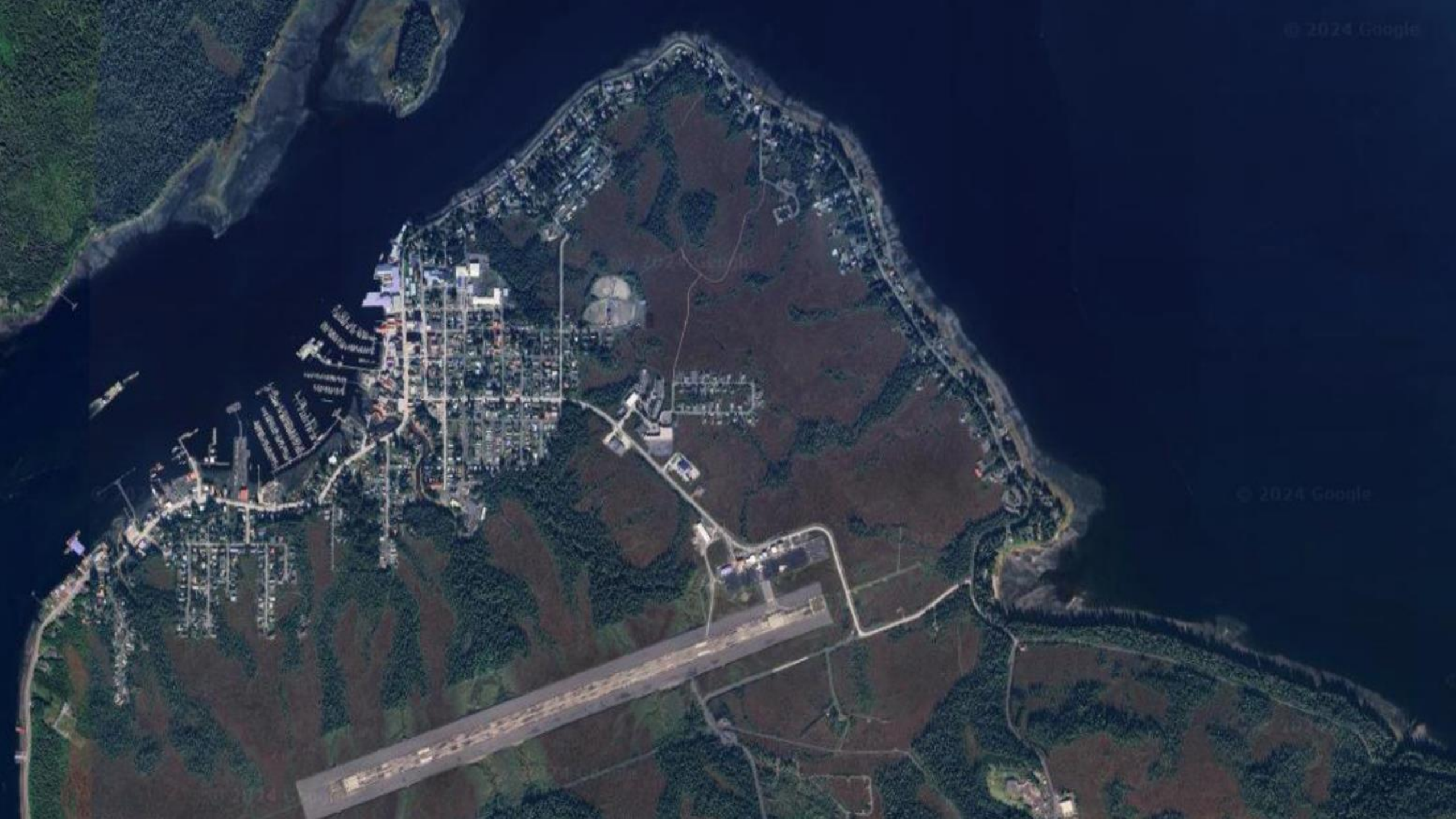
PETERSBURG, ON MITKOF ISLAND

- Alexander Archipelago
- Situated roughly equal distances between Juneau and Ketchikan
- Smaller cruise ships
- Tourist attractions:
 - LeConte Glacier “Thunder Glacier”, Tlingit
 - Native history
 - Wildlife viewing
 - Fishing
 - Hiking / biking



MITKOF ISLAND TOPOGRAPHY

- 208 sq miles
- Temperate Rainforest ~ 110" of rain annually
- Muskeg and mountains
- Crystal Mountain is highest peak @ 3,317'
- Wrangell Narrows, Fredrick Sound and Sumner Straits



TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (TTP)

- In 1983, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) entered an MOA with Federal Highway Administration to include planning for Indian reservation roads* for funding, creating the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP).
- Tribal Transportation is the government-to-government relationship between the Department of Transportation and Tribal Governments regarding roads, paths, harbors, transportation facilities and bridges.
- Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a twenty-year comprehensive plan developed and updated by the Petersburg Indian Association (PIA) in a five-year cycle. Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP) is a four-year road and bridge construction fiscally constrained priority schedule.

**TRIBAL
TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM**

...” Indian Reservation Roads”

Mitkof Island Road System

Over 200 miles of highway and US Forest Service roads.

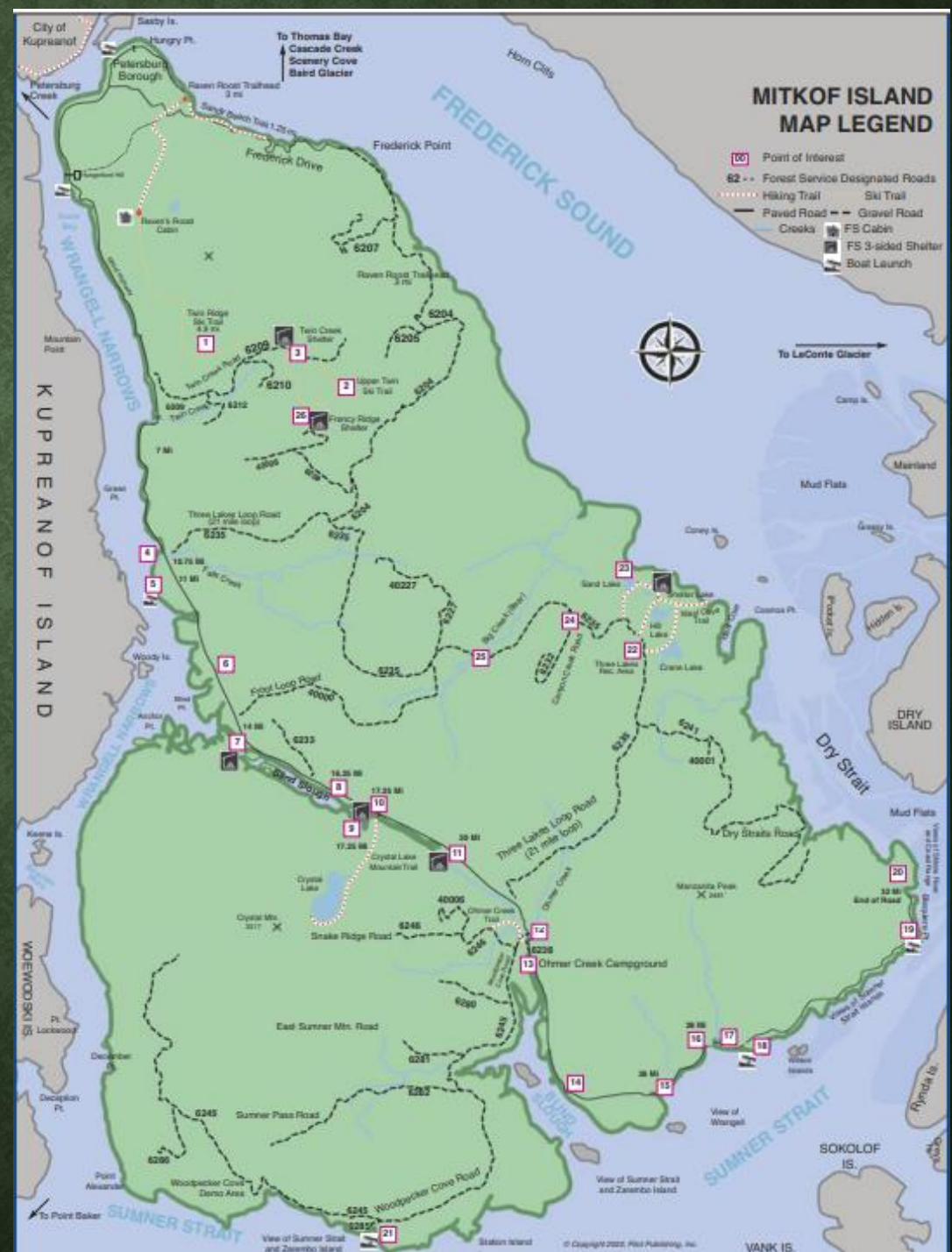
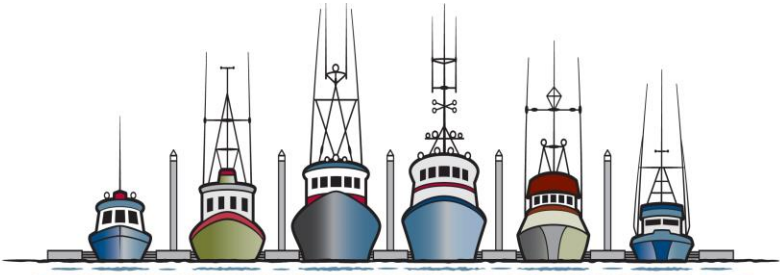


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PETERSBURG VISITOR GUIDE



PETERSBURG
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PIA AND PETERSBURG BOROUGH PROJECTS

Sidewalks

Trails

Street Paving

ADA Access

Safety

Cultural

EAGLES ROOST STAIRS

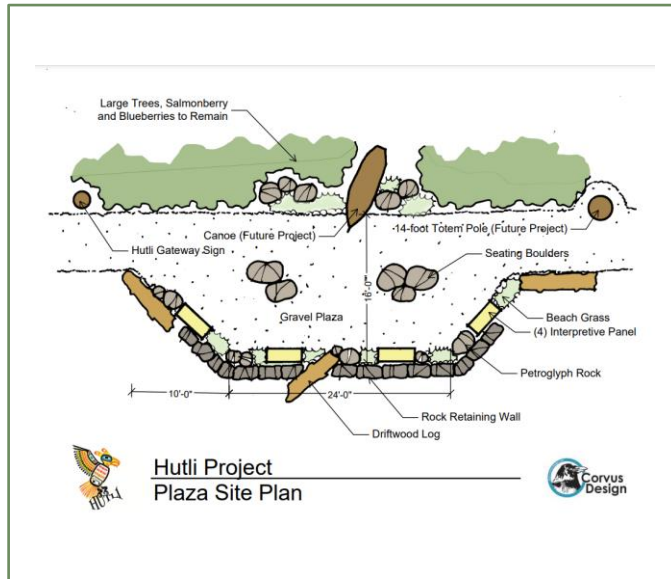


Used by community for beach
access

Removed in 2021 for safety
concerns.

Currently on TTIP for
rebuilding in spring 2025

HUTLI PROJECT



HUTLI POLE 2024



Hutli is the thunderbird that sits on top of the totem pole, whose name comes from Thunder Bay (LeConte Bay), called *Xeiti Geeyi'* in Lingit. Hutli's red, yellow, black, and orange colors depict him rising from the ashes. His curved horns and sharply hooked beak distinguish him from the eagle. His wide wingspan and sharp talons enable him to snatch large fish from the water. Hutli's flapping wings create a loud, thunderous "BOOM".

As Hutli surveys the *Séet Ká Kwáan* area, he sees fresh, delicious salmon, whose eggs are considered a delicacy. When dried, salmon provides food throughout the long winter. Flying overhead, Hutli spies harbor seals swimming in the bay. Seals provide food, oil, and clothing for the *Séet Ká Kwáan* people and for trade.

Killer whale pods (orcas) and packs of wolves also hunt in this area. Hutli watches over the *Séet Ká Kwáan* people in canoes as they fish for halibut. They use large hooks designed to catch the bigger, older fish, leaving the small ones to grow and mature.

The Petersburg Indian Association funded the Hutli Pole, created by Tlingit carver Fred Fulmer Sr., *Saat-Kaa* of Everett, WA. The Hutli logo was created by Haida artist Janine Gibbons of Petersburg, AK.



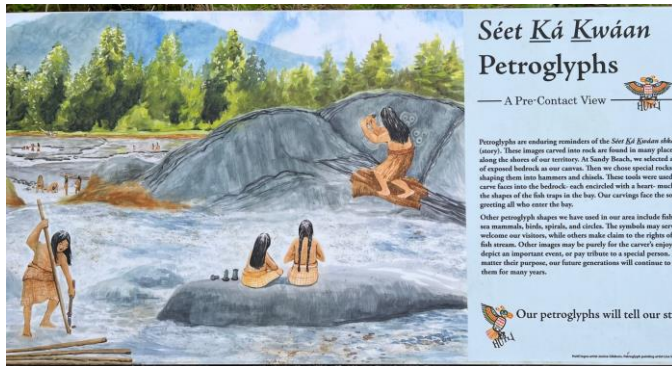
- RAC Grant awarded to Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition (SAWC) with PIA contributions
- PIA ~ USFS Archeologists ~ P&R ~ Alaska Sea Grant ~ SAWC ~ Clausen Memorial Museum ~ Community Members
- Hutli is the Thunderbird of Thunder Glacier (LeConte Glacier)
- Acknowledging Tlingit presence on Mitkof Island and historical use of Sandy Beach area

HUTLI PROJECT



Sét Ká Kwáan Fish Traps

Salmon in thousands
the ebb and flow of
the bay, currents
collected on dug
tidal sediments and
other roots, were
prepared for
fish traps.
Tlingit, nearly 5,000

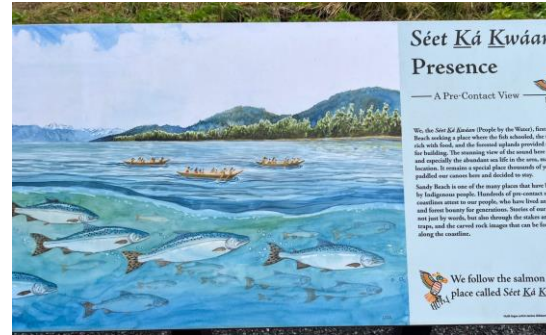


Sét Ká Kwáan Petroglyphs

— A Pre-Contact View

Petroglyphs are enduring reminders of the Sét Ká Kwáan (People by the Water). From canoes to fishing gear, the Sét Ká Kwáan have a rich history of craftsmanship. These images carved into rock are found in many places along the shores of our territory. At Sandy Beach, we selected a set of exposed bedrock in our cove. There we chose special rocks, shaping them into hammers and chisels. These tools were used to carve faces into the bedrock, each encircled with a bear-mudfish shape of the fish traps in the bay. Our carvings face the ocean, greeting all who enter the bay.

Our petroglyphs will tell our story.

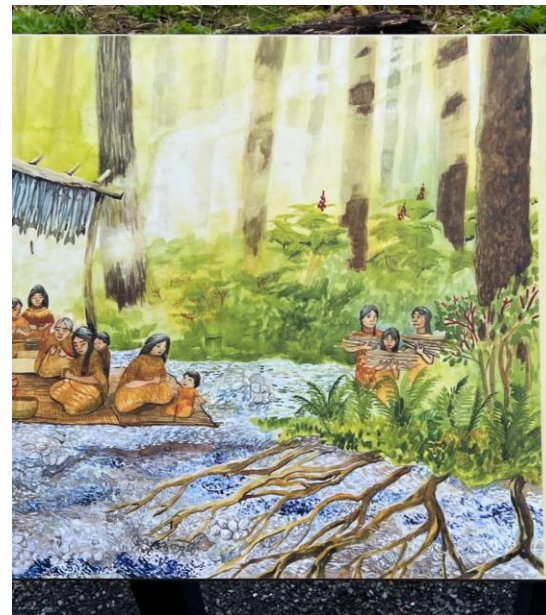


Sét Ká Kwáan Presence

— A Pre-Contact View

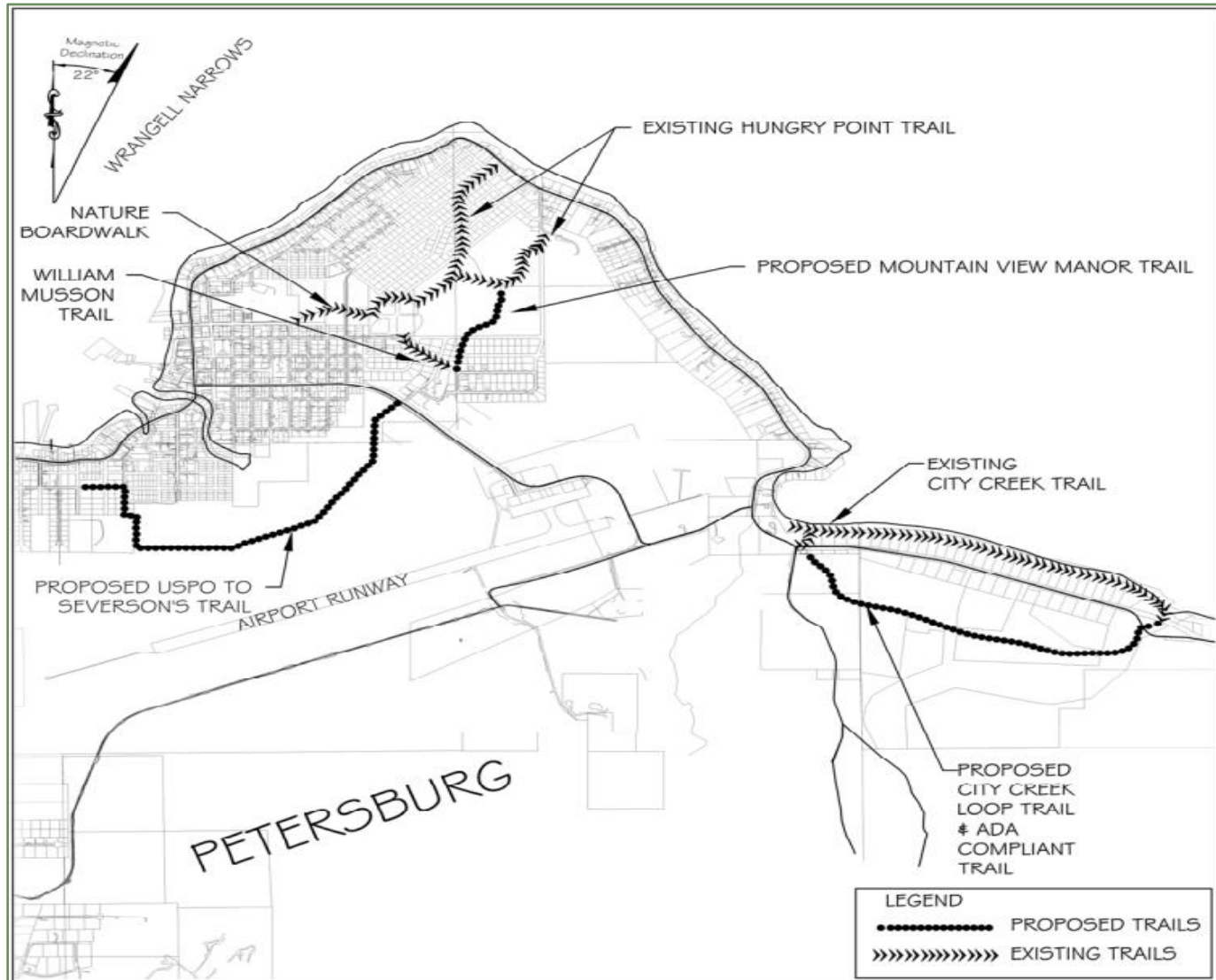
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We follow the salmon to the place called Sét Ká Kwáan.



- 4 informational signs depicting native inhabitation dating back to approx. 5,000 years ago
- Art created by local artist, verbiage painstakingly detailing Presence, Fish Traps, Shell Midden, and Petroglyphs
- Signs and Hutli Plaza engineered by Corvis Designs, Juneau
- PIA Contribution \$67,333

TRAIL PROJECTS



- Hungry Point
- William Musson Trail
- Mountain View Manor Trail
- Nature Boardwalk Trail
- City Creek, Phases 1 & 2
- * USPO / Severson Trail

HUNGRY POINT



- Completed 2015
- Just under 2 miles long
- Hosts Moving Music Concert Series (Partnership with Petersburg Arts Council)
- Views of mountains on 3 land masses
- Local favorite, day or night!



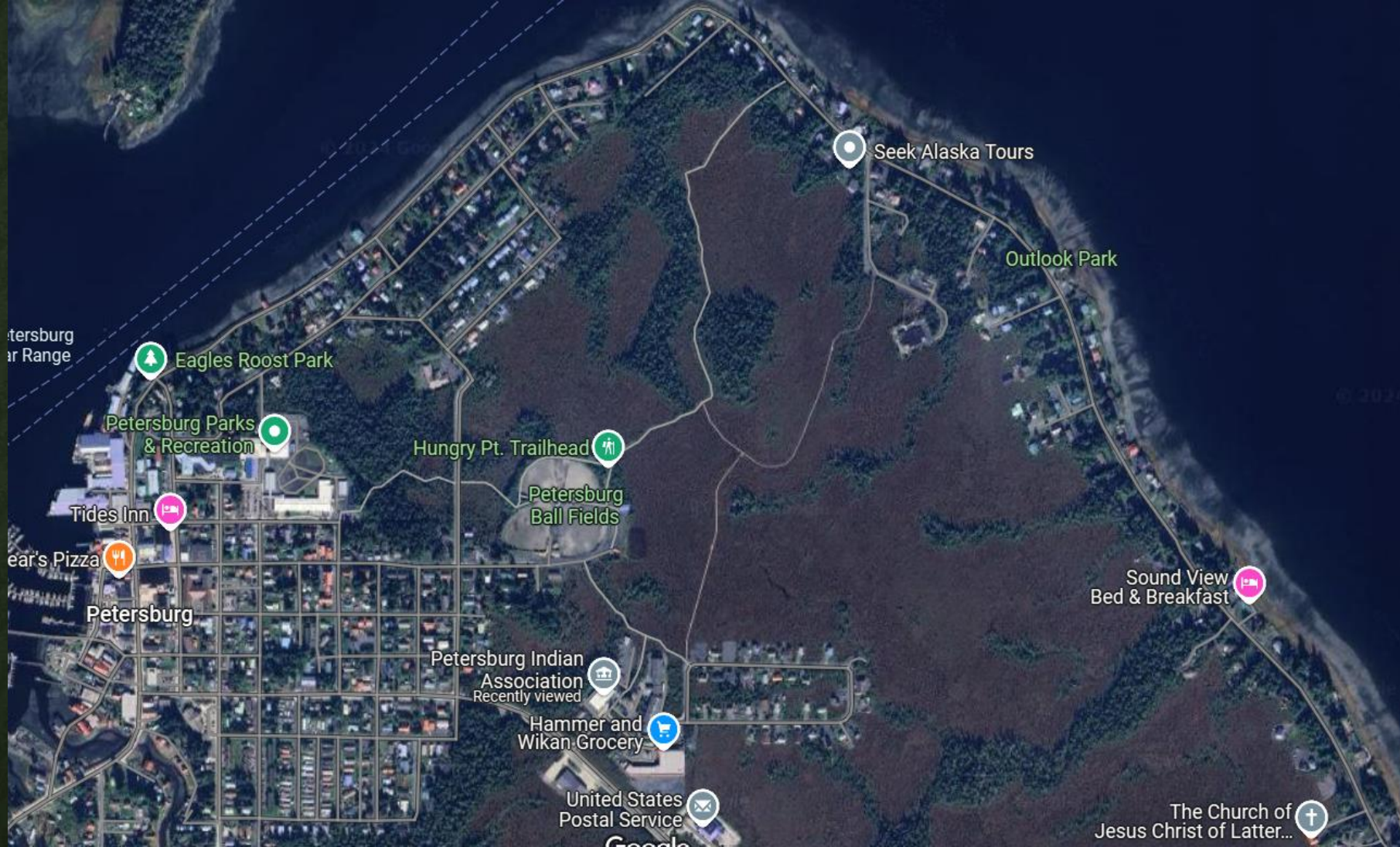
HUNGRY POINT TRAIL



WILLIAM MUSSON TRAIL



MOUNTAIN VIEW MANOR TRAIL



NATURE BOARDWALK TRAIL



NATURE BOARDWALK TRAIL

- Through connection between schools and baseball fields
- 200' raised boardwalk and 500' gravel
- Fully forested trail

A wooden boardwalk with railings winds through a dense forest of tall trees. The boardwalk is made of light-colored wood and has a railing with two horizontal slats. The forest is lush with green foliage, and the trees are tall and thin. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking down the boardwalk.

CITY CREEK PHASE 1

CITY CREEK AND HUTLI STORY TRAIL



Hutli Storywalk



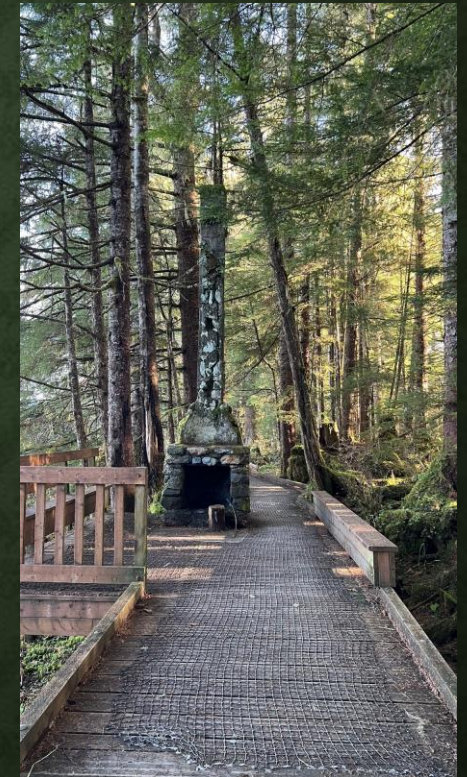
Phase 1 of City Creek is 5' wide 990' of gravel and 5' wide 880' of raised boardwalk.

Rough foot path make up the remainder of the 1-mile trail.

Forested trail with few outlets to beach

Hutli Story Walks 12 informational signs will be installed after Phase 2 of trail work is complete

CITY CREEK PHASE 1



A gravel path winds through a lush, mossy forest. The path is made of grey gravel and is bordered by dark rocks and green moss. The surrounding forest is dense with tall trees and vibrant green foliage. The text "CITY CREEK PHASE 2" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, bold, serif font.

CITY CREEK PHASE 2

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- Construction started August 2024
- Phase 2 continues the blend of gravel and boardwalk
- Most all of City Creek Trail is now ADA compliant at 8' wide and grades less than 5%
- Build contract awarded to Reid Brothers Construction with Rainforest Contracting, Inc. subcontracting. Both of Petersburg

CITY CREEK PHASE 2



CITY CREEK PHASE 2



Petersburg Indian Association
Upper City Creek Loop Trail Extension Project



UPPER CITY CREEK LOOP TRAIL

- Offers 1 mile of “rough foot path” along ridge opposite of City Creek Trail
- Will not contain any rock and will have minimal boardwalk.
- Contract currently in process of signing
- Trail building is expected to begin summer 2025



FUTURE PROJECT IDEAS

- Sandy Beach Pathway
- Roughly 1.5 miles along Sandy Beach Road creating safer access for bikers and walkers
- Widen shoulder with road markers defining path
- Heavily traveled by locals and becoming popular with tourists



FUTURE PROJECT IDEAS

- North Nordic Pathway
- Will run approximately 1 mile, between guardrail and beach
- Popular area for watching birds, orcas, northern lights, and passing boats

**LOCAL PIA
CONTRIBUTIONS**

\$10,435,278

State of Alaska / Petersburg Facilities

\$1,665,243 – pathway handrails, highway,
campground

US Forest Service / Petersburg Facilities

\$1,742,126 – Cabin, road maintenance,
roadside brushing, culvert replacements

Petersburg Borough

\$6,327,909 – sidewalks, ADA compliance,
road paving, staircases, trails/boardwalk,
senior and elderly transit system

\$130,000 annually for transit and trail
maintenance

THANK YOU

- **Petersburg Indian Association** for the opportunity to collaborate and create spaces for our entire community to enjoy
- **Petersburg Borough** for beginning our partnership 20 years ago for the betterment of the community
- **Susan Harai** for the years of hard work putting these projects together and being so amazing to work with – your excitement is infectious!
- **Alaska Trails** for the work you do for all of Alaska and inviting me to share our unique partnership

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QUESTIONS

THANK YOU!