

Appendix D

Implementation Priority Levels

Totem Bight SHP Management Plan Implementation Priority Tables

Immediate: Within the next 2 years, or at the earliest opportunity as funding allows (high priority)

Short Term: Within the next 5 years, or at the earliest opportunity as funding allows (lower priority)

Long Term: Within the next 15 years, or at the earliest opportunity as funding allows (lowest priority)

Land Ownership and Use		
Page	Recommendation	Priority
42-45	<p>Preservation Zones: Implement a Zone One for restoration of totem poles, clan house, and original intent, a Zone Three for rehabilitation of the area surrounding the totem poles and the clan house, a Zone Four for renovation of the parking area and administrative facilities.</p>	Immediate

Facilities		
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46-47	<p>District Headquarters (DH): The DH should be developed to adequately meet both the park’s needs and the area’s needs and should include the functions of office, visitor contact station, workshop, storage shed, and volunteer lodging in a central and functional location.</p> <p>Ranger Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate principles of sustainability (such as using alternative energy sources if practicable and using more natural lighting) into the building’s architecture and construction, and landscape to complement its place within the natural and cultural environment • Include restrooms and running water <p>Gift Shop/Visitor Contact Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the existing building with a functional visitor contact station that includes a gathering area, interpretive area, and space to display Native art and artifacts • Construct a covered outdoor sitting area adjacent to the visitor contact station for groups of up to approximately 20 people <p>Workshop and Storage Shed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make this structure large enough to adequately house the necessary 	<p>Short-Term</p> <p>Short-Term</p> <p>Short-Term</p> <p>Short –Term</p> <p>Short-Term</p> <p>Short-Term</p>

	<p>maintenance tools and materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide adequate workspace in this structure so it can also be safely used as a workshop • Equip the shed with heat and electricity and ensure adequate ventilation <p>Volunteer Lodging</p> <p>Unimproved RV Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screen the area containing the unimproved recreational vehicle site for the park host and the storage shed to keep it out of public view • Upgrade this site by providing a holding tank or other sewage disposal method <p>Other Lodging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide indoor lodging for park volunteers that can be used year round and includes heating, plumbing, and electricity 	<p>Short-Term</p> <p>Short-Term</p> <p>Immediate</p> <p>Short-Term</p> <p>Short-Term</p>
47	Toilets: Upgrade them to flush toilets as funding and opportunity allow.	Long-Term
47	Entrance Shelter: Provide a covered shelter near the entrance trail	Long-Term
47	Restoration Shed: Build a restoration shed where totem poles can be dried and repaired with a covered viewing area and interpretive display outside of the shed.	Immediate
47	Smoke House: Build a smoke house for an interpretive area focused on traditional Tlingit and Haida subsistence lifestyles.	Long-Term
48	<p>Totem Poles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide preventative maintenance and rehabilitation for totem poles. • Contact the people that have claims to badly deteriorated totem poles and ask them what they would like to do with poles. They can find the poles a new location, or the poles could be placed in interpreted forest area and let them deteriorate back into the forest's ecological system as was done traditionally making them an interpretive and educational opportunity. 	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p>
49	<p>Clan House:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the clan house by providing a small storage area for ceremonial objects 	<p>Short-Term</p> <p>Immediate</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve lighting • Improve access to the clan house to enhance group rotation through the park and reduce the crowds waiting to enter the clan house on days with heavy visitation • Improve the appearance and architectural integrity of the northwest side of the clan house, which is the most visible side of the clan house, to provide a better view of it from the totem area and boardwalk that is unobstructed by lines of visitors waiting to enter the clan house. 	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p>
51	Ketchikan Gateway Borough Bus Shelter: Maintain a good working relationship and work with the borough to ensure that the bus shelter remains an asset to the park and the Ketchikan community.	Immediate

Trails		
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50	Entrance Trail: Keep the entrance trail clearly identified.	Immediate
50	Totem Pole Loop Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reroute the trail once the restoration shed is complete and seed the section of trail along the northwest side of the clan house • Construct a boardwalk between the Pole on the Point and the beach access • Provide additional seating on the northern section of the loop 	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Short-Term</p> <p>Immediate</p>
50-51	Exit Trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade trail to make it ADA compliant • Provide adequate seating and trailside interpretation • Make sure that the trail is always clearly identified 	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p>

Personal Interpretation		
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52-53	Commercial Tours: Implement a tour guide training program with an interpretation program outline.	Short-Term
53	Scheduled Tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide scheduled tours regularly. • Implement the same interpretation program outline used for commercial tour trainings once it has been developed. 	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Short-Term</p>

53	Alaska Native Dance Groups: Continue this partnership and encourage additional similar partnerships.	Immediate
53	Special Events: Continue using the clan house for special events such as readings, concerts, storytelling, etc.	Immediate
53	Storytelling Program: Implement a storytelling program led by Haida or Tlingit people that have the rights to the stories portrayed on the totem poles.	Short-Term
54	Teacher Trainings: Partner with the University of Alaska and possibly with the U.S. Forest Service to offer an instructional and fun one- to two-day course and a multiple-day course that would prepare teachers to take their classes to the park and conduct pre-visit, on-site, and post-visit activities with minimal assistance from park staff.	Short-Term to Long-Term

Non-Personal Interpretation		
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54	Informational Brochure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the existing brochure to put it into the newly developed division standard for Alaska State Park brochures, while retaining the topics and information contained in the existing brochure. Prepare multilingual versions 	Immediate Short-Term
54	Podcasts: Create podcasts based on the park's themes and subthemes.	Short-Term
55	Totem Bight State Historical Park DVD: Develop a DVD for the park as an educational resource and a marketing tool.	Short-Term
55	Audio Guides: Develop hand-held, multilingual audio guides to reach a broader audience.	Short-Term
55	Cell Phone Interpretation: Look into the feasibility of using cell phone technology at Totem Bight Use to provide an innovative, cost effective method for interpreting park resources.	Long-Term
55	Interpretive Panels:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocate five existing panels Develop four new interpretive panels 	<p>Short-Term</p> <p>See “New Interpretive Areas”</p>
56	<p>Wildflower Garden Plant ID Signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant ID signs should continue to reflect the plant species represented in the garden Care of this garden should remain a volunteer effort until it is no longer practicable or in the best interest of the park and the park visitors 	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p>
56	<p>Boat Rentals: Collaborate with concessionaires to provide visitors with the experience of approaching the area in the traditional manner—in a canoe.</p>	<p>Long-Term</p>
56	<p>Video Camera: Place a video camera near the eagles’ nest and stream live coverage of the nesting eagles to a monitor in the visitor contact station.</p>	<p>Short-Term</p>
56-57	<p>New Interpretive Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an interpretive area in connection to the restoration shed using traditional carving tools, interpretive panels, and personal and/or audio interpretation. Designate a forested area to interpret the deteriorated totem poles and the traditional life cycle of totem poles and the cultural and natural implications of this cycle by means of a low-profile panel. Create a subsistence lifestyle interpretive area connected to the smokehouse with a traditional-style canoe and two interpretive panels. 	<p>Immediate</p> <p>Immediate</p> <p>Long-Term</p>

Evaluation of Interpretive Sites and Materials		
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57-59	<p>Evaluation of Interpretive Sites and Materials: Design and implement strategies to evaluate the effectiveness of interpretive sites and material.</p>	<p>Immediate</p>

Information and Orientation		
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59	Park Entrance: Design an improved entrance to represent the gateway or portal to the park that is commensurate with the park's design and character.	Short-Term
59	Orientation Kiosk: Install a fee station kiosk to house a bulletin board and an orientation panel (no fees required).	Immediate
59	Signage and Park Identification: Ensure that signage directing visitors to the park are clear and visible and that the entrance to the park is clearly marked.	Immediate
59	Staff: Make an effort to have one staff member or volunteer onsite during regular operating hours, or at least during hours of peak visitation.	Immediate
60	Website: Keep the Totem Bight webpage updated and the information on it current.	Immediate
60	Books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote books about the park and its resources • Provide visitors with places to purchase these books or information regarding where they can be purchased 	Immediate Immediate
55	Collecting Evaluative Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep track of visitors' perceptions of the park in order to maintain and improve visitor satisfaction • Keep a record of the questions that are regularly asked in order to provide visitors with information pertinent to the park and their experience there 	Immediate Immediate

Operations and Staffing		
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60	Operations and Staffing: Make an effort to have one staff member or volunteer onsite during regular operating hours, or at least during hours of peak visitation.	Immediate

Partnerships		
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61	Volunteer Opportunities: Encourage, cultivate, and praise volunteers' service to the park and explore opportunities to attract and retain volunteers such as working with the Ketchikan Indian Community.	Immediate
61	Friends of Ketchikan State Parks: Encourage the establishment of a Friends of Ketchikan State Parks group.	Short-Term
61	Other Partnership Opportunities: Explore other partnership opportunities such as an "Adopt-a-Totem" program, partnering with schools, universities, and government agencies, and a concessionaire-operated canoe rental program based in the park.	Immediate

Safety		
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62	Totem Poles: Repair and restore totem poles that are deteriorated to the point of becoming safety hazards if they can be restored. If not, seek permission to place them in the new "Totem Pole Life Cycle Interpretive Area".	Immediate
62	Buildings: Regularly maintain park buildings and keep them up to code to ensure the safety of park visitors. New Buildings must be constructed to meet industry and park standards.	Immediate
62	Other Safety Concerns: Park vegetation should be managed responsibly to prevent harm to people and property by falling trees and to ensure good visibility in transited areas.	Immediate