Saving Our Past: Planning for Our Future
Alaska’s State Historic Preservation Plan
2018–2023

OHA Workshop
Survey Results and Goals and Objectives
April 4, 2017
• Every five years the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, as the SHPO, facilitates the preparation of a statewide historic preservation plan that:
  • encourages broad public participation in planning for cultural resources,
  • meets challenges unique to Alaska,
  • influences historic preservation policy in state and local governments,
  • and empowers local communities, organizations, and individuals to action.
• OHA is developing of a new historic preservation plan for Alaska to guide us from 2018-2023.
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: 2018-2023

• 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.
PLANNING 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 comment by June

Finalize Plan
Submit to NPS 9/31/2017
#THISPLACEMATTERS ALASKA

- Share your photos in the #ThisPlaceMatters Alaska photo-sharing campaign. Photos may include historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes, and archaeological sites.
- For instructions and to submit photos, go to: bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters
- Currently 41 points
• Open to the public from 4/7/2016 through 12/30/2016
• Shared through social media, press release, news and radio interviews, letters, emails, newsletters, Heritage, AHRS listserv, and more.
• 147 responses
Q1: WHICH REGION OF THE STATE DO YOU IDENTIFY WITH?

Other:
- Aleutian Islands
- Indiana
- Kodiak Island
- Aleutians
- Alaska Peninsula
Q2: WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

- 75 years old or older: 20.0%
- 65-74 years old: 25.0%
- 55-64 years old: 20.0%
- 45-54 years old: 20.0%
- 35-44 years old: 20.0%
- 25-34 years old: 20.0%
- 18-24 years old: 0.0%
- 12-17 years old: 0.0%
Q3: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR ROLE IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION? (CHECK NO MORE THAN TWO)

- Cultural resource/historic...
- Federal, state, or local government...
- Elected official
- Education professional
- Business/industry professional
- Historic preservation commissioner
- Community Organization (museum,...)
- Alaska Native
- Interested individual
- Historic property owner
- Other (please specify)

Other:
- Contractor
- Ecologist interested in human relations to the lands and waters of the state
- Historian and writer
- Writer, author of books on AK history
- Tribal employee
- Architectural history student
- Economic development professional
- 45 years of own trap line
- Former owner of historic archaeological property
Q4: WHAT PLACES MATTER MOST TO YOU IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Archaeological Sites
4th Avenue Theatre
Historic Buildings
Historic Sites
Museums
Q5: WHAT DOES PRESERVATION MEAN TO YOU?
for future generations
for future generations
SECTION 1: NHPA AND THE PURPOSE STATEMENT FOR NPS

“... the preservation of this irreplaceable heritage is in the public interest so that its vital legacy of cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, economic, and energy benefits will be maintained and enriched for future generations”

“to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources for future generations...”
Q6: HAVE YOU READ OR USED ALASKA’S CURRENT HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN, SAVING OUR PAST?

- Yes: 23%
- No: 77%
Q8: WHY DO YOU FEEL THE PRESERVATION OF ALASKA’S HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES IS IMPORTANT? (PLEASE RATE THE FOLLOWING REASONS)
Q9: WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES OR THREATS TO ALASKA’S CULTURAL RESOURCES? PLEASE RANK 1-9, WITH 1 BEING THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE.

- Inadequate local historic preservation laws
- Negative perceptions about preservation (e.g. private...
- Lack of disaster preparedness for historic resources
- Vandalism/looting
- Demolition, neglect, and abandonment
- Lack of interest
- Growth and development pressure
- Climate change
- Insufficient funding
Q9: WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES OR THREATS TO ALASKA’S CULTURAL RESOURCES? PLEASE RANK 1-9, WITH 1 BEING THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE.
Q10: WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE BEST WAYS TO ADDRESS THE ABOVE MENTIONED CHALLENGES AND THREATS? PLEASE RANK 1-10, WITH 1 BEING THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES.

- Easements
- Develop heritage tourism programs
- National Register nominations
- Law enforcement
- Increased funding, grants, and tax incentives
- Survey and inventory
- Local historic preservation planning, ordinances...
- Stronger laws/regulations
- Outreach and education/workshops and trainings
- Strengthening existing partnerships/building new...
Q10: WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE BEST WAYS TO ADDRESS THE ABOVE MENTIONED CHALLENGES AND THREATS? PLEASE RANK 1-10, WITH 1 BEING THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES.
Q11: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CULTURAL RESOURCE TYPES DO YOU FEEL ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TO PROTECT? SELECT UP TO 3.
Q12: IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT SHOULD BE THE VISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN ALASKA?

- Sustainable funding to ensure cultural historical resources are preserved for future generations
- Helping Alaskans prepare for the future by understanding the past through preservation and education
- Community enrichment and development of a sense of place and belonging connected to our collective past
- All residents and visitors recognize Alaska’s historic sites and value their preservation and significance
- Its our history, our tourism economy, our communities
- Recognizing that people live here, have lived here, and will continue to live here; knowing this it is worth investing our time, money, and energy into preserving that which indelibly influences our lives.
- Preservation in Alaska should envision relevancy, inclusion, data collection, outreach, partnerships, and community involvement
- We protect our collective heritage, recognizing that our history varies and is told by many different perspectives
- Preserving and educating people about the heritage of ALL Alaskans, from remote archaeological sites to historic neighborhoods.
- Everyone understands the value, pleasure and importance of historic preservation
1. What is a Vision Statement?

A vision statement articulates a commonly shared vision of the future; it is aspirational and inspirational; it describes in graphic terms where we want to be in the future if everything goes exactly as we hope. It is a set of long-term ambitions to which we can aspire and should help guide the goals, objectives, and strategies laid out in the plan.

Vision statement should be:

- Understood and shared by members of the community
- Broad enough to include a diverse variety of perspectives
- Inspiring and uplifting to everyone involved in your effort
- Easy to communicate.
A VISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN ALASKA

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.
ISSUES AND GOALS

• Education
  • Goal: Increase knowledge and understanding of Alaska’s heritage.

• Partnerships
  • Goal: Identify new and strengthen current partnerships to preserve and protect, educate and advocate for Alaska’s cultural resources.

• Survey and Documentation
  • Goal: Identify, document and designate Alaska’s cultural resources.

• Preserve and Protect
  • Goal: Preserve, and protect Alaska’s cultural resources.

• Financial Incentives
  • Goal: Strengthen and expand financial incentives programs.

• Sustainability
  • Goal: Increase awareness of the environmental, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.

• Local Preservation
  • Goal: Strengthen local preservation efforts.
**Goal:** Increase knowledge and understanding of Alaska's heritage.

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<td>Interpret archaeological and historic sites to educate the public.</td>
<td>• Encourage interpretation and public education as part of Section 106 mitigation. • Increase public access to interpretation and educational materials.</td>
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<td>Improve awareness of and access to information about Alaska's heritage.</td>
<td>• Increase social media outreach. • Distribute informational materials in public settings (e.g. libraries, PIC).</td>
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<td>Create educational programs to engage Alaskan youth.</td>
<td>• Support place-based service learning education training such as ITESC and Project Archaeology. • Provide students with opportunities to engage in preservation fieldwork.</td>
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<td>Support preservation in higher education programs.</td>
<td>• Support and advocate for university anthropology and history programs. • Encourage the incorporation of historic preservation into existing university programs (e.g. engineering, marketing).</td>
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<td>Engage elder generations.</td>
<td>• Encourage intergenerational interactions on history and culture. • Engage oral history programs. • Insure there are continuing education programs in Alaska's history aimed at elder generations.</td>
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<td>Expand efforts that focus on the history and culture of Alaska Natives.</td>
<td>• Support and expand native language preservation and education programs. • Support and engage with culture camps.</td>
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**Provide comments:**

- Goal
- Objectives

**Provide Suggestions:**

- Strategies
- Partners