

# Keex' Kwaan Community Forest Partnership Summary *updated-20180231*

In December of 2017, the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) accepted a \$2.7 million-dollar proposal from Sealaska on behalf of the Keex' Kwaan Community Forest Partnership (KKCFP). Beginning in Summer of 2018, this funding will support partners working with a local crew on natural resource inventory, assessment and project implementation.

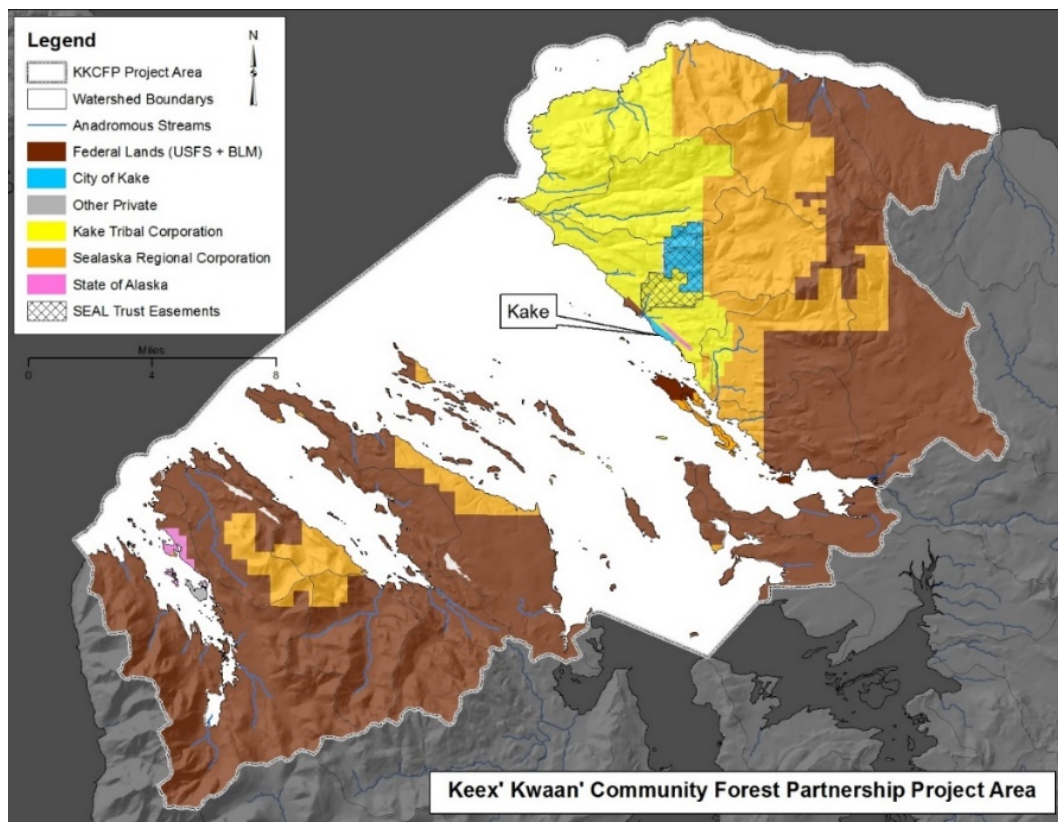
## Vision

The Keex' Kwaan Community Forest Partnership is an “all-lands, all-hands” approach to community-based natural resource management that includes Sealaska, Kake Tribal, The Organized Village of Kake, SE Alaska Land Trust, The Sustainable Southeast Partnership, The Nature Conservancy, SEAWEAD, The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the US Forest Service as core partners.

The primary goals of the KKCFP are to build strong working relationships between all partners, develop community capacity for sustainable natural resource management and pool collective resources to implement projects that add value for stakeholders across the entire triple bottom line, e.g. traditional wild food productivity, local business development and watershed health.

## KKCFP Project Area

The KKCFP project area includes all full watersheds within which Sealaska and Kake Tribal lands occur. This includes 13 HUC 12 watersheds and a total of 165,000 acres (US Forest Service 105,000 acres; Sealaska 33,000 acres; Kake Tribal 22,500 acres; SEAL Trust 2,500 acres; State/City/Other 1,000 acres).



## Objectives

There are four primary objectives identified in the KKCFP proposal to the NRCS that lay the foundation for delivering long-term benefits to land owners, land managers and the community of Kake:

- ✓ Inventory of natural resources and infrastructure (e.g. forests, streams, roads)
- ✓ Assessment of habitat conditions, economic opportunities and community priorities
- ✓ Development of prioritized list of projects into a long-term program of work
- ✓ Begin implementing program of work and establishing sustainable funding for future work

## Timeline

The agreement with the NRCS is for 5 years.

- ✓ **2018-19:** Assemble and update natural resource and infrastructure inventory
- ✓ **2020:** Conduct watershed assessments, draft resource reports and implement pilot projects
- ✓ **2021-23:** Complete resource reports, assemble 10-year program of work, begin implementation

## Budget

Approximately \$2 million federal dollars has been secured through the NRCS RCPP for the KKCFP.

- ✓ **Inventory:** Funding for LiDAR acquisition & processing, imagery acquisition, technical assistance and local crew of 4-6 to conduct stream, forest and road inventories – \$700,000
- ✓ **Assessment:** Funding for model development, subsistence surveys, crew of 6-8 to validate models, resource reports, engineering, monitoring sites and pilot projects – \$700,000
- ✓ **Implementation:** Funding for implementation of forest, stream and road conservation projects by local crew and contractors – \$600,000

## Initial Match Funding Commitments

A total of \$726,500 match funding and in-kind support has been committed to the KKCFP so far (27%).

- OVK - \$280,000 for LiDAR acquisition and base of operations for local crews
- USGS - \$200,000 for LiDAR acquisition, quality control and base product development
- Sealaska - \$75,000 for financial management, reporting and partner coordination
- SEAWEAD - \$75,000 for capacity development, inventories, assessments and implementation
- Kake Tribal - \$11,500 for advisory meeting participation
- ADFG - \$40,000 for household subsistence surveys
- TNC - \$15,000 for LiDAR acquisition and calibration
- Spruce Root CDFI - \$30,000 for small business training and business model consultation

## Next Steps

- ✓ Develop agreement with NRCS, including timeline and deliverables (drafted, complete by 4/31)
- ✓ Formalize KKCFP MOU & USFS agreement (MOU drafted, complete by 5/15, USFS not started)
- ✓ Create OVK capacity development plan for NR program- Guardians (drafted, complete by 5/15)
- ✓ Create road inventory plan for 2018-19 field work (drafted, complete by 5/15)
- ✓ Begin road inventory field work (expected start date of July 9, 2018)