**From:** Kathy Lochman

**To:** Liesl Barker; Shelley Owens

**Subject:** Fwd: Gustavus Nature Conservancy Lands

**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 15:23:10

For the record…. Kathy

Sent from my iPhone Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kathy Lochman <kathylochman@gmail.com>

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**To:** alaska@tnc.org, Mayor <mayor@gustavus-ak.gov>, Whitney Rapp

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**Subject: Gustavus Nature Conservancy Lands**

Hello Ivy and Alaska Nature Conservancy management,

The appreciation that the residents of Gustavus hold for the lands that were bought by the partnership of TNC, US Fish and Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited and Gustavus Land Legacy in Gustavus is off the charts. We use this property every day...hiking the trails, hunting in the woods, picking berries in the beach meadows. It is the most beautiful, scenic and accessible of all of our lands in the City. You own almost 30% of all of the public lands within the City limits so your presence here is huge and not just a sideshow. We appreciate you every day.

With that being said, we understand that the ownership, and therefore the status, of these lands may not be in the static state that we believed it to be. We implore you that if there is a change afoot to please include us at the forefront of those discussions. I am very concerned about the possibility of a change in ownership, or management of these lands, to be put in any hands that would not have the same mission as the TNC. All of the work and real dollars donated by members of this community (I understand $120,000 from a little town of 400!) were donated by Gustavus residents to the TNC Gustavus Forelands Preserve project with the understanding that the lands would remain open to all without development and held perpetually in that state. I hope this remains the case. Thank you for your time and thank you SO much for being our partner in these lands.

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