



# Lake and Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan Update 2025

## Executive Summary



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The 2025 Lake and Peninsula Comprehensive Plan Update is a community-driven tool that serves as both a guiding framework and a resource for shaping the future of the Lake and Peninsula Borough. It covers key areas such as Land Use and Environment, Community Facilities and Utilities, Transportation, Housing, Economic Development, and Culture and Wellness, and outlines goals and priorities that support both daily operations and long-term decision-making. It reflects the values and priorities of residents and is intended to enhance quality of life for current and future generations.

## Process and Timeline

Spring – Summer 2024 Discover and Learn	Summer – Fall 2024 Listen and Engage	Winter – Spring 2025 Share and Finalize
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Compiled data on the people, economy, lands, infrastructure and more.</li> <li>▪ Reviewed background documents, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 12 regional plans.</li> <li>○ 16 community-specific documents.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Conducted regional survey and interviews.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 14 communities across the Borough.</li> <li>○ Met virtually with Pilot Point and in-person in Anchorage with residents of Ugashik.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Borough Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Joint Assembly and Planning Commission Work Session</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assembly Meeting Presentation of Public Review Draft</li> <li>▪ Release plan for comment period</li> <li>▪ Revised, finalized, and adopted plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Details to come in final plan draft</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Work together to bring the plan to life.</li> </ul>



## Lake and Peninsula Borough Mission

Developed by the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly in November 2024.

Mission				
To be a community directed borough that enhances quality of life through supporting education, celebrating one's history and tradition and empowering self-sustaining independent communities.				
History	Celebration/Pride	Self-sustaining	Collaboration	Tradition
Diversity	Community-directed	Enhance	Respect	Support



## About the Lake and Peninsula Borough Region

The Lake and Peninsula Borough was incorporated in 1989 and encompasses approximately 23,782 square miles of land and 7,125 square miles of water extending 400 miles from Lake Clark in the north to Ivanof Bay in the south. The Borough is home to 18 communities; sixteen are active communities that the Borough works with (Pope-Vannoy is not technically a recognized village and is only inhabited by one family, and Ivanof Bay is uninhabited but has a Tribal council). These communities

are located within three distinct subregions: Lakes Area, Bristol Bay, and Pacific.

The region has been inhabited continuously for 9,000 years and is home to a diverse population including Central Yup'ik, Aleut (Unangax), Sugpiaq (Alutiiq), Athabascan (Dena'ina), and Inupiaq people.

<b>People</b>	<b>Population: 1,344</b> Generally steady in recent years. 2023	<b>Median age: 33.8 years</b> An increase from past decade. 2023	<b>School enrollment: 302</b> Fluctuates yearly with two school closures in 2023 (Egegik and Pilot Point). 2019-2020 school year
<b>Economy</b>	<b>Average Monthly Employment: 923</b> All industries excluding self-employment, like fishing. 2023	<b>Average Monthly Wage: \$4,067</b> Top economic section in total earnings (in order from most to least) Government, Manufacturing, Trade, Transportation, Utilities, Leisure, and Hospitality. 2023	<b>Commercial Fishing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total gross earnings by fishery permit holders: <b>\$7.7 million</b></li> <li>• Pounds of fish by fishery permit holders: <b>7.6 million</b></li> </ul> 2022

Sources: U.S. Census American Community Survey, Alaska Department of Education & Early Development Data Center, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Community and Regional Affairs.

# Goals and Strategies by Focus Areas

## *Land Use and Environment*

Goal A	Goal B
Advance land use planning initiatives that preserve resources and reflect local priorities.	Facilitate partnerships that strengthen community roles in land access and development.
<p><b>Strategy 1:</b> Support land use practices that preserve salmon habitat and promote climate resilience.</p> <p><b>Strategy 2:</b> Strengthen local capacity for land use planning and decision-making.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3:</b> Collaborate with land managers to ensure access and local benefits from public lands.</p>	

## *Community Facilities and Utilities*

Goal A	Goal B	Goal C
Support safe, reliable, and locally manageable infrastructure and utilities that meet community needs and adapt to changing environmental and economic conditions.	Invest in subregional infrastructure and shared facilities that reduce long-term costs, strengthen service delivery, and improve quality of life across the Borough.	Expand access to essential public services – including emergency response, public safety, broadband, and clean water - through collaborative investment and local capacity building.
<p><b>Strategy 1.</b> Support capital projects that have subregional and/or regional benefit, following the current Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) list.</p> <p><b>Strategy 2.</b> Assist individual communities with the provision of public facilities and services that meet local needs and support one or more of the other goals in this plan.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3.</b> Support improvements to public safety, fire, and emergency response.</p> <p><b>Strategy 4.</b> Integrate renewable energy technologies into existing infrastructure to decrease reliance on fossil fuels and stabilize energy costs.</p> <p><b>Strategy 5.</b> Expand access to reliable, high-speed broadband and cellular services throughout the Lake and Peninsula Borough.</p>		

## Transportation

Goal A	Goal B
Champion regional coordination and planning that connect communities and reflect shared priorities.	Support community efforts to maintain access to the land, services, and resources that sustain everyday life in the borough.
<p><b>Strategy 1.</b> Coordinate and maintain shared planning tools to support community transportation priorities.</p> <p><b>Strategy 2.</b> Support inter-community connections that improve access and service efficiency.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3.</b> Encourage local transportation improvements that enhance safety, subsistence access, and resilience.</p> <p><b>Strategy 4.</b> Advocate for sustained investment in air and marine infrastructure and services.</p>	

## Housing

Goal A	Goal B	Goal C
Increase the supply of attainable, quality, housing in all communities that addresses the needs of all residents.	Ensure land is available to meet the current and future housing needs of communities.	Expand Infrastructure to support future housing.
<p><b>Strategy 1:</b> Strengthen infrastructure and land readiness for housing development.</p> <p><b>Strategy 2:</b> Increase housing availability and affordability.</p> <p><b>Strategy 3:</b> Improve and rehabilitate existing housing stock.</p> <p><b>Strategy 4:</b> Expand emergency housing options and build local capacity.</p>		

## Economic Development

Goal A	Goal B
Diversify and strengthen the regional economy.	Build infrastructure and workforce capacity to support economic growth.
<b>Strategy 1:</b> Improve critical infrastructure. <b>Strategy 2:</b> Develop workforce skills and education. <b>Strategy 3:</b> Sustainably increase tourism in the region. <b>Strategy 4:</b> Increase collaboration and regional planning.	
Goal C:	
Sustain and enhance the fisheries economy among Borough communities.	
<b>Strategy 5:</b> Ensure sustainable fisheries management. <b>Strategy 6:</b> Strengthen local processing and market access. <b>Strategy 7:</b> Support workforce development and cooperative models. <b>Strategy 8:</b> Engage and empower local communities.	

## Culture and Wellness

Goal A	Goal B	Goal C
Prioritize access to healthy, affordable, culturally important foods.	Support our youth through quality education, cultural connection, and opportunities to lead.	Advance health, safety, and wellness across all communities and generations.
<b>Food Systems</b> <b>Strategy 1.</b> Support local food production. <b>Strategy 2.</b> Strengthen local food sovereignty.		
<b>Education</b> <b>Strategy 3.</b> Seek funding and allocate resources for facilities, services, and programs. <b>Strategy 4.</b> Support youth engagement and programming.		
<b>Health</b> <b>Strategy 5:</b> Invest in upgrading or constructing healthcare facilities and expand services in underserved communities. <b>Strategy 6:</b> Promote community wellness through local programs focused on nutrition, exercise, mental health, and substance abuse prevention. <b>Strategy 7:</b> Expand support for Elders through accessible housing options, in-home care, and wellness services that allow aging in place.		