Community Plan-

Working Draft

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# Vision

What is most important is coming up with a vision that really reflects what is important to your community. A vision statement reflects all the different values that were agreed upon by community members.

*Example Grayling Vision Statement:*

*“We are an Athabascan community of 200 people with cultural ties to Holikachuk. Our land use extends from Grayling to the Upper Innoko River. We live a subsistence lifestyle and have a spiritual relationship with the land. We collectively share, govern, and manage our natural resources to achieve/balance economic growth. We take pride in our clean, safe environment where we work together for our community and younger generations.”*

# Values

What values helped us in the past?

What do you want to keep? Why do you stay?

What makes your community a special place to live?

Or…One thing we hope never changes about our community is?

Or…What about your community do you want to preserve for your children and grandchildren?

# Executive Summary

Why was your community interested in developing a plan?

A summary of who worked on the plan

An overview of how the community was involved i.e. survey questions, community meetings, personal interviews

# Community Profile

## History

Give a brief history of community in addition to including important information on the culture and history of the community.

## [Location]

Give a brief description of the location of community, size of the community, information on the environment (i.e. weather, geography, nearby rivers/streams/trails, and threats). Include a section on land use. How is the land subdivided? Who owns what? How is it used (residential, commercial, industrial)?

## Population

Need information including current population composition and previous population trends.

# Governance and Public Administration

## Council

* How many staff is employed at the tribal council?
* How many members are on the tribal council? How many years do members serve? How does the election process work?
* What projects/programs do they run?
* Is there a tribal court? How many people sit on the court? How long are their terms?
* Are there any adopted tribal constitution and/or codes? When were they created/adopted?

## City

* How many staff are employed by the city?
* How many members are on the city council? How long are their terms?
* What departments/projects are ran by the city? What committees does your city have?

##  VPSO/ Law Enforcement

* Does your community have a VPSO? If not, where is the nearest trooper located?

## Village Corporation

* How many staff members does the corporation employ?
* How many acres does the village corporation own?
* What services and programs does the corporation run?
* Does the village corporation have a land management plan?

Regional CorporationBasic background information about Regional Corporation (found on their website)

 Regional Non-Profit Corporation Basic background about regional non-profit corporation (found on their website)

### Do the local village corporation, tribe, and city collaborate on any projects?

# **Public Utilities**

## Water and Sewer

* What percentage of homes have running water, if any?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What are the sources of drinking water for the community?
* Is there a public water facility, and if so who runs it? What is the cost of operating this facility?
* Are there any plans to upgrade existing utilities? (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)
* When was the original system built? List previous upgrades (include dates and funding sources)

## Solid Waste

* How does the community manage their solid waste?
* Does the community use burn barrels?
* Does the current waste facility or landfill meet the current waste production in the community?
* How is sewage collected and/or disposed of?
* Are there any plans for a new landfill? (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)
* When was the original landfill built? List previous upgrades (include dates and funding sources)

## Communications

* Who provides telephone services?
* Is internet available? If so where? Or in how many homes?
* Are there any plans for upgrades to existing communications infrastructure? Dates, funding source, agencies involved

## Power/Energy

## Bulk Fuel

* Is there bulk fuel storage in the community?
* Who has bulk storage fuel tanks in the community; how much do they hold?
* What is the current cost of fuel per gallon?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* How often is fuel delivered to the community?
* What is the primary source of heat in the community?
* Are there any plans for upgrades to existing bulk fuel infrastructure? (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)
* When was the original bulk fuel storage built? List previous upgrades (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)

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## Electric

* What is the community’s source of electricity and power?
* Who runs the electricity & power?
* How many household use electricity & power?
* What is the cost of electricity per household or Kw/H?
* Does the community receive a power cost equalization program? What is the rate before the state contribution?
* Are there any Community Plans on how run or operate community utilities?
* Are there any plans for upgrades to existing electrical infrastructure? (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)

## Public Facilities

List all the community buildings/facilities. Questions to ask for ALL: Does this cost outweigh the means the tribe or city has to pay for them? What steps can be taken to reduce cost of operations?

## Clinic

* Is there a clinic, and if so does it meet the current medical needs of the community?
* Who runs/ funds the health clinic?
* How many health aides does the community employ? Are these full-time or part-time positions?
* What does the health aid treat? Where are patients referred to when their symptoms can’t be treated at the clinic?
* When was the building built?
* When were the most recent upgrades? Are there plans to upgrade existing facilities? (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)

## School

* What school district is the community a part of?
* Is there any threat of the school closing? Why or why not?
* How many teachers and students are there?
* What additional programs does the school run? (i.e. early head start, tutoring, meal program, extracurricular activities)
* Are there any youth programs in your community?
* Are there any childcare facilities in your community?
* When was the school building built?
* When were the most recent upgrades? Are there plans to upgrade existing facilities? (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)

# [Emergency Services]

## Fire Protection

## Search and Rescue

## Prevention (i.e. kids don’t float, community trainings, home fire safety, brush clearing, etc.)

## Post Office

* How many are on the staff?
* What are the hours of operation?
* How often is mail received in your community? How is it received?
* When was the Post Office built?
* When were the most recent upgrades? Are there plans to upgrade existing facilities? (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)

## Washeteria

* How many are on the staff?
* What are the hours of operation?
* How many showers, washers, dryers, sinks, etc. are there?
* Estimate the number of residents that use the facilities on weekly basis? Do they mostly use the showers or washer/dryers, or equally both?
* When were the most recent upgrades? Are there plans to upgrade existing facilities? (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)

## Community Hall

* When was the current building constructed?
* How often is the Community Hall used? Details on the types of events and programs
* When were the most recent upgrades? Are there plans to upgrade existing facilities? (include dates, funding source, agencies involved)
* Housing
* What is the total number of homes in your community?
* How many of those homes are considered “liveable”?
* How many would be categorized as seasonal?
* Are there enough homes in your community to meet demands?
* Are there any housing projects underway including renovation and construction of new homes? List dates of upgrades, agencies involved, and funding sources
* When was the most recent housing structures completed?
* Have there been any upgrades or weatherization projects completed? List dates of upgrades, agencies involved, and funding sources

# Economy

## Local Stores and Businesses

* Does the community have a local store? What types of items does it sell? How does it receive its freight?
* Does the community have a cooperative store? What types of items does it sell? How does it receive its freight?
* Are there any other shops?
* Are there any local craft artists in the community who operate small businesses or sell products in or outside of the community?
* What are some potential local businesses for your community?
* What are the current/common business licenses issued in your community?

## Composition of Employment

* What is the composition of income levels?
* What jobs are currently available? List businesses, federal & state jobs, grant funded positions.
* Are there sufficient jobs for community members? Explain
* What kind of industry is in the community (i.e. fishing, mining)
* What projects have been recently been completed or are underway that have created jobs in community?
* Description of jobs available for subsistence, unemployment & seasonality

# Transportation

## External Transportation

* How do you get to/from community?
* What are common reasons community members travel? How often?
* How are supplies brought to village (barge, plane)? Does it vary by season?
* Brief description of water docks, small boat harbors, Boat storage facilities

## Internal Transportation

* What paved roads, dirt roads, and trails are located in and around community?
* What is the primary mode of transportation within the community?
* Is there a Long Range Transportation Plan? When was it created?
* When were the most recent road updates completed for you community?
* What are common transportation safety issues/concerns?

# Land Use and Environment

## Land Ownership

* How much land does the city, tribe, and corporation own?
* Are there lots available for purchase in the community?
* Are there any surrounding refuges or parks? What are they called? When were they created? How much land do they cover?
* Has the tribe completed its 14(c)3 re-conveyance? 14(c)(3) Lands Re-conveyance Status? When was it completed?

## Environmental Concerns

* Are there any environmental concerns that affect community members? (Fish or animal populations, disappearing ponds, changing weather, etc)
* Does the community have an emergency response plan?
* Are there any contaminated sites that concern community members? How long has it been contaminated and/or how did it get contaminated?

##  Subsistence

* Estimate the average harvest of fish and game by community. How it may have changed from past years?
* What subsistence activities are most common in your community?
* How many residents in your community participate in subsistence as their sole means of income? How many use it to offset food prices?

# Community Well-Being

Ideas for areas to discuss may include (but not limited to):

## Churches

List the church denominations available in the community, schedule of church services, What programs and services to they offer in addition to church services, approximately how many residents attend church services each week or church sponsored events (i.e. Bible camp).

## Elder Care Programs

Does the tribe run an elder meal program? How often is that done? How is it funded? Who prepares the meals and is it a paid position? Approximately how many residents take part in the elder meal program? How much does it cost to run the program?

## Accessibility

List of the places that have wheel chair ramps and state their condition (do they need to be repaired)? Are hand raids available on all public stairs (are they in good repair)? For winter months is there a plan to remove snow and apply traction (i.e. sand) to keep access safe?

## Additional Education

Are there any additional education or training programs available in the community? Tribal training or higher education programs? Who else provides additional training?

## [Cultural, Seasonal Events and Gatherings]

What are the events your community holds? For each of these events:

* List the approximate number of people that attend.
* Are there a large number of people who come from out of town?
* Does the city, tribe, school, or residents make any donations for items these events?
* What types of things happen during these events (i.e. specific races, community dinners, games, etc.)
* Include any photos of gatherings. Examples of events include: Spring Carnival, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Culture Camp, etc.

# Community Goals and Objectives

TBD following Survey Results

# Resources

# Appendices

## Appendix 1: Survey Questions

Will be added once tribal council has an opportunity to review survey, add questions and make changes

## Appendix 2: Community Meeting Sign-in Sheet

To be completed after surveys are gathered and analyzed

## Appendix 3: Tribal Council Meeting Sign-in Sheet & minutes pertaining to community plan discussions

Summary of tribal council meeting discussions surrounding the community plan

## Appendix 4: Arial View

Omitted in draft because it is a large graphic

## Appendix 5: Arial View

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## Appendix 6: Tribal Council Resolution Adopting Plan

To be completed at the end of the planning process