

# IMPLEMENTATION

Priority Actions in each Comprehensive Planning category are listed below. It is the community of Portage Creek’s intent to implement these actions as soon as possible. Portage Creek’s Comprehensive Plan contains more actions than those listed below.

<b>LAND USE, HOUSING &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>LAND USE</b>
ACTION: Support and increase Nushagak-Mulchatna River Patrol to enforce private property rights on village corporation land and enforce trespass laws on private land.
<b>HOUSING</b>
ACTION: Increase the number of housing units by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Renovating and expanding existing housing</li><li>▪ Increasing land ownership opportunities by making land available to residents to build homes</li></ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>
ACTION: In all planning decisions stress importance of natural surroundings and intention of preserving such qualities.
ACTION: Check fuel tanks for leaks on regular basis.
ACTION: Address the severe stress that occurs on the roads and runway due to freezing and thawing cycle as well as general traffic. Contact DOT for suggested solutions for airport runways in springtime.

<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
ACTION: Provide training and support for small business (e.g., information on starting a guide business, getting a “6-pax” license).
ACTION: Establish incentives for residents who receive training to return to Portage Creek and be employed in the area.
ACTION: Improve local labor force by training residents in trades and to take on supervisory and management positions.

## **PUBLIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION**

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ACTION: Reopen Portage Creek School.

ACTION: Close existing landfill and open new one with road access.

ACTION: Design and construct more permanent boat docking area.

ACTION: Design and construct village-wide water and sewer system.

ACTION: Upgrade Airport.

ACTION: New clinic facility.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

ACTION: Improve roads to provide smooth, safe vehicle flow – especially between boat launch and airport and to new landfill.

ACTION: Provide for needed boat facilities to alleviate summertime congestion on river in trouble areas

ACTION: Install buoys in river during high traffic months to dictate traffic flow.

ACTION: Examine possibility of establishing another boat launch site at one of two sites.

ACTION: Work with BBNA to acquire funding for priority road and trail projects.

ACTION: Work with Dillingham and other nearby communities to construct regional transportation network.

## COMMUNITY WELLNESS, CULTURE & EDUCATION

### COMMUNITY WELLNESS

**ACTION:** Initiate a community 'newsletter' that would increase community communication, reporting and knowledge.

### CULTURE

**ACTION:** While school is closed, utilize church as a gathering place for Elders and youth to participate in activities together, such as teaching traditional skills and knowledge to youth.

### EDUCATION

**ACTION:** Maintain Portage Creek School by:

- Providing more youth services and facilities to encourage families to relocate and settle in the village.
- Encourage growth in job opportunities and therefore numbers of families with school aged children residing in the community.

## LEADERSHIP

**ACTION:** Hold joint entities meetings with Portage Creek Village Council and Choggiung, Ltd.

**ACTION:** Build a community database and issue a Portage Creek newsletter to keep members connected to the community and aware of ongoing projects and new developments. Seek members input when issues arise effecting the whole community.

**ACTION:** Create opportunities for youth to spend time with and learn from Elders.

**ACTION:** Consider projects that will generate revenue for the village, such as fuel sales, land sales or a Visitor's Center.

**ACTION:** Hold community-building events to maintain the community's coherency and prevent divisions.

**ACTION:** Establish a Village Council newsletter, community calendar, and website.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISION PROCESS

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A comprehensive plan is intended to be a long-range planning document that helps to guide growth and development in the community for about 20 years. For it to be effective, it must be a “living document” that is regularly used to guide decision-making. Residents who participated in the Portage Creek planning process want to see it result in real accomplishments that can be tracked over time.

The revision process for this implementing the priorities identified in this plan and updating the plan will occur at regular intervals. The revision process will always seek input from residents, and all discussions of progress on plan priorities and revisions to the plan will be publicly announced.

Milestones in plan implementation and revisions include:

A copy of the plan will be brought to each village organization meeting, including joint meetings of the entities, and will be consulted in decision-making on priority projects.

The ‘goals’ in many of the sections include measures for gauging progress, for example, “3 new village businesses will be started in the next three years.” These measures should be used on an annual basis to assess progress and adjust strategies if needed.

The Implementation section of this plan will be used to coordinate efforts between village entities and organizations. Each project has a ‘lead organization’ identified. At public meetings, lead entities will report on status of each priority project. Opportunities for other entities to assist with implementation will be identified during these discussions. Once priority projects are implemented, the Comprehensive Plan can be used to determine the next set of priority actions.

On an annual basis, the Implementation section of the plan will be updated as projects are completed and new projects arise. This updating will be accomplished at an annual meeting of all village organizations, with input from the full community. The updated Implementation section will be recorded and distributed to all community organizations for use in the coming year.

On a five-year basis, the Portage Creek Community Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed by the village organizations, with full public involvement, to determine which actions have been accomplished, and which priority actions should be focused on during the following years. Over time, these revisions to the comprehensive plan will help to document the accomplishments, and allow new priorities to surface. Measurements can be taken to evaluate the plan’s success and its rate of implementation, such as:

- Holding a 6-month or annual formal review of the plan goals and priority actions to determine which goals and actions have been accomplished, which are in progress, and which need attention, resources and development,
- Asking the council and program administrators to catalog and circulate information on how many grants have been applied for and administered as a result of the plan and how many projects programs have been implemented and any capital purchases that have been made,
- Surveying to determine how many jobs and new businesses have been created since the plan was adopted, and how many people have taken advantage of education and training opportunities,
- On a semi-monthly basis, checking with service providers and similar organizations (such as the school, a Wellness Team or local youth organization) to see if they are implementing

steps outlined in the plan, and if they need assistance or support from community members and entities,

- Tracking statistics on education, crime and other social issues to determine if they have improved.

After ten or twenty years, and the completion of many of the goals and strategies of the comprehensive plan, village organizations will want to reflect upon the accomplishments of the preceding 20 years and again, plan for the next 20 years by taking on a public participation process to gain community-wide input on the next Portage Creek Community Comprehensive Plan.

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