

Buckland Community Comprehensive Plan Vision, Goals, Objectives and Priority Projects

Buckland Community Vision

Buckland is a safe community that respects
Elders, Children, Nature and Tradition.
Buckland strives for economic stability
by learning and being well.

Goal 1: To expand and improve housing, transportation, land and public safety infrastructure for community development, economic stability, and environmental preservation and protection

Community Development Areas: public safety, housing, land, roads and transportation

Objective 1.1: To develop erosion and flooding prevention plans and infrastructure for protecting our land and river for community growth and safety in balance with mother nature for long-term stability

Objective 1.2: To improve and create adequate transportation for affordable living with safety and access to business and subsistence resources

Objective 1.3: To plan, design and develop housing and land for addressing our current overcrowding and future population growth

Objective 1.4: To improve public safety services, equipment and infrastructure for protecting the life and property of our people and community

Goal 2: To plan and develop safe utility infrastructure and services for our growing community while protecting our environment and ensuring sustainability

Community Development Areas: capital projects and infrastructure, sanitation and waste, communication systems, environment

Objective 2.1: To expand an affordable piped water and sewer infrastructure for a healthy and safe community environment

Objective 2.2: To protect and clean our environment for healthy and safe living and development

Objective 2.3: To improve and upgrade the waste disposal sanitation systems for protecting the local people and environment

Objective 2.4: To upgrade the power and communication utility systems for community and economic growth with affordability and conservation

Goal 3: To strengthen and enhance Buckland’s traditional and modern way of life for enhancing our education, social well-being and health of our community while utilizing our Elders wisdom and knowledge

Community Development Areas: education and training, culture, social, health

Objective 3.1: To expand youth services and facilities for ensuring healthy lifestyles and continuing *Inupiat Ilitqusait* with involvement of our Elders

Objective 3.2: To advance medical services and social programs for a healthy and independent lifestyle with all residents

Objective 3.3: To increase and support education and training opportunities for career and cultural advancement with Elders, students, teachers and community members

Objective 3.4: To strengthen cultural services and programs for passing on and learning our traditional knowledge and language while keeping Elders in the community

Goal 4: To develop and encourage responsible private investment and public capacity for promoting economic growth, sustainability, and local ownership and accountability

Community Development Areas: governance, employment, business development, tourism, natural resources development

Objective 4.1: To enhance community governance and leadership for ensuring responsible sovereignty and public decision making that promote future economic and job opportunities

Objective 4.2: To develop private and public business opportunities for ensuring economic growth within Buckland and the region

**Top 10 Overall Community Development Projects
For 2006-2011 (5 years)**

1. Water and sewer in the whole village with standardized piped systems
2. Acquire new heavy equipment through collaboration of the city and IRA for new community projects and road maintenance – more for the village and work together to make equipment last longer and share costs (parts, maintenance, etc)
3. Bridge across the Buckland River that provides access to land for development via existing community roads and an evacuation route for disasters
4. More communication equipment and services for search and rescue situations
5. Teach culture to youth and adults – e.g. sled building, skin sewing, making traditional Native hunting equipment (spears and other items), etc.
6. Youth center building/facility for Head- and Early-Start program, youth recreation center, Boys and Girls Club, day care, and outside recreation park (playground, softball, etc)
7. Improve existing roads – foundation improvements and surface treat for dust control
8. Fully funded trail staking and maintenance – to Kotzebue (49 miles), to Galahan (34 miles), to Selawik (39 miles), to Bear Creek (50 miles) and to hot springs (104 miles), to Kiwalik (23 miles)
9. Multi-purpose IRA-City-Post Office building for better facilities, allow program growth, and additional village based jobs
10. Alternative energy development – e.g. wind, hydro, natural gas, etc.

Top 10 Capital Project Priorities 2006-11

1. Water and sewer in the whole village with standardized piped systems
2. Bridge across the Buckland River that provides access to land for development via existing community roads and an evacuation route for disasters
3. Erosion control of river bank
4. Acquire new heavy equipment through collaboration of the city and IRA for new community projects and road maintenance – more for the village and work together to make equipment last longer and share costs (parts, maintenance, etc)
5. New housing units – additional construction
6. Improve existing roads – foundation improvements and surface treat for dust control
7. Alternative energy development – e.g. wind, hydro, natural gas, etc.
8. Build a hospice for Elders so they won't need to move away and can receive proper care locally
9. Youth center building/facility for Head- and Early-Start program, youth recreation center, Boys and Girls Club, day care, and outside recreation park (playground, softball, etc)
10. Multi-purpose IRA-City-Post Office building for better facilities, allow program growth, and additional village based jobs

Top 10 Community Projects/Activities Priorities 2006-11

1. More communication equipment and services for search and rescue situations
2. Teach Inupiaq and English (bilingual) for better communication and knowing our traditions
3. Buying and selling of Native crafts – economic development that supports bringing back traditional arts and crafts
4. Annual support and operation of a summer culture camp
5. Teach culture to youth and adults – e.g. sled building, skin sewing, making traditional Native hunting equipment (spears and other items), etc.
6. Fully funded trail staking and maintenance – to Kotzebue (49 miles), to Galahan (34 miles), to Selawik (39 miles), to Bear Creek (50 miles) and to hot springs (104 miles), to Kiwalik (23 miles)
7. Complete 14c3 land conveyance for community land base and growth
8. Tribal court development
9. Technical assistance to over-income families in home loans
10. Complete water shed plan and submit to the borough/state/federal government