Auk Nu Cove

The City & Borough of Juneau and SEAL Trust placed this 30-acre property into permanent protection in March of this year.

This conservation property is mitigation for an adjacent development permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The property has important intertidal habitat, specifically eel grass beds, designated as special habitat under the Clean Water Act. Auk Nu Cove is adjacent to a culturally important site and CBJ Natural Park Area, Auke Cape/Indian Cove. The protection of this area also provides the community with scenic open space, education and research opportunities along with passive recreation.

Mud Bay/Nelson Homestead

Southeast Alaska Land Trust, along with the private land owner, placed this 128.5-acre property in Haines, Alaska into permanent protection in December of 2013. This property is a large portion of one of the last patented homesteads in Southeast Alaska. Its main features include large estuarine marshes and mudflats on Mud Bay, old growth forest with relatively undisturbed riparian habitat, and two anadromous streams.

Hilda Creek

Signed in 2009, the 43-acre Hilda Creek conservation easement protects the lower reach of Hilda Creek, which is the most productive anadromous fish stream on west Douglas Island in Juneau, Alaska. At the core of its conservation values are the confluence of Hilda Creek and its eastern branch, which drain the 8.4 square mile watershed, and the extensive associated riverine, flood plain, and estuarine wetlands. Protection of this property helps to maintain the ecological integrity of the larger coastal ecosystem.

ESTUARIES Functions & Values

Filters and maintains clean water
Reduces Flood Risk
Maintains Biodiversity
Provides Fish & Wildlife Habitat
Scenic Enjoyment
Recreation
Educational Opportunities
Farragut Estuary

The Farragut Estuary Easement is a conservation easement of 112 acres of estuarine lands at the mouth of the Farragut River. The Farragut River has been recognized as being eligible for becoming a “National Wild and Scenic River.” This status is saved for only those rivers with outstanding ecological and scenic values. This remote and highly productive estuary is provides extraordinary and vital wildlife habitat and is known for intensive use by numerous species of terrestrial animals and birds, especially migratory waterfowl. This conservation easement will secure these critical wetlands for permanent protection and for the benefit and enjoyment of the Grantors, the people of Petersburg, Alaska, and the State of Alaska.

Juneau Accreted Lands Project

The Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge, situated in the geographic heart of Juneau, is 3,764 acres and encompasses a series of estuaries created by the numerous streams originating in the surrounding mountains. As the tides ebb and flow, the wetlands alternates from grassland to shallow sea. The varying salt conditions produce a diverse community of plants from sedge meadows and beach rye to spruce-hemlock forests in uplands surrounding the wetlands. The complex of vegetation provides resting and feeding habitat for spring and fall migrations of water-fowl and shorebirds. More than 140 species of resident and migratory birds frequent the area as well as nearly a dozen different mammals, eight anadromous fish species, and an abundance of marine life. The Mendenhall Wetlands were designated as a globally significant “Highly Important Bird Area” in 2005 by the National Audubon Society.

The Mendenhall Wetlands is a priority area for conservation, and SEAL Trust works with private landowners surrounding the Refuge to protect accreted lands. **SEAL Trust currently owns 11 fee-simple conservation properties, totaling 164 acres, around the Refuge.** Visit our website for more information on this project and our properties.