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Please indicate that you would like your donation to go to Settlers Bay Coastal Park.

Thanks to the generosity of the Mat-Su Health Foundation, 100% of your donation will go to projects at Settlers Bay Coastal Park.

THANKS TO COMMUNITY DONORS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO FUND THESE PROJECTS AT SETTLERS BAY COASTAL PARK:

\$10,000 grant in 2016 to Great Land Trust for park planning.

\$30,000 grant in 2017 to Great Land Trust for land acquisition

\$100,000 grant in 2018, and a **\$20,000** grant in 2021 to the Mat-Su Borough for trail and park improvements.

\$30,000 grant in 2020 and 2021 to the Student Conservation Association to work on trails all over the Mat-Su, including Settlers Bay Coastal Park.

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2021 EXPLORATION DAY

SETTLERS BAY COASTAL PARK





HOW IT STARTED

In 2013, the owners of Settlers Bay Golf Course reached out to Great Land Trust about conserving some of their undeveloped property in the Settlers Bay Community. Great Land Trust partnered with the Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, ConocoPhillips, Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation, Rasmuson Foundation, Settlers Bay Golf Course, LLC, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and over 70 individual private donors to purchase the land. The Settlers Bay Coastal Park is now owned and managed by the Mat-Su Borough, and Great Land Trust, "holds a conservation easement on the property to ensure its open space and habitats are protected and conservation values are upheld in perpetuity."

HOW IT'S GOING

The Settlers Bay Coastal Park opened in the Fall of 2019, and trail development and park infrastructure continued throughout Summer 2020.

Settlers Bay Coastal Park development is aimed at creating a non-motorized nature-based recreation area, while conserving the vital wildlife habitat and coastal wetlands adjacent to the Palmer Hayflats State Game Refuge.

This summer, Mat-Su Borough and Student Conservation Association Trail Crews will be at the park completing a beginner bike trail, an ADA bluff lookout trail, and other infrastructure work around the park.



PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

One of the reasons the Settlers Bay Coastal Park Project has been such a success is the partnership and collaborations formed to both protect, and provide access to this unique area. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of individuals in the community, the Mat-Su Borough, Great Land Trust, and other organizations, the Settlers Bay Coastal Park will be a celebrated and well-used park in the Mat-Su for many years to come!

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2021?

Thanks to the generosity of our community donors, the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation has helped fund the land acquisition, trail development, park infrastructure and improvements, as well as the Student Conservation Association Trail Crew that will be working in the park later this summer.

Recently, the Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation Board approved a grant of \$20,980 for additional park improvements later this Summer. This funding request will result in another mile of intermediate bike trail, improvement to the new two-mile beginner bike trail, completion of the ADA Bluff Trail, and landscaping around two new CXTs installed December 2020.