

Kobuk (KOH-buck)



Current Population: 106 (2002 est. by State Demographer, DOL/WD)

Incorporation Type: 2nd Class City

Taxes: Sales: None, Property: None, Special: None

Location and Climate

Kobuk is located on the right bank of the Kobuk River, about 7 miles northeast of Shungnak and 128 air miles northeast of Kotzebue. It is the smallest village in the Northwest Arctic Borough. It lies at approximately 66.90857° North Latitude and -156.88102° West Longitude. (Sec. 03, T017N, R009E, Kateel River Meridian.) Kobuk is located in the Kotzebue Recording District. The area encompasses 16.1 sq. miles of land and 0.7 sq. miles of water. Kobuk is located in the transitional climate zone. Temperatures average -10 to 15 during winter; 40 to 65 during summer. Temperature extremes have been recorded from -68 to 90. Snowfall averages 56 inches, with 17 inches of total precipitation per year. The Kobuk River is navigable from the end of May through October.

History, Culture and Demographics

Kobuk was founded in 1899 as a supply point for mining activities in the Cosmos Hills to the north, and was then called Shungnak. A trading post, school, and Friends Mission drew area residents to the settlement. Due to river erosion and flooding, the village was relocated in the 1920s to a new site 10 miles downstream, which was called "Kochuk," now Shungnak. The few who remained at the village renamed it Kobuk. Ice jams on the River cause high water each year. In May 1973, a flood covered the entire village. In October 1973, the City was incorporated.

A federally recognized tribe is located in the community -- the Native Village of Kobuk. 93.6% of the population are Alaska Native or part Native. It is an Inupiat Eskimo village practicing a traditional subsistence lifestyle. The sale or importation of alcohol is banned in the village. High School students attend school in Shungnak.

During the 2000 U.S. Census, there were 45 total housing units, and 19 were vacant. 11 of these vacant housing units are used only seasonally. 29 residents were employed. The unemployment rate at that time was 0%, although 55.38% of all adults were not in the work force. The median household income was \$30,750, per capita income was \$9,845, and 28.57% of residents were living below the poverty level. Facilities. Utilities. Schools and Health

Care Major improvements are under construction to provide a piped water and sewer system, including household plumbing. A 30-foot well provides water, which is treated and currently hauled by residents from the washeteria. Honeybuckets and privies are currently used by most residences, but plumbing is under construction. The washeteria has its own septic tank. Waste is disposed of at Dall Creek. A new landfill was recently completed. Kobuk Valley Electric Co-op purchases power from AVEC over the Kobuk-Shungnak intertie.

Electricity is provided by Kobuk Valley Electric Cooperative (from Shungnak AVEC).

There is one school located in the community, attended by 42 students.

Local hospitals or health clinics include Kobuk Health Clinic.

Economy and Transportation

The economy of Kobuk is based on subsistence. Whitefish, caribou and moose provide the majority of meat sources. Cash employment is limited to the school, City and Maniilaq clinic. One resident works for NANA Management Services at the Red Dog Mine. Seasonal construction and BLM fire fighting provide some income. Kobuk's major means of transportation are barge, plane, small boat and snowmachine. A State-owned 2,360' lighted gravel airstrip is served by scheduled air carriers. Float planes land on the Kobuk River. Crowley Marine Services barges fuel and supplies during the spring and fall, when high water stages occur. There is a barge off-loading area. Boats, ATVs and snowmachines are used for local travel. There are many trails along the river for year-round inter-village travel and subsistence activities, including a 7-mile road to Shungnak.

Organizations with Local Offices

City - City of Kobuk, P.O. Box 20, Kobuk, AK 99751, Phone 907-948-2217, Fax 907-948-2228
Electric Utility - Kobuk Valley Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 20, Kobuk, AK 99571, Phone 907-948-2217, Fax 907-948-2228
Village Council - Native Village of Kobuk, P.O. Box 51039, Kobuk, AK 99751, Phone 907-948-2203, Fax 907-948-2123

Economy, Employment, Income and Poverty

General Description of the Local Economy:

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The following Income and Employment data is from the **2000 U.S. Census**.
Additional detail is available from the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development,

Census and Geographic Information Network

and the U.S. Census Bureau's American FactFinder.

Income and Poverty Levels: These figures are estimates based on a sample, and are subject to sampling variability.

The percent of all households sampled in Kobuk was **51.1%**.

Note: Current socio-economic measures could differ significantly.

Kobuk is located in the **Northwest Arctic** Census Area.

Per Capita Income:	\$9,845
Median Household Income:	\$30,750
Median Family Income:	\$20,313
Persons in Poverty:	36
Percent Below Poverty:	28.6%

Employment:

Total Potential Work Force (Age 16+):	65
Total Employment:	29
Civilian Employment:	29
Military Employment:	0
Civilian Unemployed (And Seeking Work):	0
Percent Unemployed:	0.0%
Adults Not in Labor Force (Not Seeking Work):	36
Percent of All 16+ Not Working (Unemployed + Not Seeking):	55.4%

Private Wage & Salary Workers:	6
Self-Employed Workers (in own not incorporated business):	0
Government Workers (City, Borough, State, Federal):	23
Unpaid Family Workers:	0

Employment by Occupation:

Management, Professional & Related:	11
Service:	7
Sales & Office:	8
Farming, Fishing & Forestry:	0
Construction, Extraction & Maintenance:	0
Production, Transportation & Material Moving:	3

Employment by Industry:

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting, Mining:	0
Construction:	0
Manufacturing:	0
Wholesale Trade:	0
Retail Trade:	2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities:	7
Information:	0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental & Leasing:	0
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative & Waste Mgmt:	0
Education, Health & Social Services:	12
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accomodation & Food Services:	0
Other Services (Except Public Admin):	0
Public Administration:	8

Facilities, Utilities and Services

General Description of Sanitation Facilities:

A piped water and sewer system, including household plumbing, was recently completed. A 30-foot well provides water, which is treated and stored by the washeteria. The washeteria has its own septic tank. Waste is disposed of at Dall Creek. A new landfill was also recently completed. Kobuk Valley Electric Co-op purchases power from AVEC over the Kobuk-Shungnak intertie.

Water Distribution, Source & Treatment Systems:

Water System Operator:	City
Washeteria Operator:	City
Piped Water System:	Yes
Central Watering Point (Haul):	Yes
Multiple Watering:	No

Points:	
Water Truck (Delivery):	No
Individual Wells:	No
Community Well Source:	Yes
Surface Water Source:	No
DEC Water Permit Number:	340565
Water Is Filtered:	Yes
Water Is Chlorinated:	Yes

Sewage Collection Systems:

Sewer System Operator:	City
Piped Sewer System:	Yes
Honeybucket Haul:	No
Honeybucket Pits:	Yes
Individual Septic Tanks:	No
Community Septic Tank:	Yes
Sewage Pumper:	No
Sewage Lagoon:	Yes
Sewage Lift Station:	No
Outhouses:	Yes

Refuse/Landfill System:

Refuse Collector:	Not available; Individuals
Landfill Operator:	City
DEC Landfill Permit:	No
Type of Landfill:	Class 3, 9832-BA002, Expired

Electric Utility:

Electric Utility Name: **Kobuk Valley Electric Cooperative (from Shungnak AVEC)**
Utility Operator: Co-op
Power Source: Diesel
KiloWatt Capacity: 75
Rate/KiloWatt Hour: 27.9 cents/KWH *(Only data for PCE Communities is available on this system)*
Power Cost
Equalization (PCE) Subsidy: Yes

Bulk Fuel:

Tank Owners (Number of tanks / Total capacity): Northwest Arctic Schools (11,700 gals.); City (16,900); Kobuk Store (8,700)

Health Care:

Clinic/Hospital in Community: **Kobuk Clinic (948-2218)**
Clinic/Hospital Phone Number: 948-2218
Operator: Maniilaq Association (907-402-3311)
Owner: City
Facility Status: The clinic has water and sewer freezing problems; needs major renovations and expansion.
Alternate Health Care:
Health Comments: Kobuk is classified as an isolated village, it is found in EMS Region 4A in the Maniilaq Association Region. Emergency Services have river and air access. Emergency service is provided by volunteers and a health aide

Visitor Accomodations/Information:

Airline Services:	Bering Air, Hageland Aviation, Tanana Air Service, Warbelow's Air Ventures
Taxis:	
Car Rentals:	
Accommodations:	City
Visitor Attractions:	
Cultural Events:	

Local Services & Facilities:

Police:	State VPSO (948-3222); Troopers in Kotzebue (442-3222)
Fire/Rescue:	Volunteer Fire; City Public Safety Building
Court/Magistrate:	City Public Safety Building cell
Youth Center:	Funds have been requested
Community Hall:	Community Bldg.
Senior Services:	Not available
Gym or Pool:	School gym
Bingo:	Not available
Movie Theater:	Not available
Museum:	Not available
Library:	School Library

Communications:

In-State Phone:	OTZ Telephone Co-op, Inc.
Long-Distance Phone:	AT&T Alascom; GCI; OTZ Telephone
Internet Service Provider:	GCI (www.gci.net)
TV Stations:	ARCS
Radio Stations:	KOTZ-AM
Cable Provider:	None
Teleconferencing:	Alaska Teleconferencing Network

School District and Schools

Contact information for Alaska School Districts and Schools
is available at the [Department of Education and Early Development's Website](#)

School District:

District Name:	Northwest Arctic Schools
Operated By:	Borough
Total Number of Schools:	13
Total Number of Teachers:	164
Total Number of Students:	2,153
Student/Teacher Ratio:	13.10
Dropout Rate (9-12 Grade):	6.3 %
Percent Native Students:	90.9%
Geographic Cost Differential:	1.452
Expenditures Per Student (FY 2001):	\$13,829

Schools Located in Kobuk:

School Name	Grades Taught	Number of Students	Number of Teachers
Kobuk School	K thru 8	42	3

Municipal Officials and Employees

General Municipal Information:

Year of Incorporation:	1973
Manager or "Strong Mayor" Form of Government:	Mayor
Regular Election Held:	1st Tuesday in October
Assembly/Council Meets:	Second Thursday
Sales Tax:	None
Property Tax:	None
Special Taxes:	None

Municipal Contact Information:

Address:	City of Kobuk P.O. Box 5120 Kobuk, AK 99751
Phone:	907-948-2217
Fax:	907-948-2228
E-mail:	
Web Page:	

Elected/Appointed Officials:

Mayor (term as mayor ends):	The Honorable Alex Sheldon SR. (2007)
City Council (term ends):	Merphy Custer (2007) Rosie Ward (2007) Collen Sheldon (2007) May Bernhardt (2007) Elmer Ward (2006) Rosa Horner (Vice Mayor) (2006)

Alex Sheldon Sr. (2007)

Advisory School Board (term ends):

Marilyn Snell (Secretary) (2007)
Rosa Horner (Vice President) (2008)
Violet Crowe (Board Mem.) (2006)
Della Gooden (Board Mem.) (2006)
Rosie Ward (President) (2006)

Planning Commission (term ends):

Under Northwest Arctic Borough

Municipal Employees:

Position:	Employee Name:
Administrator	Roy Sun
Airport Manager	Elmer Ward
City Clerk (Acting)	Thomas Octuck
Public Safety (VPSO)	Leslie Rolls
Health Aide	Amy Carter
Janitor	
Janitor	Clarissa Custur
Water Plant Operator	Ozzie Snell
Health Aide	Beatrice Barr
Utility Manager	Henry Horner, Sr.
Water Plant Operator	Ozzie Snell

**Local Contacts and
Regional/State Organizations with Local Offices**

City of Kobuk

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Alex Sheldon SR., Mayor
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(City)

Kobuk Valley Electric Cooperative

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Kobuk, AK 99751-0020
Henry Horner Sr.
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Fax: 907-948-2123
(Electric Utility)

Native Village of Kobuk Traditional Council

P.O. Box 51039
Kobuk, AK 99751
Edward E. Gooden, Jr., President
Phone: 907-948-2203
Fax: 907-948-2123
E-Mail: eking@maniilaq.org
(Village Council. BIA-Recognized Traditional Council)

Business Licenses (Rural)

The records below reflect current business licenses on file with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of Occupational Licensing, Business Licensing Section. These licenses may not represent actual business activity.

For more information on a specific business, use Commerce's "Business License Search" [website](#).

Business Name	SIC Codes (Primary - Secondary)
CITY OF KOBUK	447190 5500
DENALI VIEW CHALETS	531110 532490
KOBUK VALLEY COMPANY	488190
KOBUK VALLEY ELECTRIC COMPANY	221310 221111
MEEHAN RENTAL	531390

Capital Projects and Grants - RAPIDS

(Rural Alaska Project Identification and Delivery System)

For more information on a specific project, contact the [Lead Agency](#).

Lead Agency	Fiscal Year	Project Status	Project Description	Project Stage	Agency Cost	Total Cost
HUD	2004	Funded	Indian Housing Block Grant - NAHASDA administration, operating & construction funds	Preliminary	\$125,236	\$125,236
DCCED	2003	Funded	Alaska Soil Water Conservation District - Kobuk Watershed Stewardship - Leq. Grant	Contract	\$24,000	\$24,000
FAA	2003	Funded	Rehabilitate Runway - AkDOT/PF \$356,979.	Contract	\$5,354,678	\$5,711,657
FAA	2003	Funded	Rehabilitate Apron - Ak DOT/PF \$667,667	Contract	\$1,000,000	\$1,066,667
FAA	2003	Funded	Extend Runway - Ak DOT/PF \$306,668	Contract	\$4,600,000	\$4,906,667
DCCED	2003	Funded	Community Facilities & Equipment Purchase & Repair - Capital Matching	Construction	\$25,000	\$26,316
HUD	2003	Funded	Indian Housing Block Grant - NAHASDA administration, operating & construction funds	Construction	\$70,091	\$70,091
ANTHC	2003	Funded	Repair & Renovation of the Kobuk Clinic - Denali Commission Funding	Construction	\$0	\$93,200
HUD	2002	Funded	Indian Housing Block Grant - NAHASDA administration, operating & construction funds	Completed	\$56,836	\$56,836
AHFC	2002	Funded	Energy efficiency/w&s/electrical - 10 units - Project complete, funding for	Completed	\$640,000	\$640,000

			2000, 2001 & 2002			
DCCED	2001	Funded	Community Facilities and Equipment - Capital Matching	Completed	\$25,000	\$26,316
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HUD	2000	Funded	Indian Housing Block Grant - NAHASDA administration, operating & construction funds	Completed	\$53,208	\$53,208
DEC/VSW	2000	Funded	Water/Sewer Installation - DEC \$59.5 USDA \$178.5 Drill well and install well pump and controls; additional funding provided by other sources.	Completed	\$59,500	\$238,000
DCCED	1999	Funded	Recreation Center, Landfill Construction and Street Lighting - Capital Matching	Completed	\$25,000	\$26,316
HUD	1999	Funded	Indian Housing Block Grant - NAHASDA administration, operating & construction funds	Completed	\$53,208	\$53,208
ANTHC	1999	Funded	Piped Water and Sewer Ph IV - IHS \$867.9; DEC \$867.9. Design and construct water storage tank and water and sewer extension to serve 5 houses	Completed	\$0	\$1,735,800
DEC/VSW	1999	Funded	Piped Water and Sewer, Ph II, III, IV - EPA \$867.9	Completed	\$867,900	\$1,735,800
DCCED	1998	Funded	Piped Water and Sewer - Capital Matching	Completed	\$25,000	\$26,316
FAA	1998	Funded	Kobuk Airport	Completed	\$610,573	\$651,278

			Construct SRE Building			
DCCED	1998	Funded	Overall economic development plan - RDA/USFS Mini-Grant	Completed	\$5,000	\$6,500
HUD	1998	Funded	Indian Housing Block Grant - NAHASDA administration, operating & construction funds	Completed	\$57,326	\$57,326
DCCED	1997	Funded	Community Facilities & Equipment Repairs - Capital Matching	Completed	\$25,000	\$26,316
DCCED	1997	Funded	Construct New Landfill - CDBG	Completed	\$183,000	\$228,000
DCCED	1996	Funded	Laugviik General Store Business Plan - RDA/USFS Mini-Grant	Completed	\$5,000	\$5,500
AEA-BF	1996	Funded	Bulk Fuel Upgrade	Completed	\$4,572	\$270,573
DCCED	1996	Funded	Community Facilities & Equipment; Oil Spill Cleanup - Capital Matching	Completed	\$25,000	\$26,316
DCCED	1996	Funded	Design for Solid Waste - CDBG	Completed	\$78,398	\$80,459
ANTHC	1996	Funded	Piped Water and Sewer, Ph III - EPA \$667.5, DEC \$667.5. New HUD houses are currently hauling water & using privies	Completed	\$0	\$1,335,000
AHFC	1995	Funded	Weatherize 13 Homes	Completed	\$125,000	\$125,200
DCCED	1995	Funded	Community Facilities & Equipment Repair - Capital Matching	Completed	\$25,000	\$26,316
ANTHC	1995	Funded	Piped Water and Sewer, Ph II - IHS \$1,095.0. Master Plan was Phase I. Phase II includes a garage, residential plumbing for 30 homes, water treatment plant	Completed	\$0	\$1,965,000

			improvements, access roads			
HUD/CGP	1995	Funded	Housing Modernization - Electrical repair	Completed	\$71,000	\$71,000
ANTHC	1994	Funded	Water/Sewer Master Plan & Design, Ph I - IHS funding, DEC \$180.0	Completed	\$0	\$630,000
DCCED	1994	Funded	Facilities & Equipment Repairs - Leg. Grant. ED 37	Completed	\$25,000	\$25,000
HUD/CGP	1994	Funded	Housing Modernization - Roof 1 unit	Completed	\$5,000	\$5,000
DCCED	1994	Funded	Community Facilities & Equipment Repair - Capital Matching	Completed	\$25,000	\$26,316
DCCED	1994	Funded	Bulk Fuel Storage Upgrade - CDBG	Completed	\$200,000	\$200,000
DOT&PF	1994	Funded	Airport Snow Removal Equipment & Building	Completed	\$72,662	\$726,625
DOT&PF	1993	Funded	Airport Master Plan	Completed	\$29,653	\$296,530
AEA-BF	1993	Funded	Bulk Fuel Investigation - DCED funds provided to upgrade tank farm. Energy to provide technical assistance	Completed	\$6,000	\$6,000
AEA	1993	Funded	Kobuk/Shungnak Electrical Intertie O & M	Completed	\$23,037	\$23,037
HUD/AHFC	1993	Funded	Construct 5 Housing Units	Completed	\$1,038,481	\$1,221,251
DCCED	1990	Funded	Treated Water Project/Community Facility Improvements - Leg. Grant	Completed	\$50,000	\$50,000
DCCED	1987	Funded	Public Safety Building Upgrade & Bulk Fuel Farm Upgrade - Leg. Grant	Completed	\$75,000	\$75,000
FAA	2005	Planned	Dahl Creek: Rehabilitate Runway	N/A	\$2,111,111	\$2,222,222

DOT&PF	2003	Planned	Snow Removal Equipment Building Construction	N/A	\$3,750	\$60,000
N/A	2003	Potential	Electrical Upgrade & New Generator	N/A	\$0	\$0
N/A	2003	Potential	Tourism/Recreation Center	N/A	\$0	\$0
N/A	2003	Potential	Public Safety/Fire Hall & Equipment Building	N/A	\$0	\$0
N/A	2003	Potential	Heavy Equipment & Storage	N/A	\$0	\$0

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Land Status

ANCSA Land Entitlement:

Village Corporation:	NANA Regional Corporation
12(a) Land Entitlement*:	69,120 acres
12(b) Land Entitlement**:	0 acres
Other Land Entitlements:	

14(c)(3) Land Status:

14(c)(3) Status***:	Completed
14(c)(3) Comments:	
14(c)(3) Agreement Signed:	No
14(c)(3) Acres:	439.0
Map of Boundaries done:	Yes
Date Plat Filed:	10/06/1992
Plat Number:	92-6
Recording District:	Kotzebue
Municipal Land Trust:	No
Authorized Village Entity Type:	

* ANCSA 12(a) land entitlement to village corp. from federal gov't

** ANCSA 12(b) land reallocated to village corp. from Reg. Native Corp.

*** Under ANCSA 14(c)(3), villages must reconvey surface estates to the local city government to provide for community use and expansion

Health / Social / Culture: / Governance

Goal Statement: To have a health and thriving community by strengthening native culture, Traditional Knowledge and cooperative leadership

Objective Statement: (Health/ Social/ Culture)

To: Improve the health and welfare services for all community members while
Strengthening our Native Culture and Traditional Knowledge

For: A healthy and thriving community for today and generations to come

Objective Statement: (Governance)

To: explore the possibility of City and IRA utilizing jointly infrastructure and resources

For: Promoting and strengthening cooperative leadership while maximizing efficiency and maximizing cost

Ideas:

Land / Roads & Transportation:/ Capital Projects and Infrastructure/ Housing

Goal Statement: To create more housing and improve trasportations sytems, develop a land use plan and to protect subsistence and our remote locations.

Objective Statement: (Land/ Roads & Transportation)

To: Plan and implement improvements to existing transportation systems and land use management

For: maintaining access for subsistence and employment while preserving our remote relocation.

Objective Statement: (Capital Projects and Infrastructure/ Housing)

To: Create and improve and infrastructures such as a multi-purpose building

For: (to achieve) to accommodate community growth while maximizing efficiency and Lowing operating and maintenance cost

Ideas:

Sanitation & Waste / Environment / Natural Resources Development:

Goal Statement: To have improved sanitation and waste management sustainable clean, low cost energy and environmentally responsible development

Objective Statement:

To: improve and expand on existing sanitation and waste managements while developing appropriate renewable enery such as wind and solar, and protecting our subsistence resources

For: sustainable, clean and lower cost energy and environmentally responsible resource and economic development.

Ideas:



Business Development / Tourism / Employment/ Education & Training

Goal Statement: To develop and improve the educational system and infrastructure and educate and train interested community members on the potential visitor economy

Objective Statement: (Business Development/ Tourism)

To: promote and regulate visitor activity and environmentally responsible economic development

For: the benefit of the community, increasing creating local jobs, business opportunities, and increased cash flow for the community

Objective Statement: (Employment/ Education & Training)

To: improve and expand existing education programs and develop training programs

For: increased local employment opportunities and workforce and economic development

Ideas:



Communication / Public Safety:

Goal Statement: Improved community, health, safety and wellness

Objective Statement:

To: create and improve communication public safety systems

For: the betterment of our community health, safety and wellness

Ideas:

Trends – Both positive and negative in regards to local community development in Kobuk

- Alcohol and Drug
- Rumors
- No recreation for children
- No gym for kids
- Community building
- Don't like that kids 13 and 14 have to leave to get an education
- Drop out rate
- No High School
- Increasing cost of fuel and gas
- Low employment
- High turnover in the jobs
- Need another store
- Erosion control
- Increasing airfares/ freight
- Need medical assistance per lodging and meals
- Increasing in economic development
- Dumpsite control

Environmental strengths:

- Good water quality
- Air Quality
- Recycling pop cans
- Mining activities
- Good gravel source

Cultural Strengths:

- Individual Fish camps
- Teaching of preserving fish and meat (via caribou , moose, ect.)
- Elders boat (need motor)
- Subsistence way of life

Community strengths:

- a lot of shaing
- Working together
- Native way of life
- What we learn from Elder's
- Happy kids
- Community Organizations
- Search & Rescue
- Strong church Organizations
- Good Leadership

Unique things about Kobuk to build upon for local development:

- Tourism
- Parks and Trails
- Sheefishing
- Private Lands
- Mining Industry
- Rich in Natural Resources
- Native Arts and Craft
- Native Culture (cutting fish, meat ect.)
- Preserving Traditional foods
- Artisan Water Spring

Opportunities in community development within Kobuk:

- Elders teach Traditional Inupiaq skills and values
- Planning for multi-purpose building
- Park with playground and picnic tables
- Replacing outside teachers with local teachers

Areas of concern in the future in the future as Kobuk develops projects and economically

- Landfill (Need Burnbox)
- Community Growth
- Strengthening the Hunters and Guide Regulations
- Wonton waste on game animals
- Riverbank Erosion
- Electrical energy/ No back-up generator

Community Assets

- New Clinic completed
- New Runway
- New Dumpsite
- Water Source
- New Roads
- City/KTC (Administrators, Members)
- Elders
- Churches
- School
- Store

Internal Weakness to the community

- Lack/Loss of Inupiaq Language
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- No Day Care
- No recreational facilities for youth housingsa
- Not enough housings
- No High School/ Gym
- High drop outs
- Lack of training for jobs

External challenges and threats to the community development

- Industrial mining challenges
- No Land use plan
- Flooding
- Migration route (changing yearly)
- Fear of changing
- Environmental changing
- Mineral toxic waste
- Air Quality
- High cost of living

Strategic Action Plans for Community Implementation:

Priority # 1 : New High School/ Gymnasium

Background of Need: Got no High School , no gymnasium, High drop-out rate, want to keep the kids home for school instead of send out to other place for education, promote higher education to get a job, finishing high school

Strategies for Solutions:

Continue to push the District office to get a new high school/ gymnasium. Write letters to legislatures and District leaders and other organizations.

Action steps: Time line: Community organization/person responsible:

Community survey	2006-07	City/ KTC/ NANA/ VPC
Write letters to School	2006-07	City/ KTC/ NANA/ VPC
Continue to push the Dist.	2006->	City/ KTC/ NANA/ Community members

Other Community projects that relate:

Need back-up Generator; Bulk fuel storage; Water and Sewer; Housing (Teachers); Public Safety; VPSO; Native Teachers (local)

Potential funding:

NWABSD;Legislature; NWAB; NANA

Land use consideration:



Priority # 2 Native Store

Background of need: We need more products and lower cost for living; people go to Shungnak Native store when the one store here in town is not open; create more jobs; cash flow stays locally

Strategies for Solutions:

ANICA/ AC , Feasability study to do our own store

Action steps:	Time line:	Community organization/person responsible:
Grant for feasibilty Study	2006-07	KTC
Community Mtg.	2006-07	KTC

Other Community projects that relate:

Mining, School, Visitors, Near by Villages

Potential funding:

Denali Commission , USDA, SBA, NWAB, Bank, State Mini Grants, ANA

Land use consideration:

NANA Land

Priority # 3: Multi-purpose Building

Background of Need: Need community meeting place with large conference room, youth center, cooking house, city/IRA office space, VPSO office, Post Office, Castcet Room, and festivals.

Strategies for Solutions: Bring cost down w/o&m; look for grants writers/ training, get letters of support from community and local organization, and resolutions of support.

Action steps:	Time line:	Community organization/person responsible:
Community Meeting	2006-2007	City, Nana, VPC, community
Seek potential funding sources	2006- ?	KTC/City
Seek potential Land Sites	2006-?	KTC, City, Nana, BLM
Letters of support from everone	2006-?	All organizations
Find Grantwriters "NWAB, Maniilaq"	2006-?	KTC/City

Other Community projects that relate: VPSO, Post Office, Boys & Girls Club, Youth Center, W&S, KTC and City Office Space.

Potential funding: USDA, Denali Commission, ICDBG, NAHASDA

Land use consideration: 14c3 Nana, City

Priority # 4: Back-up Generator

Background of Need: **Power outages from time to time, safety issues, avoid freeze up of humans and buildings.**

Strategies for Solutions: Look for funding and other options.

Action steps:	Time line:	Community organization/person responsible:
Look for Funding	2006-2007	City/ KTC
Identify site	2006-2007	City/ KTC
Joint Council Meeting	2006-2007	City/ KTC

Other Community projects that relate:

All community projects relate to the successes of this project.

Potential funding: State and EPA

Land use consideration: Original Generator Site

Priority # 5 Erosion/ Flood Control

Background of Need: River Bank eroding, flooding cause erosion on community roads

Strategies for Solutions:

Investigate other community solutions

Action steps:	Time line:	Community organization/person responsible:
Contact COE	2006-07	City
Contact DCED	2006-07	City

Other Community projects that relate:

All community projects

Potential funding for the projects:

State FEMA office DCED

Land use consideration:

Priority # 6: Bulk Fuel Storage

Background of Need:

Lacking capacity, need to bring cost down, Kobuk runs out fuel in critical months in winter

Strategies for Solutions:

Design adequate storage tanks to last all year round, negotiate with other fuel providers and organizations

Action steps:	Time line:	Community organization/person responsible:
Do plan and		
Feasibility study	2006-07	City/ KTC
Contact NWAB	2006-07	City
Contact NANA	2006-07	City
For old storage tanks		
Inspect old tanks	2006-07	City

Other Community projects that relate:

Community expansion, supplying fuel to mining companies and construction companies

Potential funding:

Denali Commission

Land use consideration: Old fuel site and existing NANA tank site

Priority # 7: Housing (New Renovation)

Background of Need: Over crowding in existing homes, homes are old and deteriorating, home development does not meet the needs of growing population

Strategies for Solutions:

Build more homes, sweat equity home building project

Action steps: Time line: Community organization/person responsible:

Do needs assessment 2006-07 KTC

Contact NIHA &

Rural Cap 2006-07 KTC

Other Community projects that relate:

School systems, NAHASDA, NIHA, HIP program, Water and Sewer, KVEC

Potential funding:

NAHASDA, HIP, Sweat Equity Fund, Rural Cap

Land use consideration:

Priority # 8: Trasporters Issue Resolved

Background of Need: Need to control outside hunters, Kobuk is not getting the game that it used to, incroachments on private land (NANA and Allotments)

Strategies for Solutions:

More stated and federal regulations, head tax per person, more on forcement (State and local)

Action steps:	Time line:	Community organization/person responsible:
Contact F&G	2006	City / KTC
Res. For land use fee	2006	City
Research other		
Comm. Solutions	2006-07	KTC
Contact NANA		
And Maniilaq	2006-07	KTC

Other Community projects that relate:

Local F&G Advisory Committee

Potential funding:

NWAB/ NANA/Maniilaq

Land use consideration:

Priority # 9: Solar/ Wind Power

Background of Need: High cost of energy, undependable and unreliable power source, existing infrastructure in poor conditions

Strategies for Solutions:

Contact Congressional offices and KEA

Action steps: Time line: Community organization/person responsible:

Do Feasibility study 2006-07 City/ KTC

Contact Lobbyist 2006-07 KTC

Other Community projects that relate:

KVEC, helping address high

cost of living

Potential funding:

Research funded by mining company

Denali Commission

Land use consideration:

NANA

Priority # 10: Public Safety Building

Background of Need: Search and Rescue, Fire Department, Jail, VPSO office, Emergency Quarters, Emergency safety, Training room

Strategies for Solutions:

Do feasibility study and needs assessment

Action steps:	Time line:	Community organization/person responsible:
Community Org. Mtg.	2006-07	City / KTC
Research funding Sources	2006-07	City/ KTC
Identify Site	2006-07	City/ KTC

Other Community projects that relate:

Police Department, Search and Rescue, Fire Department, City, KTC

Potential funding:

State of Alaska, Maniilaq, Department of Justice (State and Federal), Denali Commission, Rasmuson Foundation

Land use consideration:

The Pearl Gomez Comprehensive Economic Development Plan for the Community of Kobuk

Kobuk Community Vision - *Kobuk, a community of 120 people working together in harmony, are focused on the wellness of the community, the caring of children, and the safety and health of its citizens. While living independently, we respect the Native traditions and knowledge of Elders.*

Kobuk Community Values

- 1. Community Wellness**
- 2. Caring of Children**
- 3. Safety and Health**
- 4. Being Independent/ Living in Kobuk**
- 5. Respect and Knowledge for Native Traditions/ Inupiaq Values**
- 6. Respect for Elders**
- 7. Modern Technology**
- 8. Subsistence Culture**
- 9. Safety and Leadership**

Top Ten Overall Community Development Projects for 2006-2011

1. New High School with Gymnasium
2. New Store
3. Multi-purpose Building “including recreation center”
4. Back-up Generator
5. Erosion/Flood Control
6. Bulk Fuel Storage
7. Housing “New and Renovation”
8. Trans porter Issue Resolution
9. Solar/Wind Power
10. Public Safety Building

Top 10 Capital projects priorities for 2006-2011

1. New High School with Gymnasium
2. New Store
3. Multi-purpose Building
4. Back up Generator
5. Erosion/ Flood Control
6. Bulk Fuel Storage
7. Housing “New and Renovations”
8. Public Safety Building
9. New Post Office
10. Airport Shelter Terminal

Top Ten Community Projects / Activities priorities 2006-2011

1. Trans Porter Issue Resolved

2. Solar/Wind Power
3. Boys & Girls Club
4. Men's Night
5. Game Night
6. Women Night
7. Inupiq Language
8. Develop Small Tourism
9. Arts & Craft Shop
10. ATM/ Banking

Kobuk Community Goals and Objectives

Goal 1 – To develop and improve the educational system and infrastructure and educate and train interested community members on the potential visitor economy.

Objective 1- Education, Training and Employment

To: Improve and expand our existing educational programs and develop more training programs

For: Increase local employment opportunities and work force and economic development

1. New High School/High School gym
2. Head Start Program
3. GED Training
4. Grant/writing Training
5. More Funding for further Education
6. JTPA or SYP for Kobuk
7. Promote local teachers or Native teachers
8. Survival Training
9. Environmental Training
10. Swimming Pool

Objective 2 - Business Development and Tourism

To: Promote and regulate visitor activity and environmentally responsible economic development.

For: The benefit of the community, including creating local jobs, Business Opportunities and increasing cash flow for the community.

Business Development

1. New Local Store
2. Lower Fuel Prices
3. Day Care
4. ATM/ Banking
5. Resolve the Trans Porter Issues
6. Arts and Crafts Shop
7. Furniture Store
8. Bottle Water for shipping
9. Meat Packing Factory

10. Sight seeing Tours
11. Cabs

Tourism

1. Trans porter issue resolved
2. Small tourism

Goal 2 – To create more housing, improve transportation systems, develop a land use management plan and protect subsistence and remote location.

Objective 1 - Housing and Capital Projects and Infrastructure

To: create and improve housing and infrastructure, such as a Multi Purpose building
For : accommodating community growth while maximizing efficiency and lowering operating and maintenance cost

Capital Projects and Infrastructure

1. Multi Purpose Building
2. Back up Generator
3. Larger Fuel Tank Farm
4. New Post Office
5. Public Safety Building
6. New IRA/City building
7. Cooks House
8. Recreation Building

Housing

1. Multi-Purpose Building
2. Housing New and repair
3. Senior Center Building
4. Public Safety Building
5. VPSO Housing
6. Apartments for single Adults

Objective 2 – Land, Roads and Transportation

To: Plans for and implement improvements to existing transportation systems and land use management

For: Maintaining access for subsistence and employment, while preserving our remote location.

Transportation

1. More Jobs
2. No Road to Ambler
3. Improve current Roads
4. Airport Shelter
5. Address High cost of Air Travel
6. Air Service to Fairbanks

Land

1. Erosion Control of Kobuk River
2. Industrial Park
3. Land Marks
4. Play Ground

Relocate Grave Sites

Goal 3 – To have improved sanitation and waste management, sustainable clean low cost energy and environmental responsible development.

Objective 1 - Sanitation and Waste, Environment, Natural Resources Development

To: Improve and expand on existing sanitation and waste management, while developing appropriate renewable energy such as wind and solar, and protecting our subsistence resources.

For: Sustainable, and clean and lower cost energy and environmentally responsible resource and economic development.

Sanitation and Waste/ Environment

1. No Processing of raw materials in the Kobuk Area
2. Responsible, Educated, and informed Natural Resource development
3. Cheaper Electricity
4. Hazardous waste Control and Management Burn Box
5. Dump Site Control
6. Cheaper electricity
7. Burn Box

Natural Resource Development

1. No Hydro energy
2. Local Mining experts and education
3. Wind power energy
4. Solar energy

Goal 4 – To have a healthy and thriving community by strengthening Native Culture, Traditional Knowledge, and corporative Leadership.

Objective 1 - Health, Social, and Culture

To: Improve the health and welfare services for all community members, while strengthen our Native culture and Traditional Knowledge.

For: A healthy and thriving community for today and generations

Social

1. Boys & Girls Club
2. Game Night
3. Men's night
4. Women's night

Health

1. Counseling Services
2. Substance Abuse Programs
3. Suicide Prevention programs
4. Upgrade Washateria
5. Housing and Transportation issues when traveling for Medical reasons
6. Village Vet

Culture

1. Support Traditional Knowledge
2. Promote Native Language
3. Create Cultural Camps
4. Create Elder Camps
5. Native Kobuk Dance Group

Objective 2- Governance

To: Explore the possibility of the City and IRA utilizing jointly infrastructure and resources.

For: Promoting and strengthening cooperative leadership, while maximizing efficiency and minimizing cost.

Governance

1. NWARB hirer a Mining Expert for the region
2. Research Combining City and IRA
3. Having IRA and City work better together

Goal 5 – Improved community health, safety, and wellness

Objective 1 - Communication and Public Safety

To: Create and improve communication and public safety systems

For: The betterment of our community health, safety and wellness

Communication

1. Locator Beaken
2. Weather Station
3. Cell Phone service

Public Safety

1. Fire Hall and Truck/Public Safe Building
2. Street Lights

Recommendations of community Values to be used

Goal 1. Recommendations

Obj. 1 EDUCATION, Modern Technology, Traditional Knowledge

Obj. 2 Traditional Knowledge, Modern Technology, Community, Cooperation

Goal 2. Recommendation

Obj. 1 Modern Technology, Houses, Accepting change, Cooperation, Outside entity help,
 Obj. 2 Traditional Hunting Areas, Traditional Knowledge, Subsistence Resources, Being Independent, Traditional Council

Goal 3. Recommendations

Obj. 1 Land, W/S, natural Resources, Safety & Health, Subsistence Resources, Community Wellness

Goal 4. Recommendations

Obj. 1 Community Wellness, Safety and Health, Community, Modern Technology, Traditional Knowledge, Cooperation, Education, Sharing
 Obj. 2 Cooperation, Sharing, City and IRA workers, Helping Each other, Exchanging Ideas, Community, Education

Goal 5. Recommendations of Kobuk Values to be applied

Obj. 1 Safety & Health, Community Wellness, VPSO, Cooperation, Caring of Children, Health Aids

Organization of Kobuk Community Values

Subsistence Culture	Living in Kobuk	Safety and Leadership	Health	Modern Technology	Inupiaq Values
Game we Hunt	Air	Nana resources Technician	Water and sewer	Airport	Traditional Knowledge
Fish	Tree's	VPSO	Health	Telephone	Traditional Medicine
Fish Traps	River	City and IRA workers	Safety and Health	Houses	Respect for Elders & Native Traditions
Subsistence resources	Land	Health Aids	Community Wellness	Education	Sharing, cooperation, & Helping Others
Traditional Hunting areas	Remoteness	Community		Snow Machine	Caring of children
Gardening	Natural resources	Traditional Council		Accepting Change	Native Language
	Being Independent	Outside entity Organizations that help			Inupaiq Story Telling

What was the most important break through to you from the planning?

We complete the plan

Cooperation

People working together

Community members coming together and put there ideas togerh

Corporation

Encourageplanning Committee to keep meeting

Sharing

Attend meeting about the plan

What is one way you help implement the community plan?

Start going after funds

The communityh had a lot of the same ideas

That, the Borough has a grant writer to help the cities or villages

Cooperation Community coming and working together

Write Grants (Kobuk Traditional Council)

Keep working togethe

Attend community meetings and help loof for funding and or

Kobuk 1998 Priorities Accomplishment

- 1.) More Houses
 - 95' HUD Housing
 - 03' HUD Housing
 - Additions to the housing
- 2.) VPSO/ Safety Building
 - Will apply for Denali Commission for Multi-purpose building
- 3.) New Clinic
 - Completed June 2006
- 4.) Child Care Building
 - No
- 5.) Full High School
 - Will have up to 10th Grade for 06' - 07'
- 6.) Gym
 - No
- 7.) B & B
 - No
- 8.) Flood Control
 - No
- 9.) Park and Playground
 - Equipment for the playgroud from the school
- 10.) Drug and Alcohol program
 - No
- 11.) Community Vehicle Shop
 - No
- 12.) Private Business
 - One store
- 13.) More Tribal/Government Jobs
 - Created one job from Tribal Office
 - IGAP will be up and running
- 14.) Solar/ Wind Power
 - No