



# City of Dillingham

Planning Commission Workshop:

Comprehensive Plan

September 12, 2018



# Agenda

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  - Review Timeframes and Responsibilities

# Planning Overview

- Comprehensive Plan
  - Collection of broad goals, near and long-term actions, establishes general intentions
  - Requires community's active, ongoing cooperative involvement
- Role of Planning Commission in the Comprehensive Plan
  - Intermediary between public and City Council
  - Helps to draft specific policy
- City of Dillingham
  - Many actions are the direct responsibility of the City; others will only happen through active participation of other entities

# Comprehensive Plan Summary

- The community's statement of what it wants to be in the future (vision)
- Establishes framework for orderly development and guidance for City Council decisions
- Aids in resource acquisition and helps to ensure local control
- Foundation for implementation actions
- Planning Commission:
  - Prepares and recommends a comprehensive plan, which the City Council may adopt
  - Establishes a process to review the plan annually in coordination with the strategic planning process and the annual CIP planning process

# Summary of Goals: Land Use & Housing

- Overarching goal:
  - Guide the physical development of Dillingham, responding to the elements outlined in the community vision, including strengthening the economy, protecting the natural environment, and enhancing the quality of daily life
- Goal themes:
  - Safety/appearance of downtown
  - Planning for future land use
  - Variety of housing types
  - Subdivision planning
  - Energy-conservation
  - Minimize land use conflicts
  - Protecting the environment
  - Protecting property values
  - Developing open spaces

# Summary of Goals: Transportation

- Overarching goal:
  - Develop and maintain an integrated transportation system that provides a range of safe and efficient ways to move people and goods within, as well as in and out of Dillingham; provide for both utilitarian needs such as access to jobs, schools, services and facilities, subsistence resources, and for recreation and health.
- Goal themes:
  - Jointly develop transportation plans
  - Improve systems to accommodate growth, hold down costs, and minimize conflict
  - Integrate system of sidewalks, trails, and transit for safety and environmental benefits
  - Improve circulation and refine access to meet future needs

# Summary of Goals: Waterfront

- Overarching goal:
  - Develop the waterfront as the active edge of Dillingham, a gateway to the region; the base for the commercial fishing industry, the anchor of the local economy; a vital subsistence area; and, an open space and recreational resource for residents and visitors...
- Goal themes:
  - Strengthen and diversify the economy through infrastructure
  - Improve access for fish, freight and commerce
  - “Working waterfront” & amenity
  - Respond to shoreline erosion
  - Train workforce, create jobs in marine industry

# Summary of Goals: Economic Dev.

- Overarching goal:
  - Diversity and strengthen Dillingham's economic base to ensure a prosperous future for the community's residents while protecting the health of the environment.
- Goal themes:
  - Increase role of commercial fisheries, tourism
  - Educate and provide living-wage
  - Grow business and industry
  - Strengthen local service capacity
  - Promote energy efficiency and conservation
  - Maintain/protect subsistence
  - Improve downtown appearance



# Summary of Goals: Energy

- Overarching goal:
  - Reduce energy consumption and costs to decrease the cost of living, facilitate diverse economic development, and ensure Dillingham's viability into the future.
- Goal themes:
  - Reduce consumption
  - Develop new, alternative energy sources and innovative methods
  - Reduce reliance on imported goods while increasing reliance on local resources

# Summary of Goals: Wellness/Educ.

- Overarching goal:
  - All Dillingham residents and organizations will work together to overcome economic and health disparities; to promote positive development and empowerment for children and youth; and, to support healthy, productive lives for adults and Elders.
- Goal themes:
  - Promote cultural awareness and social connectedness
  - Promote positive development and empower community members
  - Increase integration of public health and educational systems
  - Focus on promoting health and preventing unhealthy behaviors

# Summary of Goals: Public Facilities

- Overarching goal:
  - Develop and maintain sustainable public facilities and services to support community and economic development for Dillingham residents and improve the quality of life.
- Goal themes:
  - Secure operational funds to support services, facilities and equipment
  - Develop/maintain areas and facilities for recreation
  - Develop/maintain new facilities to address changing needs

# Overall Implementation Plan

- Overarching goal:
  - The goal of this comprehensive plan is to provide a starting framework for action. The plan set out near and longer term actions by the City and other individuals, organizations and agencies leading to tangible outcomes that improve community life. The City will work with residents, businesses, and other community organizations to demonstrate leadership and respond to the community's call to action as defined in the plan.
- Goal themes:
  - Engage in capacity building in order to meet current community needs
  - Strengthen partnerships on projects
  - Strengthen role as regional hub by building regional relationships
  - Constantly evaluate and seek out resources to meet future needs
  - Develop practical approaches for priority setting to reach plan goals
  - Provide clear schedule/process for revising the Comprehensive Plan

# Overall Implementation Plan

- Timeframes
  - 0-5 yrs, 6-10 yrs, 11-20 yrs
- Responsibilities
  - Federal government
  - State of Alaska
  - Other government agencies
  - Non-profits and other service providers
  - Top employers and businesses
  - Local residents
  - Land owners
  - Local committees

# Next Steps

- Comprehensive Plan, Workshop 2:
  - Realistic priorities for action
  - Focusing resources
  - Fostering public engagement
  - Tracking stakeholder progress
  - Developing an annual review process
- Generate action items for follow-up:
  - Start turning ideas into reality