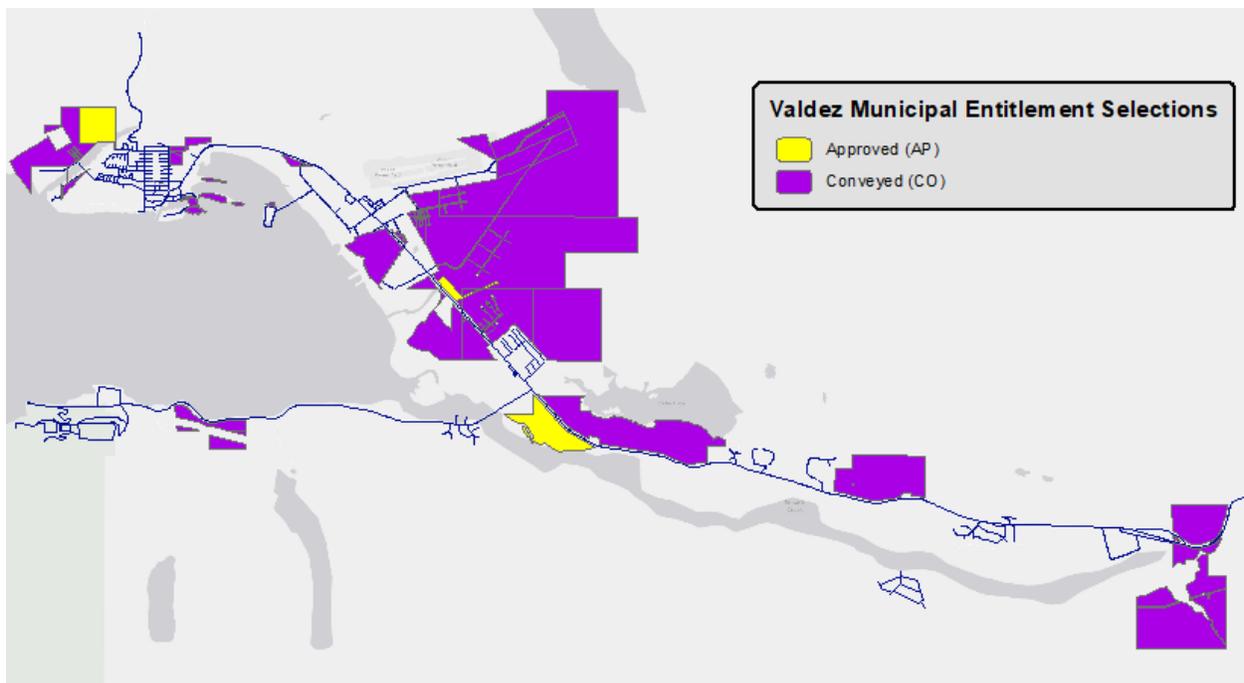


The City of Valdez Municipal Entitlement Selections

When Alaska became a state on July 7th, 1958, in order to help Alaska achieve an equal footing with the existing states, the Alaska Statehood Act allowed the newly formed state to select 104,350,000 acres of Federal and public lands through the Municipal Entitlement Program. The State of Alaska then passed Alaska Statute (AS) 29.65 in order to transfer some of that land to Municipalities. Determination of entitlement for cities was 10 percent of the maximum total acreage of vacant, unappropriated, unreserved land within the boundaries of each city.

The selections that Valdez has received through the Municipal Entitlement program are of great importance to the City. Cottonwood and Corbin Creek subdivisions are located on entitlement lands, as are the hospital, senior center, and the new small boat harbor. Recreational areas that are on municipal entitlement lands are: Dock Point, Valdez Glacier Campground, East and West Dike Trails, the Goldfields, and Crooked Creek Visitor Center.



The majority of the land that was selected by the City of Valdez through this process has been surveyed and ownership transferred to the city. Two of the larger ones have been completed recently, and it is yet to be determined what the future land use of this property will be.

Recently Conveyed Municipal Entitlement Selections

- Keystone Canyon West (December 2017)
 - 953.733 acres in 10 tracts
 - Area surrounding the confluence of the Lowe River and Brown's Creek

- Robe Lake South (October 2020)
 - 956 acres in 2 tracts
 - Tract A-1 - 540.759 acres.
 - North of 3-5 Mile of the Richardson Highway, between Highway and South Shore of Robe Lake. Includes Salmonberry Ski Hill and the area surrounding Mountain View Apartments, with Robe Lake Road excepted. Benchy, forested, undeveloped land. Some flat spots on top where a camp once existed.
 - Tract A-2 – 415.91 acres.
 - North of 8 mile of Richardson Highway. Benchy and steep forested complex terrain with multiple wetlands.

- ASLS 2009-10 Mineral Creek Islands
 - 11.36 acres across 3 islands
 - Survey completed in 2021, filed as plat # 2021-5
 - Patent in progress.
 - ASLS 2011-01 Animal Shelter Tidelands
 - Survey completed in 2021, filed as plat # 2021-3
 - 20.423 acres in two tracts
 - Patent issued April 2023

- There are a few surveys that are either in progress or awaiting application for survey instructions to be filed with the AK Department of Natural Resources.
 - Mineral Creek West
 - ~160 acres
 - Includes some of West Dike trails and cross country ski trails in Mineral Creek meadow.
 - Survey contract awarded June 2022
 - Field work completed August 2023
 - Preliminary plat due January 2024

 - Dayville Road and Richardson Highway
 - 220 acres
 - South and east of Dayville Road between Richardson Highway and Lowe River
 - Future survey?