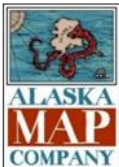


Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan Borough Assembly Public Hearing *November 5, 2019*



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(City, Community, Borough, Regional, Community) Planning is:

- Preparing for and guiding **future change**
- Establishing a **common vision and goals**
- Balancing **diverse needs and priorities**
- Making decisions in the **community's interest**
- Protecting **public health, safety, and welfare**



**A comprehensive plan is
NOT ZONING.**

KPB Comprehensive Plan Topics

Land Use

- Future Use
- Climate and Environmental Change
- Hazard Mitigation

Economic Development

- Oil and gas
- Tourism and Recreation
- Sportfishing
- Commercial Fishing and Seafood Harvesting
- Agriculture and Mariculture
- Mining

Transportation

Quality of Life

Energy and Utilities

- Public Safety and Emergency Services
- Health
- Housing
- Solid Waste Services
- Historic Preservation

Active, Engaged Residents, Community and Efficient Government

- Education and Workforce Development
- Fiscal Health

Robust Public Engagement

- Over **2,000** residents shared their ideas with the project team
- More than **50** interviews and small group discussions with local organizations
- Presence at **20** public events
- Over **600** telephone survey responses
- Over **400** contacts received electronic updates
- Over **50** comments on the draft plan – individuals, organizations, municipalities

Interviews and Small Group Discussions

Over 50

- Chambers of Commerce, Kenai Tourism Marketing Council
- Kenai River Sportfishing Association
- Major landowners, including USFS, USFWS
- Tribal Communities
- Businesses, economic development organizations
- Recreation, trail, and environmental groups
- State DOT&PF
- CARTS
- Chambers of Commerce, Incorporated and unincorporated communities
- Education and workforce training stakeholders
- Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association
- Agriculture, soil and water conservation district organizations
- Health and social service providers, including hospital

Public Events – Over 20

- Kenai Peninsula Land Management Workshop
- Work sessions with Planning Commission, Assembly
- Sport & Rec Trade Show
- Kenai Continuum of Care Housing and Homelessness Meeting
- Kenai River Festival
- Nikiski Family Fun Days
- Sterling Community Summer Fun Carnival
- Change 4 Kenai Town Hall
- Moose Pass Solstice Celebration
- Senior Center Directors Meeting
- Clam Gulch/Kasilof Community Meeting
- Funny River Festival
- Senior Center Quarterly Meeting
- Kenai Peninsula State Fair
- Industry Appreciation Day
- Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area Meeting
- Hope Community Meeting

Our Values

“Everything important to me is here: it is **my home**”

“We all help each other out, it’s a **close community**”

“The **Kenai River** provides us with fish all summer long”

“There are a lot of **activities**, recreation options in summer and winter”

“Peace and quiet, and the **freedom** to do what you want”

“It’s a **beautiful place**: mountains, wilderness, water...”



Our Vision

Keep the Kenai Peninsula a unique, prosperous, vibrant and attractive place to live.



Expand and diversify economic opportunities



Support local food, agriculture and industry



Balance economic benefits of tourism with residents' quality of life



Protect our most important natural resources



Promote fiscally responsible government



Maintain our infrastructure and services

Our GOALS

1. **Diversify** and **grow** the Kenai Peninsula Borough **economy**.
2. Proactively **manage growth** to provide economic development opportunities on the Kenai Peninsula Borough **while preserving** what residents and visitors value about the area's **natural features**.
3. Preserve and **improve quality of life** in the Kenai Peninsula Borough through **increased access to local and regional facilities, activities, programs and services**.

Our GOALS

4. **Improve access to, from and connectivity** within the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
5. Create more active and engaged Kenai Peninsula Borough residents, local communities, and a **more effective and efficient Borough government.**

GOAL 2 + 3 – Near-Term Strategies, Land Use + Hazard Mitigation, Energy

Pages 119-129, 133

Goal 2/Obj G/Strategy 1 AND Goal 2/Obj C/Strategy 1:
Form a **Kenai Peninsula Borough Commission on Sustainability.**

- Charge the commission with developing a **renewable energy strategy** to investigate and make recommendations for feasible renewable energies for Kenai Peninsula (e.g., solar, wind).
- Charge the commission with developing a **climate change action plan.**

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Next Steps

- **TONIGHT** – Assembly adoption.
- **Implementation** –
 - On near-term priorities, **KPB and partners coordinate**, through existing groups and/or special workgroups to **develop detailed actions plans**.
 - Longer-term – consistent reference to/use of plan in PC and Assembly decision-making; annual review/update and progress report to residents and stakeholders

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