



Creek Street Historic District, Ketchikan

Saving Our Past Planning for Our Future

Alaska's State Historic
Preservation Plan

2018-2023

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Every five years the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, as the SHPO, facilitates the preparation of a statewide historic preservation plan that:

1. encourages broad public participation in planning for cultural resources,
2. meets challenges unique to Alaska,
3. influences historic preservation policy in state and local governments,
4. and empowers local communities, organizations, and individuals to action.



PLAN TIMELINE

Public Outreach
Spring-Fall 2016

Draft Plan

Goals and Objectives open
for public comment 4/1-
6/1 2017

Draft plan available for
public Sept. 2017

Finalize Plan

Submit to NPS
Nov. 2017



Volunteers at Rika's Roadhouse, Big Delta SHP



OHA staff at Oscar Anderson House, Anchorage



McCarty Telegraph Station, Big Delta SHP



Independence Mine SHP

Plan approved by NPS in December 2017

WORLD
OF



2016

IMPLEMENTATION

- Implementing the plan is a **shared responsibility** that includes OHA and encompasses the efforts of a wide range of interested individuals, organization, businesses, and gov't entities.
- This is not an office plan for OHA, but a statewide tool to guide cooperative efforts to preserve Alaska's cultural heritage.
- The plan is intended to guide the state's historic preservation community to focus on selected goals and strategies.



2016



2017

VISION

Alaskans respect our collective heritage. We view historic preservation as an essential strategy to promote our communities' unique identities and as an important component of economic, environmental, and social sustainability. Alaskans are empowered with the knowledge and tools needed to advocate for an inclusive approach to preservation that is appropriately balanced with development. Alaska's preservation community includes a network of people from diverse cultures, backgrounds and disciplines. We work in partnership to identify, preserve, protect, and interpret the state's cultural, historic, and archaeological resources ensuring that our heritage is passed on to future generations.





GOAL 1:

Increase knowledge and understanding of the Alaska's heritage and historic preservation.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Interpret archaeological and historic sites to educate the public and improve awareness of and access to information about Alaska's heritage.
2. Create educational programs to engage Alaskan youth.
3. Support preservation in higher education programs.
4. Engage with older generations.
5. Expand efforts that focus on the history and culture of Alaska Natives.



GOAL 2:

Identify new and strengthen current partnerships to preserve, protect, educate, and advocate for Alaska's cultural resources.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Strengthen relationships with Alaska Native people and organizations.
2. Encourage coordination, cooperation, and collaboration amongst government agencies.
3. Expand opportunities for collaboration amongst Alaska communities, organizations, non-profits, government agencies, cultural groups, and Alaska Native organizations.
4. Develop new partnerships.

GOAL 3:
Identify, document, and designate Alaska's cultural resources.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Conduct survey and inventory proactively.
2. Improve and expand cultural resource inventories.
3. Prepare more historic context.
4. Increase National Register listings.
5. Increase coordination and training among the professional preservation community in the identification, documentation, and designation of cultural resources.
6. Use new technology for the survey and documentation of Alaska's cultural resources.





GOAL 4:
Preserve and protect Alaska's cultural resources.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Encourage appropriate treatment of cultural resources.
2. Identify threats to historic and archaeological resources from natural and manmade disasters and develop ways to take action to protect these resources.
3. Increase training opportunities on the preservation and protection of cultural resources.
4. Position historic preservation to be more fully integrated into land use decision making process.
5. Develop and implement appropriate curation and collection standards.



Historic Restoration Team working at Sheldon Jackson School NHL, Sitka
(James Poulson)

GOAL 5:

Increase awareness of environmental, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Promote heritage tourism.
2. Promote the economic benefits of historic preservation.
3. Emphasize the environmental benefits of historic preservation.
4. Promote the social benefits of historic preservation.



GOAL 6: Strengthen local preservation efforts.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Educate local government officials and staff about the benefits of historic preservation.
2. Integrate historic preservation into local and regional decision making.
3. Strengthen Alaska's Certified Local Government (CLG) program.
4. Connect Alaskans to historic preservation within their communities.
5. Assist Alaska Native governmental and non-governmental organizations with their preservation efforts.

AK CLGs attend National Alliance for Preservation Commission's FORUM 2016



FORUM 2016
Mobile, Alabama
Hip Happening, Historic Preservation @50
JULY 27-31, 2016



Fairbanks CLG dedication of historic sign project.

GOAL 7:

Strengthen and expand financial incentive programs for historic preservation.

Objectives:

1. Increase incentives to foster interest in rehabilitation of historic buildings.
2. Promote existing programs for the preservation of historic properties.
3. Develop incentive programs in the private and nonprofit communities.
4. Make funding resources known.
5. Secure and maintain historic preservation funding for Alaska's cultural resources.
6. Develop creative options to fund historic preservation.



Bakery Building Fort Seward NHL, Haines (*Port Chilkoot Distillery*)



Curry Lookout, Denali State Park

Implementation

What role do you play?