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City of Dillingham

Comprehensive Plan Update & Waterfront Plan

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INTRODUCTION

About the Project

The City of Dillingham, Alaska, has engaged in seven major planning efforts to improve the community beginning in 1963, followed by state funded planning in 1971, 1981, 1982, and 1985. The City updated Chapter 6 of the 1985 Comprehensive Plan in 1998 and partly updated the whole plan again in 2006. Due to transition at the City that plan was never completed and adopted by the Dillingham City Council. In 2009, the City contracted with Agnew::Beck, Land Design North and PND Engineers to work with the City and the community to complete a full update of the existing Comprehensive Plan. This is the Public Review Draft of the plan that presents work completed to date by citizen work groups, City staff and the consultant team.

Purpose of the Plan

The comprehensive plan is the community's statement of what it wants to be in the future. The purpose of this plan is to provide a framework for orderly development and guidance for the City Council in its decisions.

Specific elements include:

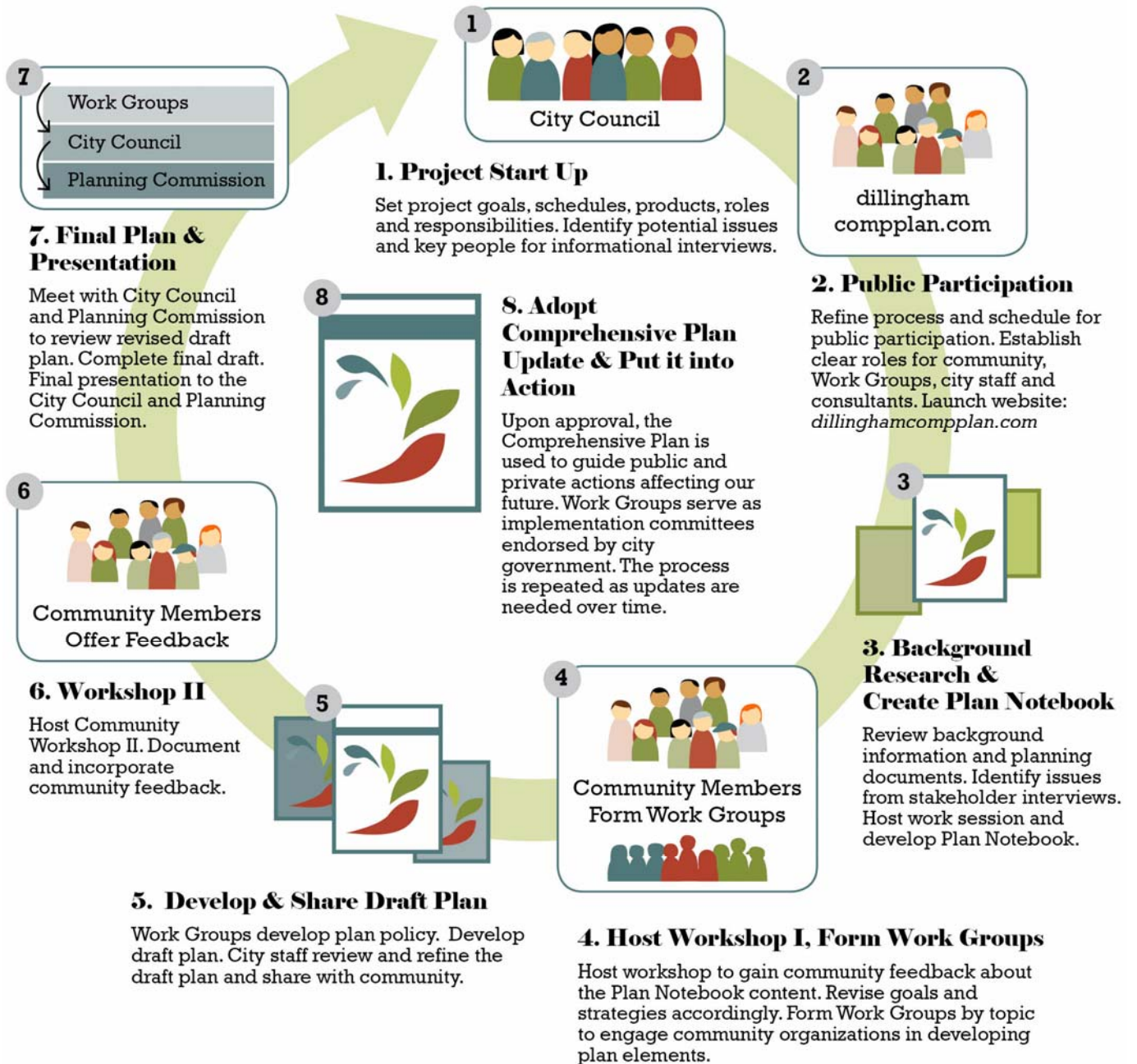
- Land Use and Housing
- 5 to 10-Year Waterfront Plan
- Transportation
- Community Wellness
- Public Services and Facilities
- Energy
- Economic Development
- Implementation

The Role of the Planning Commission

Per Dillingham Municipal Code 2.68.160 A.(1) The Planning commission shall prepare and recommend to the city council the following: 1. A comprehensive plan consisting of maps and related texts for the systematic development of the city; 2. Land use regulations to implement the comprehensive plan 3. A subdivision ordinance; 4. The official map of the city, an annual update of a six year capital improvement projects plan; 6. Modifications to the documents specified in subdivision 1 through 5 of this subsection; and 7. A review of proposed community structures and facilities for consistency with the comprehensive plan.

Following adoption of this plan by the Dillingham City Council, the Planning Commission will establish a process to review the Plan annually in coordination with the City Council's Strategic Planning process and the annual Capital Improvement Projects planning process. The Planning Commission will maintain the comprehensive plan as an item on its agenda at its monthly meetings, monitor progress on the plan and will annually present an update on its progress to the City Council.

Figure 1.1 What is a Comprehensive Plan?



A Comprehensive Plan is ...	A Comprehensive Plan is not ...
A general statement of community goals	A zoning ordinance
Long term; looks ahead 10, 20, 30 years	An application for incorporation
A means to gain local control over changes affecting community life	A method for taxation
A means to acquire resources to carry out community priorities (e.g., a reference for grant applications)	
The foundation for a range of implementation actions: roads, trails, public facilities, land use policies	

Support in State Statutes

In Alaska, comprehensive plans are mandated of all organized municipalities by Title 29 of the Alaska State Statutes. The key elements of the statute (Sec. 29.40.030) are summarized below:

The comprehensive plan is a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, and maps for guiding the physical, social, and economic development, both private and public, of the municipality, and may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Statements of policies, goals, and standards;
- Land use plan;
- Community facilities plan;
- Transportation plan; and,
- Recommendations for implementing a comprehensive plan.

Process to Prepare the Plan

The process to prepare this plan began in the fall of 2009. Outlined below is an overview of the planning process to date and anticipated next steps. This process captured the concerns of a broad spectrum of people including Elders, youth, business owners, employers, property owners, civic leaders and other community residents.

- Interviews and focus groups with stakeholders (September - November 2009): Initial interviews and a round of community focus groups were completed in November 2009.
- Review of relevant planning documents (September - December 2010): Consultants worked with City staff to develop a comprehensive list of relevant background documents to provide a baseline of information, including past and current planning efforts.
- Development of the Plan Notebook (November - January 2010): The Plan Notebook presented background information on the community and a collage of ideas and images for the future of Dillingham, based on interviews and conversations with community residents and a review of background documents and other research. The Notebook provided a starting point for the community to develop a shared vision and a common set of goals and objectives for Dillingham's future.
- Community Workshop I (January 19th 2010): During the first community workshop, residents provided feedback on the Plan Notebook.
- Work Groups & Development of Draft Comprehensive Plan (January 2010 - April 2010): After the first community workshop, community residents formed four work groups by plan element: Land Use and Transportation, Waterfront, Energy and Economic Development, Community Wellness and Public

Facilities. Work groups started with concepts presented in the Plan Notebook and worked together in a series of meetings to identify community goals, objectives and strategies for each policy chapter. The work groups identified a timeline for each priority and a community entity to lead each effort. This work is included in the Public Review Draft.

- Media (throughout planning process): A project website was established for the planning process so that Dillingham residents would have easy access to all project information, resource data, schedules, workshop dates, and draft documents. KDLG and the Bristol Bay Times advertised the main events of the planning process.
- Community Workshop II (May 19th 2010): At the second community workshop Dillingham residents will review the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update and provide feedback on work done so far.
- Giving Your Feedback on the Public Review Draft of the Comprehensive Plan Update (May - July 30th 2010): The City will be accepting comments on the Public Review Draft through July 30, 2010.

Community Planning History

Since 1963, the City of Dillingham has engaged in seven major planning efforts to improve the community beginning in 1963, with updates in 1981, 1982, 1985, 1998, and 2006. Several key plans are described below:

The 1985 Dillingham Comprehensive Plan includes extensive information on the physical conditions and development suitability of land in the City. It focuses on the economic impact of the salmon fishery, and was prepared concurrently with the 1985 Dillingham Port/Harbor Development Study, which presents alternatives for Dillingham to improve economic benefits of fishery activities.

Twenty years later, the 2006 Dillingham Draft Comprehensive Plan takes a broader approach toward planning for Dillingham's future. This plan sets out a vision to, by 2015, have an infrastructure that supports a sustainable, diversified and growing economy for Dillingham. Plan goals address land use, government, public utilities, transportation, economic development, and community facilities and programs.

Four years later, the City faces a renewed interest in strengthening and broadening the local economy due to recent spikes in energy costs, out-migration from the city and region, and a need to provide alternatives to unsustainable large-scale mineral exploration upstream. This 2010 update to the Comprehensive Plan takes an even broader approach, incorporating goals for sustainable energy production and consumption, wellness, economic development, land use and transportation, as well as a waterfront plan to specifically address the Dillingham harbor and waterfront.

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update builds upon several other recent planning efforts for the City of Dillingham, including:

- The 2008 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which analyzes hazard risks to the City of Dillingham such as erosion, earthquake, flood, severe weather, urban conflagration, volcano, and wildland fire.
- The 2009 Dillingham Small Boat Harbor Upgrades Plan, which identifies and plans for future projects within the Dillingham Small Boat Harbor. Proposed projects consist of new and renovation projects to enhance and improve the functionality of the Dillingham Small Boat Harbor.
- The Dillingham Downtown Streets Rehabilitation Project Report, which plans for reconstructing the primary circulation roads in downtown Dillingham with a focus on safety and enhancing pedestrian facilities.
- The 2003 Water and Sewer Master Plan, which identifies, plans and documents the costs and considerations for improvements and expansions to the community's water and wastewater facilities.
- The 2006 City of Dillingham Draft Comprehensive Plan, which provided priorities and goals for the City, as well as an updated draft land use plan.
- The 2008 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers City Shoreline Emergency Bank Stabilization Assessment, which describes a proposed solution to coastal erosion problems adjacent to Dillingham's small boat harbor. The 2009 Letter Report states the final outcomes of the 2008 Army Corps of Engineers assessment.
- Capital Improvement Plans, which determine and prioritize capital improvements on a yearly basis.

Figure 1.2 Dillingham Planning Timeline

