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PURPOSE

The Amalga Meadows Master Plan, through community input and involvement, informs management intent of the park with specific areas highlighted for unique considerations. The public outreach process clearly indicated a desire for various zones of management where different uses may be allowed, while still aligning with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan designations for the area. As proposals are made in the future for new uses or services, they will be evaluated through this plan for compatibility. Specific improvements and new facilities are generally not indicated on the plan.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2019, identifies the park area as Conservation Area, defined as “A natural area with recognized environmental qualities of high value, set aside for the protection and management of the natural environment with recreation as a secondary objective.” However the plan designates the Eagle Valley Center within the park as a Developed Natural Area, defined as “A natural setting where evidence of people is obvious but blends in with the natural environment. Uses are primarily passive recreation activities, and areas for group use may be provided. Facilities are for the comfort and convenience of visitors. These areas are intended to serve the entire community.”





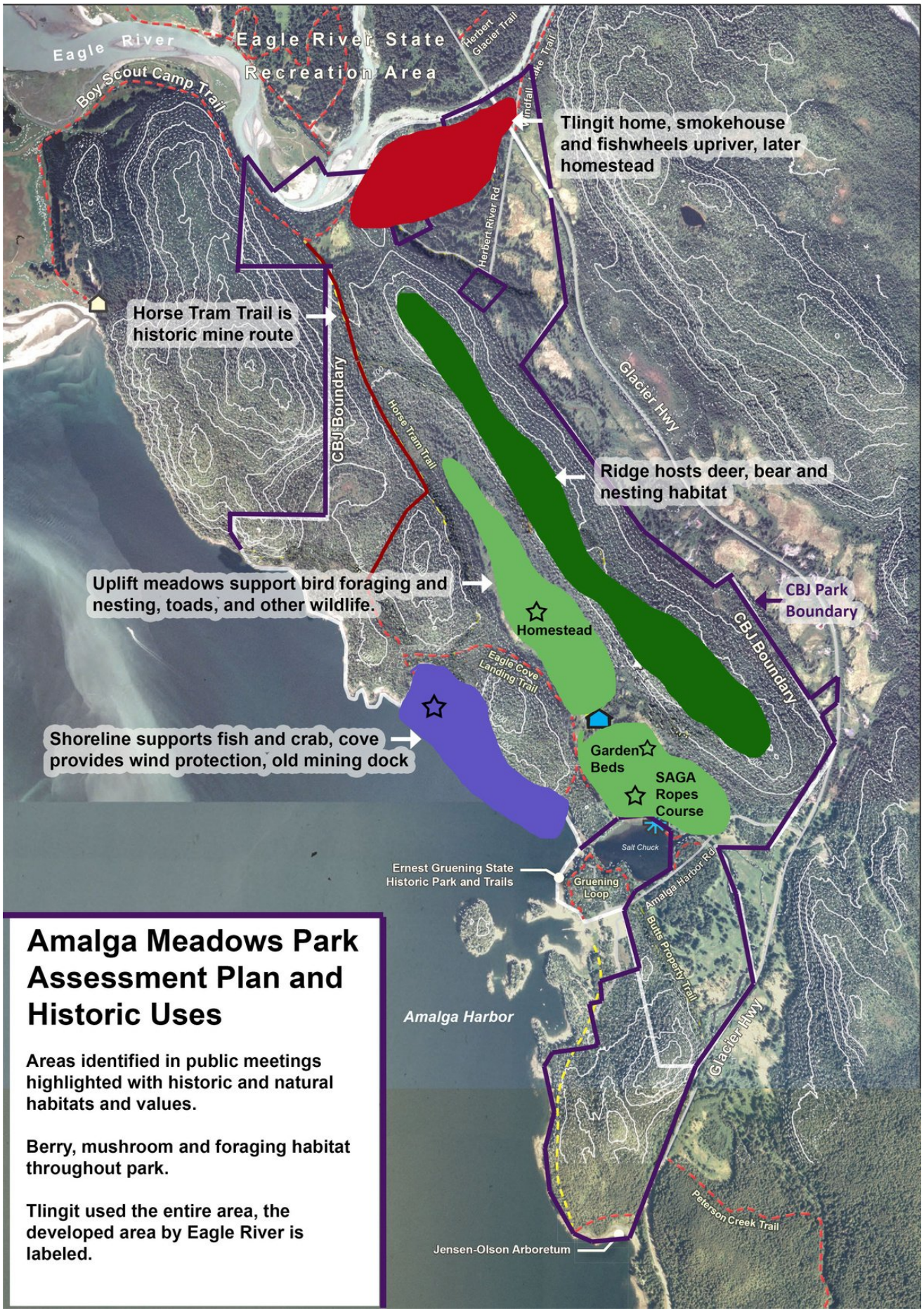
PLAN BACKGROUND & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Community work began on this park in the early 2000's shortly after land in this area was transferred to the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ). The Southeast Alaska Land Trust worked to create the "Juneau Green Zone, Breadline Bluff to Sawmill Creek" map. The mapping effort identified ownership of properties along the coast as a first step to plan for future use and protection of this area.

Following this mapping effort, a community process began to develop and an agreement was created between the City and Borough of Juneau Parks and Recreation Department and the State of Alaska Parks Division. Through public meetings and the work of a steering committee, a vision and management intent for the Amalga Meadows Park and Eagle Beach areas were established and finalized in 2003. The management intent was to consider the area's "existing values, resources, and uses and its tremendous potential to meet public recreation and other interests. The area should offer a diversity of public use experiences and levels of development, from less to more intense." The vision for the area was to create a "premiere recreation, outdoor education and cultural/historic destination for Juneau residents, visitors and youth."



In 2016, a planning meeting was held with the neighborhood and stakeholders of the park to establish goals and a vision for recreational use of the area. In 2019, two community meetings were held to further develop this vision. This plan is informed by the community planning efforts over the last twenty years.

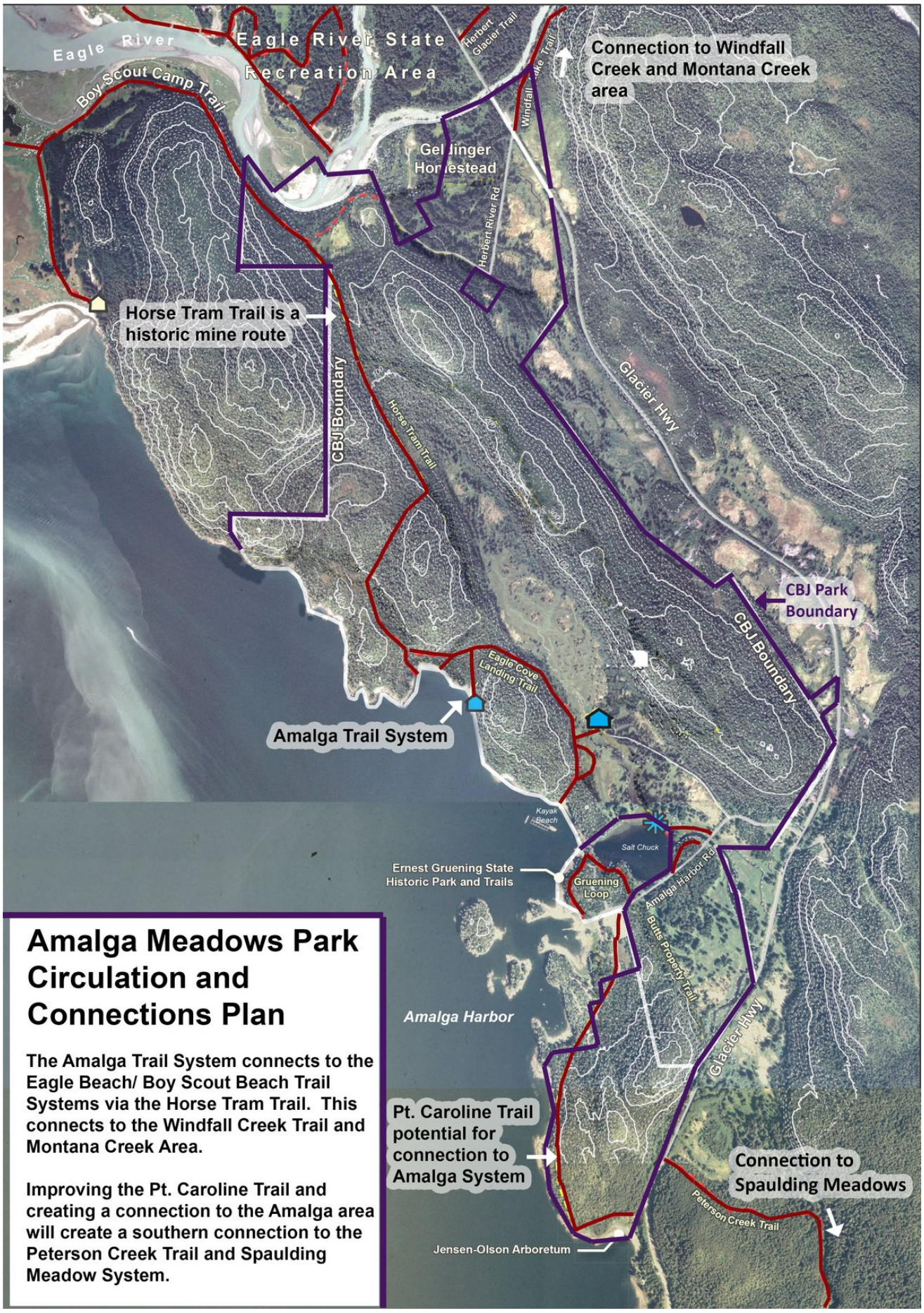


Amalga Meadows Park Assessment Plan and Historic Uses

Areas identified in public meetings highlighted with historic and natural habitats and values.

Berry, mushroom and foraging habitat throughout park.

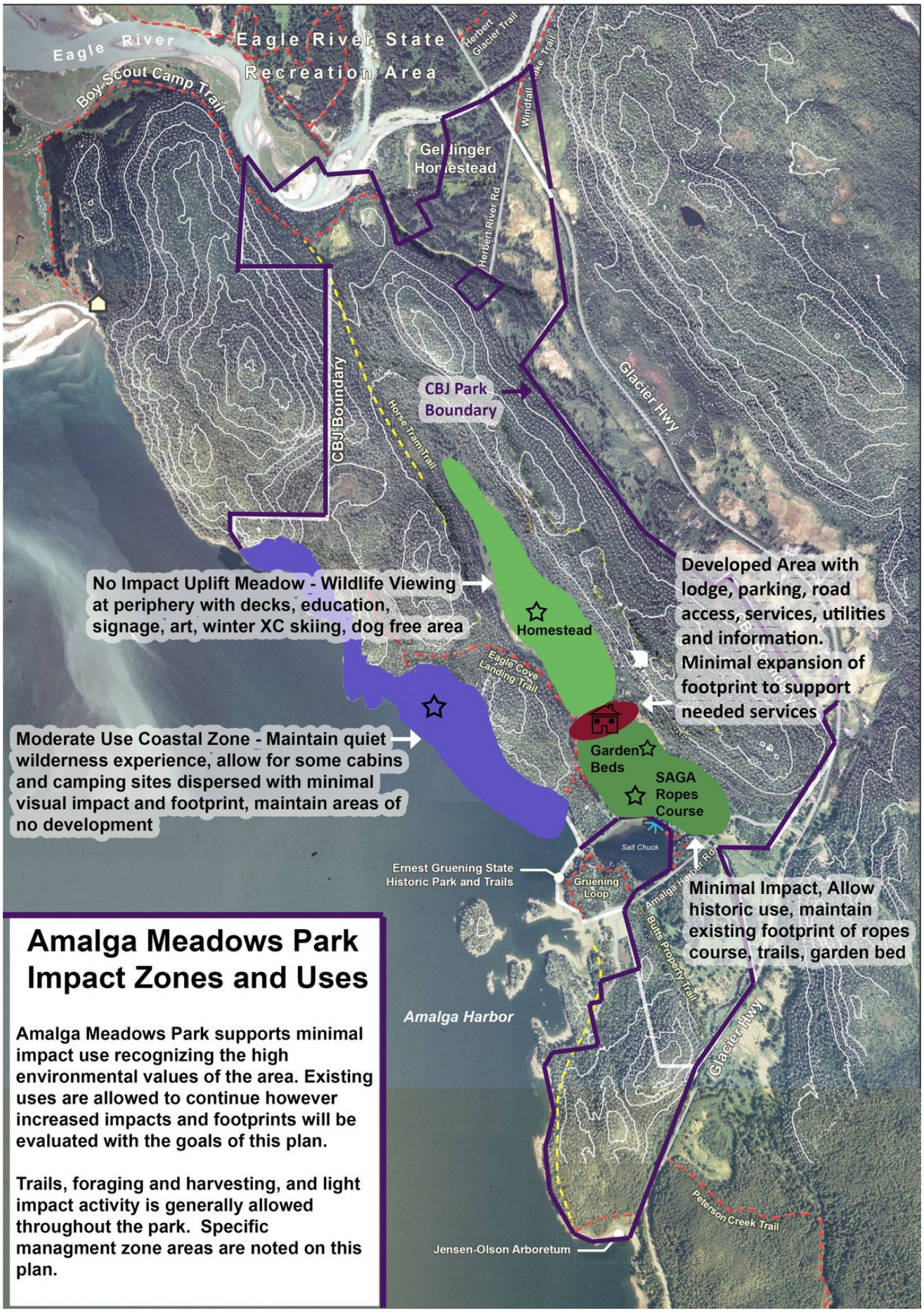
Tlingit used the entire area, the developed area by Eagle River is labeled.



Amalga Meadows Park Circulation and Connections Plan

The Amalga Trail System connects to the Eagle Beach/ Boy Scout Beach Trail Systems via the Horse Tram Trail. This connects to the Windfall Creek Trail and Montana Creek Area.

Improving the Pt. Caroline Trail and creating a connection to the Amalga area will create a southern connection to the Peterson Creek Trail and Spaulding Meadow System.



Amalga Meadows Park Impact Zones and Uses

Amalga Meadows Park supports minimal impact use recognizing the high environmental values of the area. Existing uses are allowed to continue however increased impacts and footprints will be evaluated with the goals of this plan.

Trails, foraging and harvesting, and light impact activity is generally allowed throughout the park. Specific managment zone areas are noted on this plan.