

McGrath Community Plan



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Executive Summary

The McGrath Native Village Council (MNVC) and Tanana Chiefs Conference Planning & Development division worked in partnership to update the McGrath Community Plan document. This plan was completed through historical research, a resounding amount of community feedback surveys, and a community planning meeting held on February 27th, 2025. Goals for the community as well as the surveys to get input from the residents were compiled to accomplish this living document. This Community Plan was adopted by the Village Council by vote on December 31st, 2025.

Vision

We are a distinctive community; embracing the diversity that gives us strength. We prosper while protecting our natural resources. We enjoy a sustainable economy that assures the health and safety of our community members and promotes development and enterprise. We accept social responsibility and participate in decisions which affect our people and our community. We work together diligently to accomplish community goals while following the wisdom of our elders and planning for future generations.

Values

As an Athabascan community, we value our culture and tradition that teach respect for land, nature, and other people. With guidance and support from our Elders, we must pass on knowledge of our cultural spirit.



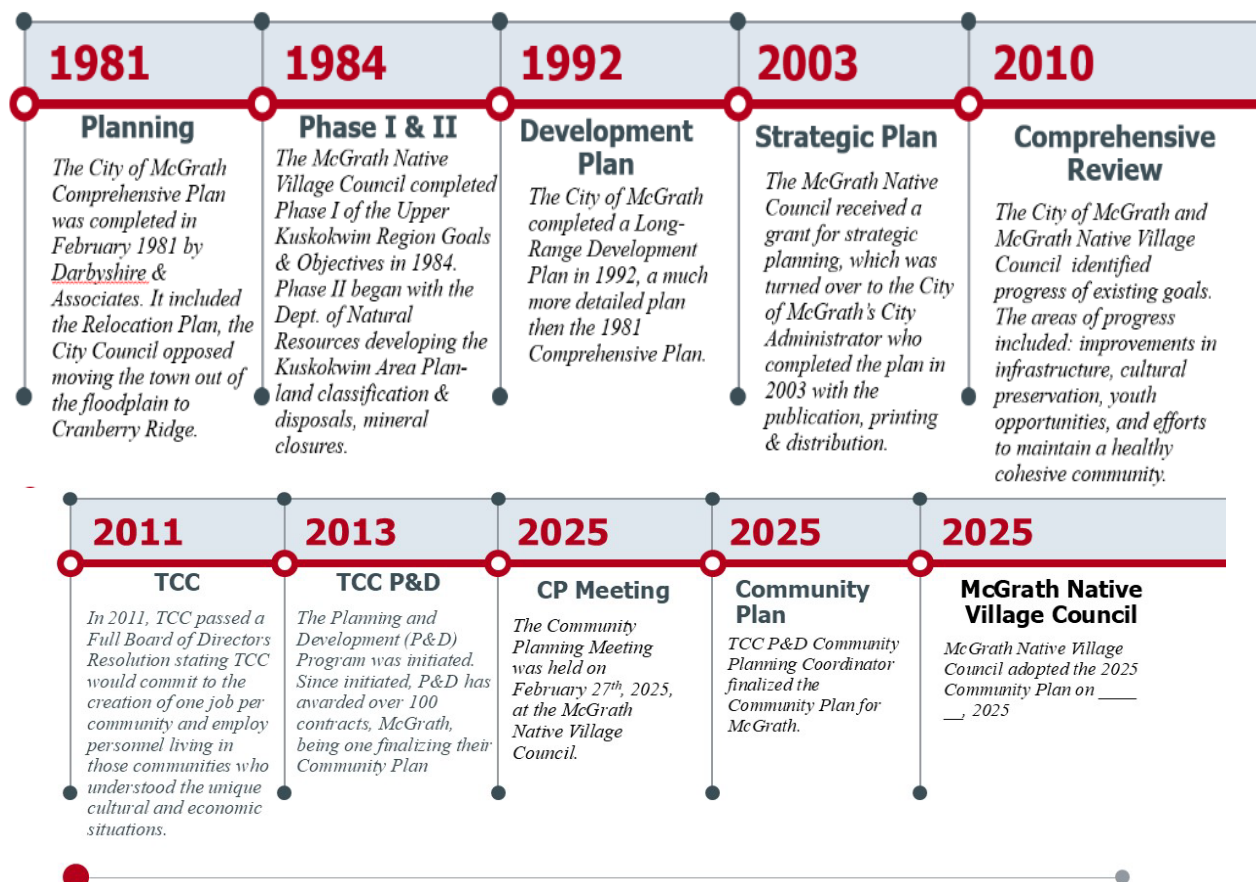
Acknowledgements

McGrath community members, leaders, local business owners, and policy makers kicked off the initial surveying stage of our planning process at a Community Planning meeting with the Planning & Development Program of Tanana Chiefs Conference. A community wide feedback survey was conducted in February of 2025; the survey had forty-five respondents.

Planning History

In 2013, the McGrath Community Plan was created in partnership with the McGrath Native Village Council, Tanana Chiefs Conference, and in a cooperative with the City of McGrath. The plan expired in 2018. This document is an updated Community Plan, capturing new goals and objectives, new projects, infrastructure, economic status, and demographic information.

The Planning Process History



Community Profile

History

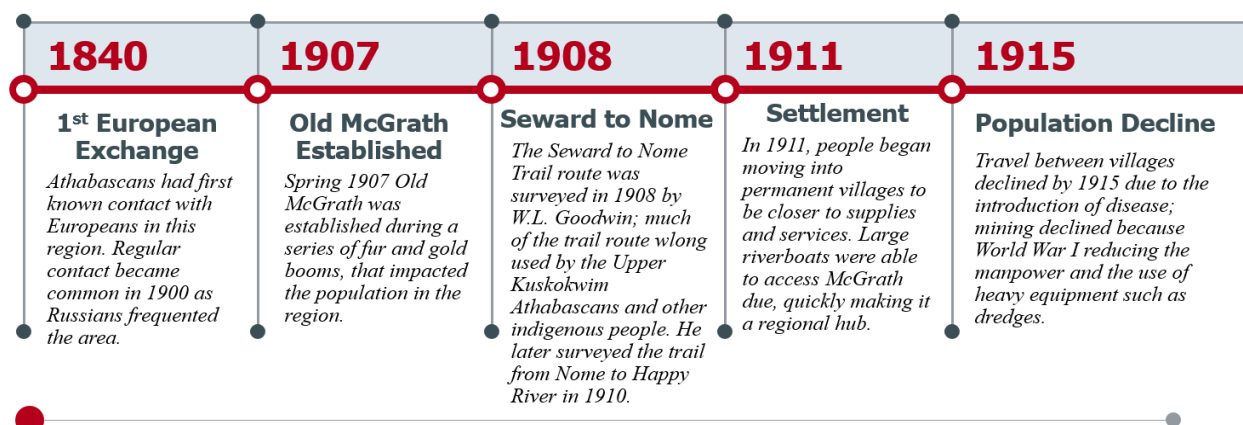
The Alaska Native village name for McGrath is Tochak,’ which translated is “mouth of the Takotna River.” The language spoken in the Upper Kuskokwim Athabascan village is Dinak’i. McGrath was once a seasonal camp used as a meeting and trading site for Big River, Nikolai, Telida and Lake Minchumina Athabascan residents in the early 1900s. In 1904, Abraham Appel established a trading post at the old site. In 1906, gold was discovered in the Innoko District and at Ganes Creek in 1907. The Old Town McGrath site was originally located across the Kuskokwim River until a major flood in 1933.

By 1907, the new town of McGrath was established and named for Peter McGrath, a local US Marshal. After the flood, and with changes affecting the course of the river, the old site was left on a slough rendering it useless as a river stop. After the move and by 1940, McGrath welcomed an airstrip, communications complex and school and served as an important refueling stop for Lend-Lease equipment during World War II. Since McGrath is the northernmost point on the Kuskokwim River accessible by large riverboats, it became a regional supply hub.

The Iditarod Trail contributed to McGrath’s role as a supply center. From 1911 to 1920, hundreds of people walked and mushed over the trail on their way to the Ophir gold districts. Mining then sharply declined in 1925. In 1964, a new high school was built, attracting boarding students from

History of the Upper Kuskokwim

Settlement in McGrath, Alaska

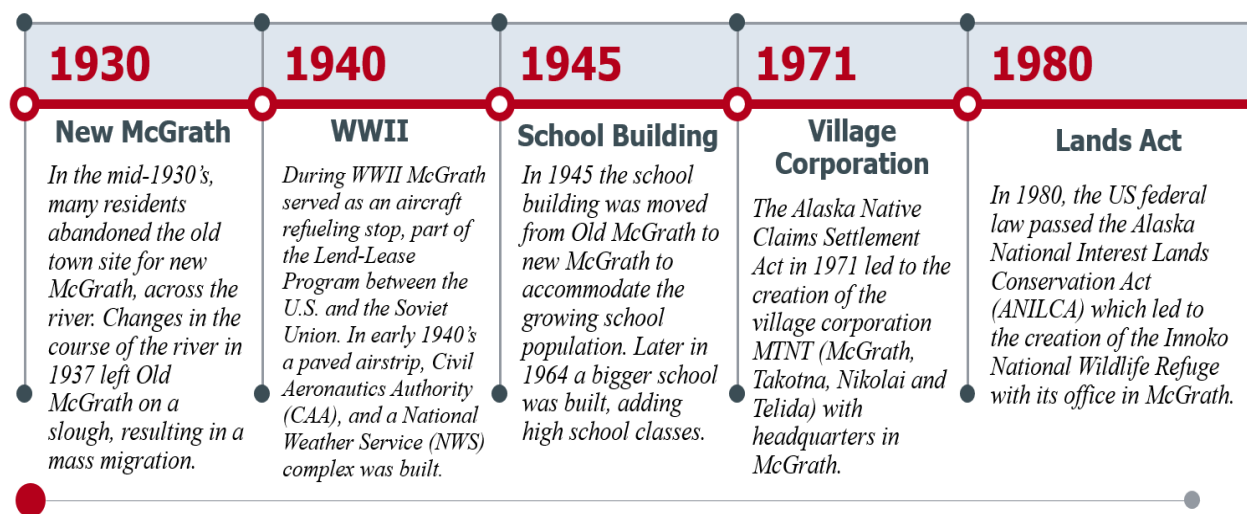


nearby villages. The city was incorporated in 1975 as a second-class city. The federally recognized Tribe in McGrath was established in 1993.

Culture & Traditions

McGrath is a well-mixed community of Native and non-Native residents. A value embedded across the diverse community is respect for the environment, fish, and wildlife. A strong commitment to this value will ensure continual replenishment of the resources for the continual existence of the local culture and traditions.

McGrath is distinctive due to it having a firm step in both the Native and Western cultures and having many urban amenities, though being a remote village. The rich history of the community marks the change from using dogsleds to snowmobiles; wooden skiffs to motorized river boats; lanterns to electricity; log homes to modern homes; verbal storytelling to the internet; and weekly or monthly plane service to almost daily plane service from multiple carriers. With all these modern technologies and amenities, the community of McGrath still enjoys a traditional subsistence lifestyle. The ancient wisdom of supporting and respecting one another and the bounties of our land continue to being taught to new generations.



Location and Geography



Figure 1 McGrath on the map of Alaska

Latitude, Longitude: 62.9534, -155.5961

McGrath is located within the Mt. McKinley Recording District, which encompasses 48.9 square miles of land and 5.7 square miles of water and is 221 miles northwest of Anchorage and 269 miles southwest of Fairbanks. McGrath is situated deep in the interior of Alaska. The most developed land within the city limits is situated on an

inside meander, on the northwest bank of the Kuskokwim River.

Directly across the Kuskokwim River, on the north side of McGrath, the Takotna River drains into the Kuskokwim. This confluence is near the original town site. The region is characterized as a vast lowland of rivers, oxbow and pothole lakes, and marshy tundra. Arising from the north slopes of the Alaska Range and the Kuskokwim Mountains, the Kuskokwim River is a large drainage that encompasses about 11,700 square miles, stretching 450 miles to the Bering Sea near Bethel, Alaska.

Climate

The McGrath area has a cold, continental climate. Average summer temperatures range from 62 to 80 °F, and winters temperatures can range from -64 to 0 °F. Annual precipitation is light, averaging 18.08 inches per year, with an average snowfall of 97 inches. The Kuskokwim River is ice-free from June through October.

Soil and Geology

McGrath is within the bottomland spruce-poplar forest, which closely follows the Kuskokwim River channels. Woody vegetation varies from the sparse to dense along the shoreline. White spruce, paper birch, and quaking aspen predominate on well-drained soils. Balsam poplar (cottonwood) is dominant on the active floodplain, with thick stands of willow and alder shrubs.

Poorly drained soils with permafrost near the surface support black spruce and tundra vegetation, such as sedges, mosses, labrador tea and low-growing woody shrubs. The wetter sites in the region support diverse wetland plant communities such as low scrub bogs, web herbaceous marshes, and meadows.

Population

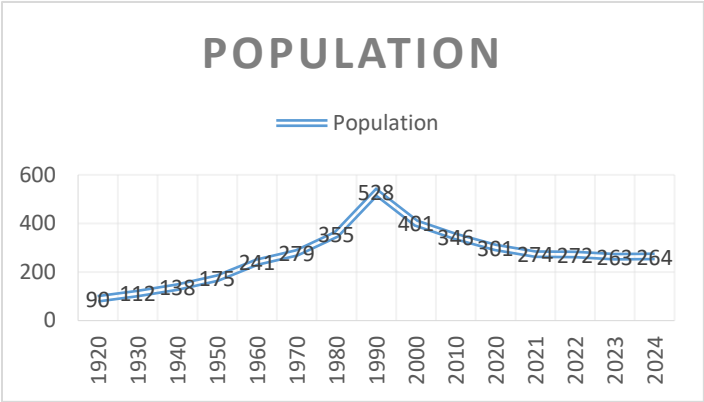


Figure 2 Population of McGrath

In 2024 the population in McGrath recorded at 264 people. McGrath has a mixed-race population, 107 people identified as white, 170 people identified as Alaska Native/American Indian, twenty people who are two or more races, 3 African American, and two people identified as other. The median age for: males is 59 years old and for females 45.8

years old. The average household size is two people, and the average family size is three people.

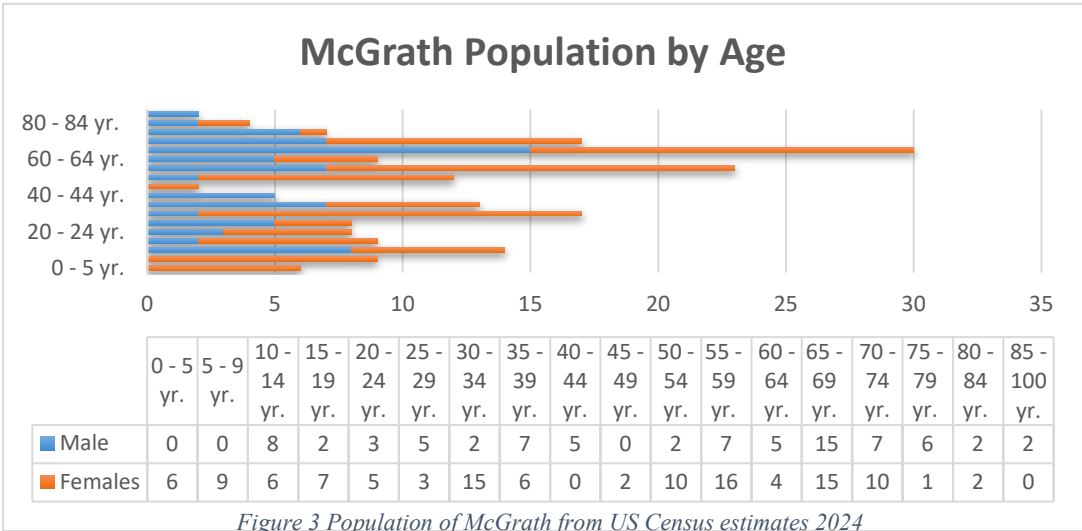


Figure 3 Population of McGrath from US Census estimates 2024

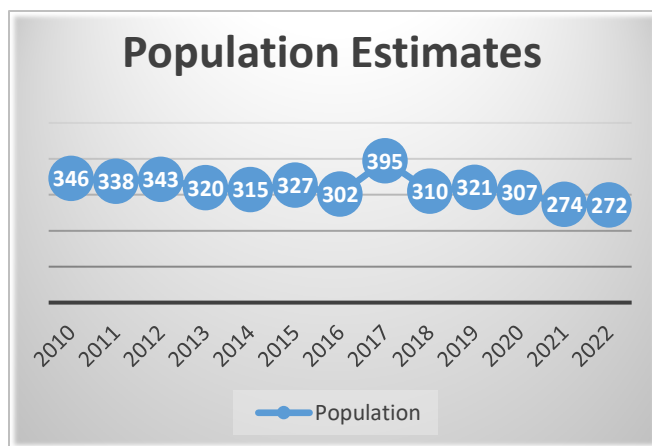


Figure 5 Population from State of Alaska ALARI

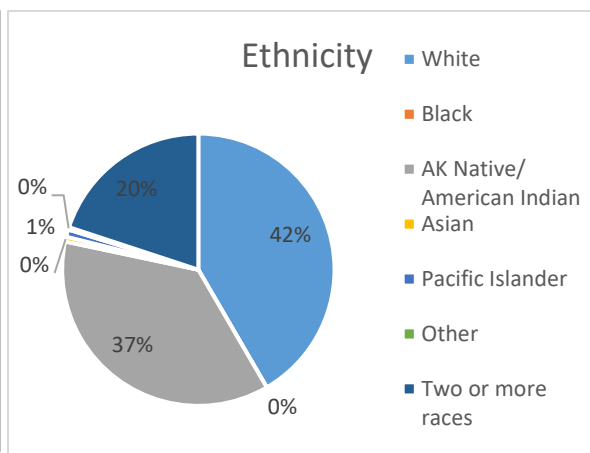


Figure 4 Ethnicity data from State of Alaska ALARI

Governance

McGrath is included in Election Region 3 and is in the Unorganized Borough with no borough assembly. Below are the representatives for McGrath on the state level.

House District	Senate District	House Representative	Senator	District Description
36	R	Rebecca E. Schwanke	Mike Cronk	Copper River Basin/Delta/Tok/Yukon Drainage

Tribal Government

The McGrath Native Village Council (MNVC) is the elected governing body over the federally recognized tribe, the Native Village of McGrath.

The five-member Council is comprised of elected officer titles: First Chief, Second Chief, Third Chief, Secretary/Treasurer and Council Member. There are two- and three-year terms. The Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Three full-time positions comprise the office: Tribal Administrator, Environmental Director, and Tribal Family Youth Services Specialist. MNVC employs four part-time positions. Tribal Development Workforce Specialist, Elder's Nutrition Specialist, Transportation Planner, janitor, and maintenance person. Seasonal positions include the Fisheries Technician.



Figure 6 McGrath Native Village Council

City Government

The City of McGrath was incorporated in 1975 as a Second-Class city and a political subdivision of the State of Alaska, governed by a seven-member council who annually select a Mayor and a Vice Mayor. Council members are elected in staggered 3-year terms (2-3-2). The Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month. City staff includes the City Administrator, the City Clerk/Treasurer, the Public Works Foreman, the Water Treatment Plant Operator, and a part-time janitor.



Figure 7 City of McGrath Logo

The City of McGrath Public Works operates and maintains the City's infrastructure including the water treatment plant, water & sewer distribution system, fire hydrants, landfill, roads, vehicles, equipment, and buildings, such as the washeteria and maintenance shop.

Regional Corporation Doyon, Limited



Figure 8 Doyon Logo

McGrath is a part of Doyon Limited, the Alaska Native Regional Corporation for Interior Alaska, incorporated in 1972 under the 1971 Alaska Native Claim Settlement Act (ANCSA). From provisions under ANCSA, Doyon is entitled to receive approximately 12.5 million acres of land across Interior Alaska, making Doyon the largest private landowner in Alaska. Management of Doyon's land focuses on the protection of traditional shareholder uses and responsible economic development or natural resources. The corporation currently employs more than 800 persons worldwide and over 550 employees in Alaska.

DOYON VISION:

Leader in All We Do

DOYON MISSION:

To continually enhance our position as a financially strong Native corporation in order to promote the economic and social well-being of our shareholders and future shareholders, to strengthen our Native way of life, and to protect and enhance our land and resources.

DOYON VALUES:

- Financially responsible
- Socially and culturally responsible Alaska Native people
- Pride and respect in Native ownership
- Commitment to the long-term sustainability
- Honesty and integrity
- Commitment to excellence
- Respect for employees
- Commitment to employee safety and sound environmental practices.

Village Corporation MTNT Ltd



Figure 9 MTNT Ltd

The Village Corporation, MTNT Ltd, was formed in 1976 and represents four Interior Alaskan villages; McGrath, Takotna, Nikolai, and Telida. The 460 shareholders of MTNT own and manage 299,520 acres of surface

land, commercial and residential properties, McGrath Light & Power, along with six subsidiaries serving the nation's government. MTNT provides personnel and services to commercial entities and federal agencies. Other services include development, construction, construction management, design, quality control, budgeting, scheduling, subcontractor selection, environmental, IT, strategic communication, custodial services, professional staffing, and federal contracting expertise. MTNT Management Services LLC oversees aspects of MTNT Ltd.'s Surface entitlement, including activities that include mining, fire management, timber, and hunting. Other MTNT Management Services, LLC also oversees the rest of the corporations' subsidiaries, services including all accounting, finance, human resources, employment, accounting, IT support, administrative support for its companies.

Mission

The mission of MTNT and its family of companies is to increase corporate profitability, provide Shareholders with economic benefits and opportunities, and protect our corporate assets and land base while recognizing the traditional cultural values and subsistence lifestyles of our Shareholders.

Commitment

We at MTNT share a common commitment to adhere to the highest ethical and professional standards with each other, are shareholders, our customers, suppliers and partners. As an Alaska Native Corporation and government contractor, it is imperative whether you are an employee, officer, director, consultant or agent that we all operate ethically in business relationships. We are committed to emphasizing each individual's responsibility to understand and strictly comply with the policies, procedures, laws, rules and regulations that govern MTNT. Exercising the highest ethical and professional standards is fundamental to MTNT's growth and future success.

Our Values

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Respect
- Trust
- Responsibility
- Citizenship

These values contained in our code of ethics and business conduct code, are the heart of who we are and what we do. This code has been adopted by the MTNT board of directors as the company's code of ethics and business conduct to serve as the foundation of MTNT. Our code shapes the culture of the company defines our character and summarizes the virtues and standards that guide our actions and business. It applies to MTNT together with its operating companies and subsidiaries. We expect our employees, officers, directors, agents, consultants, contractors, representatives, vendors and suppliers to guide by them as well.

Regional Non-Profit Corporation Tanana Chiefs Conference

Tanana Chiefs Conference was officially formed in 1962 and incorporated under Alaska State Law in 1971. We are organized as Dena' Nena' Henash or “Our Land Speaks”; an Alaska Native nonprofit corporation, charged with advancing Tribal self-determination and enhancing regional Native unity. TCC provides a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development, and culture of the Interior.

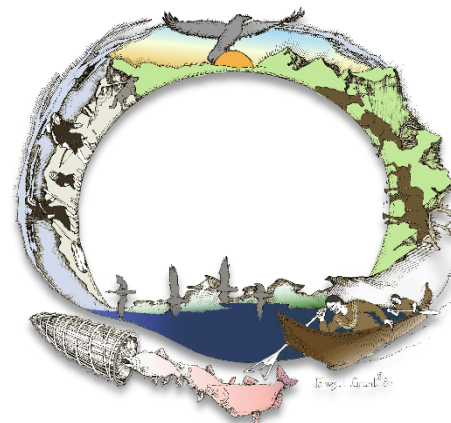


Figure 10 TCC Logo

TCC provides services while balancing traditional Athabascan and Alaska Native values with modern demands. TCC’s objectives are to provide health, social, and economic services to the native people and villages of interior Alaska, known as the TCC region, using federal, state, and local resources. TCC is comprised of three core departments: 1. Administration; 2. Health Services; and 3. Tribal Client and Tribal Government Services.

Within those core departments, we offer services in the following categories: Tribal Development; Self Governance; Housing; Public Safety Officer; Natural Resources; Client Development; Elder Nutrition; Employment and Training; Child Development; Child Protection; Head Start; Staff Development; Vocational Rehabilitation; Work Assistance Program and ASAP; Dental; Quality Management; Laboratory; Contract Health; Registration; Environmental Health; Pharmacy; Medical; Family Medicine; Family Medicine RN; Specialty Clinics; Radiology; Community Health Outreach Program; Home Care Provider; Behavioral Health; Old Minto Family Recovery Camp; Psychiatry; SBIRT; Paul Williams House; Community Health Aide Program; Bertha Moses Patient Hostel; Eye Clinic; Housing First; Wellness and Prevention; and Willow House.

The Tanana Chiefs Conference region covers an area of 235,000 square miles in Interior Alaska, which is equal to about 37 percent of the entire state, and just slightly smaller than the state of Texas. Within the region are six subregions:



Within the six subregions are 39 villages, for an approximate population of 6700. We also serve clients in the Fairbanks area.

Regional Non-Profit Healthcare Southcentral Foundation (SCF)

Southcentral Foundation is an Alaska Native-owned, nonprofit health care organization serving nearly 65,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people living in Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough and fifty-five rural villages in the Anchorage Service Unit. SCF was incorporated in 1982 and is the largest of the nonprofits



Figure 11 Southcentral Foundation Logo

under the Tribal authority of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI). Southcentral Foundation and Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium jointly own and manage the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage, which serves the entire Alaska Native and American Indian population of the state, an estimated 108,000 people based on Census data.

Denakkanaaga



Figure 12 Denakkanaaga Logo

Denakkanaaga, meaning “Our People Speak” in Denaakk’e (Koyukon Athabascan), is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization which serves as the voice for the Interior Native Elders in the Doyon and Tanana Chiefs Conference region. Denakkanaaga acts on behalf of the Elders, working to ensure their concerns are addressed regarding topics such as Native cultures, traditions, languages, subsistence, and social issues. As the population, over the age of sixty-five, grows within Interior Alaska, Denakkanaaga

works with other organizations to maximize efforts to advocate for Native Elders.

Denakkanaaga Core Values/Commitments:

- United Voice: Keep Native voice stronger together for positive action
- Continuing traditions, art, cultural values, language, and subsistence life
- Unity among Native organizations and people

Denakkanaaga Core Programs:

- Peer support for each other (elder to elder)
- Support/mentor the next generation
- Cultural programs
- Regional voice on issues/concerns

Interior Regional Housing Authority

The Interior Regional Housing Authority (IRHA) is a non-profit organization with authority derived from both state and federal law. The IRHA was formed in 1974 along with thirteen other Alaskan housing authorities to administer programs of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) throughout the state. The IRHA serves the tribes of the Doyon Region, encompassing remote traditional villages in the Interior, and Alaska's second largest city, Fairbanks.



Figure 13 IRHA Logo

Our Mission is to provide tribal housing opportunities to positively impact housing needs.

NAHASDA

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) reorganized the system of housing assistance provided to Native Americans through the Department of Housing and Urban Development by eliminating several separate programs of assistance and replacing them with a block grant program. There are two programs authorized for Indian Tribes under NAHASDA which are the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) which is a formula-based grant program and the Title VI Loan Guarantee which provides financing guarantees to Indian tribes for private market loans to develop affordable housing. Each year tribes receive an allocation of IHBG funding, based on a funding formula that distributes equitable shares of the annual appropriation made by Congress. The Tribe may entrust its IHBG to a Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE), who will carry out the Tribe's housing assistance program. The IRHA is the TDHE for the [Doyon Region](#) encompassing Interior Alaska and currently serves 31 Tribes.

The primary objectives, under which all Tribes and their TDHEs operate, are:

- To assist with and promote affordable housing activities.
- To develop and operate housing in a safe and healthy environment on Indian reservations and in other Indian areas for occupancy by low-income families.
- To ensure better access to private mortgage markets for Indian Tribes and their members, and to promote self-sufficiency of Indian Tribes and their members.
- To promote self-sufficiency and coordinate activities to provide housing for Indian Tribes and their members.
- To plan for and integrate infrastructure resources for Indian Tribes with housing development.
- To promote the development of private capital markets in Indian Country and to allow such markets to operate and grow, thereby benefiting Indian Communities.
- By collaborating with Tribes, the IRHA is impacting housing needs throughout the region by making homes safe and energy efficient. Through innovative programs, the IRHA is bringing housing opportunities for homeownership to Alaskan Native and Native American families.

IRHA HOUSING PROGRAMS

- Tribal Equity Advantage Mortgage (Team)
- Homeownership Program (HOP)
- Home Ownership Program for the Elderly (HOPE)
- Housing Based Assistance
- Rehabilitation of Existing Homes
- Village Rehabilitation Program
- Fairbanks Rehabilitation Program
- Meda Lord Senior Center Program (Nenana)

Communities Served

Allakaket, Alatna, Anvik, Beaver, Birch Creek, Chalkyitsik, Circle, Dot Lake, Doyon (Canyon Village, Fairbanks, Lake Minchumina, Medfra), Eagle, Evansville/Bettles, Grayling, Healy Lake, Holy Cross, Hughes, Huslia, Kaltag, Koyukuk, Manley Hot Springs, McGrath, Minto, Nenana, Nikolai, Northway, Ruby, Shageluk, Stevens Village, Takotna, Tanacross, Telida, Tetlin and Tok.

Public Utilities

Water & Sewer

The city water source comes directly from the Kuskokwim River. Raw water is pumped from the river into the McGrath Water Plant where it is settled, filtered, and treated with polymers and chlorine levels required by law. The water system is constantly monitored and checked twice daily, year-round. Every spring the City of McGrath sends the annual water report to water customers. The State of Alaska oversees all public drinking water systems in the state and requires regular water testing. Test samples are shipped to a laboratory in Anchorage for analysis. The water treatment facility serves 321 residents with water services, with 160 services connections in place.

The community of McGrath has a sewer pump truck to service many residents who use individual septic tanks/cribs, and a limited city sewage system serves approximately thirty-four homes. Currently, the McGrath Native Village Council and the City of McGrath are securing a new sewer lagoon as the current one has stopped percolating and needs replacement.

Water Treatment:

Water Treatment System Facility	Primary Water Source	Number of Residents Served	System Class	System Capacity
<u>McGrath Water Treatment System</u>	Surface Water	321	WT 2	No Data

Water Distribution:

Water Distribution Facility	Number of Residents Served	Number of Service Connections	Water Distribution System Class	Circulated or Heated System
<u>McGrath Water Distribution System</u>	321	160	WD 2	Yes

Solid Waste

McGrath Native Village Council (MNVC) maintains the bins at the burn box for non-burnable items such as aerosols, paint, and batteries. Beyond the burn box is the recycled side of the landfill, where residents can dispose of sizable items that are reusable. MNVC maintains recycling bins on Chinana Avenue for glass, tin, and aluminum. Items such as electronics, refrigerators, microwave ovens, and other household items are also collected and shipped out for recycling. The community has been educated on the importance of proper disposal of these items. Although efforts need to be made to find funds for the cleanup and organization of the site.

There are two previously used landfills, one area being located at the end of the DNR Road near Sand Island and the other unofficial area near the AC Slip was used by residents to fortify locally initiated erosion control efforts. The current landfill was built in the 80's with the first burn box built in the early 2000's which was replaced in 2023 with City SLFRF and IGAP funds. The landfill is located at the east end of town on Cranberry Ridge Road on land owned by the City of McGrath. This is a Class 3 landfill with designated areas for used oil disposal, and a battery collection site. The current permit was issued in October of 2024, expiring in October of 2029. The last inspection dated September 5th of 2024 scored 72%.

McGrath Trash and Refuse is a locally owned private company which collects refuse for disposal at the city landfill.



Figure 14 McGrath Burn Box Landfill

Communications

Internet

Borealis Broadband provides internet service through a broadband satellite link. Some residences, facilities and businesses have chosen to obtain internet service through HughesNet (satellite), Viasat Internet formally Excede (satellite), GCI Communications (copper), and United Utilities Internet (UUI) (DSL). Though in recent years residents have opted for Starlink since the business rollout.

Telephone

GCI, Incorporated provides the area of McGrath cellular phone service.

United Utilities, Incorporated (UUI), a GCI company, provides land-line telephone communications for \$17.87 for residential rates, and \$28.90 for business rates.

Cable

McGrath Broadcasting Company, the local cable television provider since 1983, feeds thirty-two channels and four movie channels to the community, with a capability of up to a maximum of eighty channels. Service is wired to all households and currently has 109 subscribers. Channel 37 includes Alaska Regional Communications Satellite (ARCS). Channel 12 is set up as a cooperative project with the McGrath School to operate a KSKO-AM radio audio feed with public service announcements and local input; students regularly update the information. McGrath Broadcasting currently owns three satellite dishes. Some community members have chosen to obtain television service through Dish Network or Direct TV.

Radio Station

KSKO took to the local radio frequencies in 1981, with 18 hours of daily music, news, and public service announcements. The radio station is a non-commercial radio station, broadcasting on 870 AM. KSKO is a member of Community Radio of Alaska and has since expanded the listening audience across Alaska, providing entertainment, community information, and local, Alaska, and national news broadcasts for community members.

Bulk Fuel

In 2017, McGrath relocated the tank farm as well as overhauled all the tanks and cleaned them.

McGrath has one fuel company, Crowley Marine. They offer heating fuel, unleaded fuel, Jet A and AVGAS. On several occasions, the city has offered retail fuel sales to reduce heating and transportation costs for the public.



Figure 15 McGrath Tank Farm

The various bulk fuel users purchase diesel fuel and gasoline in the spring and fall from a Crowley Marine fuel barge operating on the Kuskokwim River. Everts Air Cargo has delivered fuel to McGrath on several occasions.

Fuel Prices (Winter 2025):

Retail Gas Price	\$8.55
Gas Vendor	Northern Petroleum
Retail Heating Fuel Price	\$8.21
Heating Fuel Vendor	Northern Petroleum

Power and Energy

McGrath Light & Power (ML&P), owned by MTNT Ltd (the Village Corporation), is the electric utility company that serves more than 350 residents. The utility maintains the city streetlights, as well.

In 2020, a new power plant building was constructed to house four new, fuel-efficient generators for the city. ML&P is one of six organizations in Alaska to be awarded a High Energy Cost Grant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with the intent to offset high energy costs in some of the

most remote parts of the state whose communities annual home energy costs exceed 275 percent of the national average. With matching funds from MTNT Ltd., the grant provides for the construction of the new power plant and the new generators.

The current cost of permanent residential rate is 70 cents and commercial 56 Cents per Kw/H. With the PCE contribution of 44 cents.

Road Maintenance

Road maintenance is ongoing for the city operator because summer and winter grading is a top priority for the City of McGrath that MNVC also shares. MNVC contributes to the upkeep as well. A concern of Public Works which they remind residents of is, that it is not safe to pass the road grader while driving and to pull over, stop, and let the grader pass.

Public Facilities

Tribal Council Building

A new multi-purpose community center was built in McGrath in 2012. The center is a one-stop community hub, consisting of tribal offices, social services, learning programs, and space for community gathering and cultural exchange.



Figure 16 Mcgrath Native Village Council Community Center

McGrath Regional Health Center

Southcentral Foundation manages the health care services for McGrath. The 6,100-square-foot medical clinic, built in 2004, serves the estimated six hundred residents within McGrath, Nikolai, Takotna, and Telida. MTNT Limited donated five acres of the land for the building, which was paid for with grants from the Denali Commission, the Southcentral Foundation and the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration.

Currently, the McGrath Health Center provides Primary & Urgent Care, Tele-Health, Digital Radiology, CLIA Waived Laboratory Services, Pharmacy, Tele-Pharmacy, Behavioral Health Care, Tele-Psychiatry, Smoking Cessation, Drug/ Alcohol Counseling, and 24-hour Emergency Service. Itinerant dentists, dental hygienists, optometrists, and chiropractors visit on a regularly scheduled basis to provide care to Upper Kuskokwim area residents.

The clinic employs eight people with full-time jobs. There is only one health aid currently, with max capacity at two or three community health aids.

The clinic is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm apart from holidays.



Figure 17 McGrath Regional Health Center

Educational Facilities

School



Figure 18 McGrath School

McGrath School, “a center of culture, history, knowledge, academic rigor, and friendship,” is a public school serving twenty-eight students in grades K-12. The Iditarod Area School District (IASD) is headquartered in

McGrath and serves the villages of McGrath, Takotna, and Nikolai on the Kuskokwim River and the villages of Anvik, Grayling, Holy Cross, and Shageluk on the Yukon River. It once peaked at approximately 130 students.

There are three teachers and one teacher who is principal serving the school. Some school activities include Native Youth Olympics (NYO), Battle of the Books, Cross country, a Mushing program, and Judo.

Doors Open:

8:00 am

Breakfast Served:

8:15 am - 8:30 am

Class Start Time:

8:30 am

Lunch Break:

11:25 am - 11:55 am

School Dismissal Times:

2:00 pm - K-1st Grade.

3:00 pm - 2nd-12th Grade.

Head Start Program

The Early Head Start (EHS), and Head Start (HS) Program is administered by Tanana Chiefs Conference. There are currently twelve (12) Early Head Start (0-3 yrs), and ten (10) Head Start (3-5yrs) children in McGrath.

Our EHS is a home-based program, and our HS is a center-based program. TCC has one Home Visitor for our EHS and one Lead Teacher for the center based. The Teacher's Aide position is currently vacant for the classroom. The Head Start is housed in the local school. At the community meeting held, residents expressed interest in opening a daycare for the community.

Post Office

The McGrath Post Office is a branch location of the United States Postal Service that serves the McGrath community. The customer service postal facility offers mail package delivery services, P.O. Box services, and money orders. The USPS operates as an independent agency within the federal government, supported entirely by revenues generated through its operations.

The hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8am – 1pm, 2pm- 4:30pm. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Cap'n Snow Center

The Cap'n Snow Center houses offices for the City of McGrath, Public Works, Water Plant, Alaska State Trooper, and Village Public Safety Officer. Facilities available to the public at the Cap'n Snow Center include the Assembly Room, laundromat, public restrooms & showers, and a public drinking water point providing potable water to fill jugs and tanks. The McGrath Public Library, firetruck & ambulance are also located in this large multi-purpose building.



Figure 19 Cap'n Snow Center

The Cap'n Snow Center is dated and in need of either significant renovations or rebuilding to accommodate the needs of the community. Since the Cap'n Snow Center is the hub that houses many resources for the city of McGrath fulfilling this goal will be an endeavor, but necessary.

Public Safety

The State of Alaska stations an Alaska Wildlife Trooper in McGrath to serve the region. A local, Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) serves McGrath in coordination with the State of Alaska,



Figure 20 TCC VPSO Flyer

Tanana Chiefs Conference, the McGrath Native Village Council, and the City of McGrath. Though now the position is vacant. McGrath has volunteers to supply the Fire Department, ambulance, as well as the Kuskokwim Valley Rescue Squad (search and rescue). There are also “kids don’t float” racks along the river for youth to utilize although some need to be rebuilt and three additional ones need to be added.

A fire chief is appointed annually by the members of the volunteer fire department and approved by the City Council. The MVFD meets monthly and trains regularly. The McGrath Volunteer Fire Department consists of sixteen firefighters. The City of McGrath owns and maintains the fire truck. 911 via radio summons the VPSO and the McGrath Health Clinic for emergency medical services.

Library

The McGrath Community Library opened its doors in 1942, making it the oldest public library in Alaska. The library holds a little of everything from best-selling books to how-to manuals. The library is a non-profit organization and operates by volunteers, grant funding, and donations. The library offers the following service: public fax, copy machine, internet (free), books, e-books, magazines, The Fairbanks News miner, Tundra Times, Interlibrary loans, video conferencing capabilities, college exam proctoring, homework tutoring, family game, skill, and art gatherings, annual community craft fairs, gardening club meetings, reading club, and children’s toys and stories.

The library is in the Captain Snow Center City Building, listed are the hours of operations:

Monday-Friday: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Washeteria

Cap'n Snow Center Washeteria facility is available to the public and includes: the assembly room, laundromat, public restrooms & showers, and a public drinking water point providing potable water to fill jugs and tanks. The McGrath Public Library, Firetruck & Ambulance are also located in this large multi-purpose building.

There are two showers, three sinks, three mop sinks, four Dryers (2 need an electrician to be installed), one large washer, two- 35 lb. washers, two- 25 lb. washers available for use.

Recent upgrades include newer restrooms in 2025, brand new washers and dryers in 2020, as well as new floors in 2019.

The hours of operation of 6:00 am – 10:00 pm every day.

McGrath Museum

The Tochak Historical Society is a non-profit organization which runs the McGrath Museum and was established in 2009.

The museum was renamed the Sally Jo Collins Museum named after a beloved local historian, the museum showcases a diverse collection of artifacts, photographs, and exhibits highlighting the stories of Indigenous Athabaskan communities, early settlers, and the town's deep connections to aviation and the Iditarod Trail, gold rush memorabilia, a transportation timeline, a model of a miner-trapper cabin and a giant rocking chair made in 1954 for former US President Eisenhower, which was never given to him.

Maintenance Shop

The Maintenance Shop installed a waste oil burning heater to warm the workspace. This is saving on the cost of heating fuel and providing a service to the community because the waste oil (used) would have been disposed of and is now heating the Shop.

Economy

As a transportation, communications, and supply hub in Interior Alaska, McGrath has a diverse cash economy. Many families rely upon subsistence, utilizing salmon, moose, caribou, bear, birds, and rabbits. In addition to trapping, hunting, and fishing, residents tend to vegetable and herb gardens, almost every family in McGrath has a garden. In addition, residents harvest berries, chop and sell firewood, raise sled dogs, and sell Native crafts. Despite being remotely located, McGrath has a wide variety of modern conveniences and thirty-eight active business licenses, including two grocery stores, two hotel accommodations, two restaurants, various supply outlets, several log and timber milling businesses, construction and heavy equipment businesses, and private mineral extraction business.

Income and Poverty (ACS 5yr avg 2019-2023):

Median Household Income:	\$51,250
Median Family Income:	\$66,875
Persons Below Poverty:	19
Persons Below 125% of the Poverty Level:	38

Jobs and Workforce

McGrath has 221 residents aged sixteen and over. Of the 136 that are employed, seventy-three are female and sixty-three are male. Fifty-one workers are aged fifty and over. Total wages earned by McGrath residents during 2016 were \$4,986,783. In 2016, 49 people were new hires, and twenty-seven people filed unemployment insurance claims.

Top Occupations and Workers by Industry

The most common employment sectors for those who live in McGrath, AK, are Public Administration, Retail Trade, Utilities, and Transportation & Warehousing. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources maintains a wild land firefighting base in McGrath, providing seasonal employment.

Housing

McGrath has 195 total housing units. Forty-eight of these houses are vacant, of which twelve are unlivable and require extensive remodeling, and ten seasonal. Of the 147 occupied houses, the

average household size is three people, eighty-nine are family households and fifty-eight are non-family households. Ninety houses are owner-occupied and fifty-seven are rentals.

The Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is a home repair, renovation, replacement, and new housing grant program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Individuals and families that are members of federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and have no immediate resource standard housing are eligible. HIP was established under the Snyder Act of 1921 as one of several BIA programs authorized by Congress for the benefit of Indian people.

IRHA rehabilitated a building into a duplex in 2017, with the last weatherization conducted in 2014. Currently, MVNC is having a safe house rehabilitated with TCC OVA funds.

Transportation

McGrath is not connected to Alaska's road system and has approximately thirty miles of local roads used by pedestrians, ATV's, snow machines, and automobiles. Winter trails are marked to Nikolai (50 miles) and Takotna (20 miles).

Airport	Airport Code
Mc Grath Airport	MCG
Mc Grath Seaplane Base	16Z
Yankee Creek 2 Airport	A77

Residents rely on air service and barges for passenger and cargo services. Air facilities include a State-owned 5,435-foot paved runway with a 1,700-foot crosswind landing strip, and a seaplane base on the Kuskokwim River.

A boat launch ramp site is available in the summer months. When the Kuskokwim River freezes, it becomes an "overland highway" used for travel. Since McGrath is considered a major hub for flights there are multiple airlines that fly to the village including: Alaska Air Transit, Midnight Air, Reeve Air, Ryan Air, and Wrights Air.

Alaska Air Transit: Monday – Friday departs Anchorage at 9AM. Scheduled times vary with the number of flags stops along the Upper Kuskokwim flights, Nikolai, McGrath, Takotna, Tatalina, and Nixon Fork Mine. The flight returns to Anchorage by 1PM

Tuesday and Thursday are "Mail Run" days, departing at 11AM with times varying between the scheduled route due to the amount of mail to be loaded and unloaded: Nikolai – McGrath – Takotna – Tatalina – McGrath – Nikolai – Anchorage.



Figure 21 McGrath Aerial View of Airports

Land Use and Environment

The Land

McGrath is an Alaska Native town site, which has been surveyed. The major landowners in the community are MTNT, The City of McGrath, Alaska Village Initiatives, The State of Alaska, the Bureau of Land Management, and the DOT/FAA, as well as private citizens and investors. The land entitlement of the McGrath ANCSA Corporation totals 92,160 acres. The 14(c) reconveyance process has been completed. Exceptional circumstances regarding land in McGrath include land trades and Native allotments. The McGrath Native Village Council owns 6-acres of land.

The community has access to limestone from the Noir Hill Quarry site, which is owned by MTNT with subsurface rights owned by Doyon Ltd and located approximately fifteen miles east of McGrath. The city maintains the road to the quarry. Expansion of utilities and roads on Cranberry Ridge is necessary to accommodate future growth in McGrath.

Subsistence/Food Security

To the McGrath community, subsistence means harvesting local vegetation, berries, fish, land animals and birds for food, clothing, and tools. Ancient practices of surviving off the land and the river continue to be an integral part of communal life. Most households prefer to gather and store traditional foods in addition to store bought foods. McGrath is in the Alaska Game Management Unit (GMU) 19D.

Environmental Concerns

There are currently twenty-one active contaminated sites located near McGrath, and twenty-four completed cleaned sites. McGrath is at risk during spring from flood and fire, there are always two-three dump fires which are close to town, and there are wildfire concerns as well.

There is an outdated emergency response plan that needs to be updated as it does not have the proper infrastructure to support the needs of there was an emergency response.

Community Health and Wellness

Elder Nutrition/Care Programs

The Elder Nutrition Cook position, employed through Tanana Chiefs Conference is currently vacant in McGrath and has been since October 2018. To date, there have been no applications. During the time the program was operating it was serving (26) Elders. McGrath has more Elders who have declined this service. The kitchen is in the McGrath Native Village Council. When the program was running, an average of 323 meals were delivered each month.

To help alleviate turnover the hourly rate for cooks has increased and the requirement of “must have GED or high school diploma” has been removed from the job description. The program basics are the cooks and substitute cooks are under joint supervision of the village council and the Elder Nutrition Program Coordinator, job incumbent is responsible for scheduling and conducting local elder nutrition services including the planning of menus, procurement storage and preparation of food, inventory of groceries, supplies and equipment and lastly, compliance with program sanitation requirements. Supervision for this position may be given by the Tribal Administrator, with approval from the village council.

Churches

St. Michael Catholic Church

The earliest known Catholic presence in McGrath was in the 1940's, when a priest of the Society of Jesus visited it. He bought a military surplus Quonset hut and had it moved near "Aviation Field" and converted into a chapel. The "chapel" was later moved to another location and eventually replaced by the present log church. The new church was dedicated to St. Michael in 1960.



Figure 22 St. Michael Catholic Church

Parish administrators currently oversee the day-to-day activities of parish life. They are supported by visiting ministers from Fairbanks.

McGrath Community Church

McGrath Community Church is an evangelical church in McGrath. Ran by One Wilderness Ministries.

Annual Events

Iron Dog Snow Machine Race, Idita-Sport, Iditarod Sled Dog Race, Kuskokwim Ice Classic, Bluegrass Festival, Mother's Day Potluck, and fundraisers: Spring Auction and Museum Dinner.

Recreation

Biking and hiking take place fifteen miles out of town, with some breathtaking views. On clear days about ten miles out of town, you can even see the great Denali Mountain in the Alaska Range, which is North America's tallest peak. At the end of the road is a rock quarry called Noir Hill. On this road you can use any type of transportation: walk, bike, scooter, ATV, or a truck. There is also a lake along the way, where one can canoe, kayak, or take a swim.

Recreational activities include hiking, biking, Nordic skiing, canoeing, kayaking, four-wheeling, self-guided photo safaris. Geocaching, flightseeing, rafting, gold panning, gem hunting, fishing, dog mushing, snow machining, and aurora borealis viewing.

There are also two recreational parks, Anderson Park which has an outhouse and a shack for hang out purposes as well as a baseball field, and stage.

IASD Park has an array of play equipment including, but not limited to swings, monkey bars, other miscellaneous play equipment and outdoor ball court.



Figure 23 Anderson Park

Goals and Objectives

Housing

Goal #1: Provide ten safe, energy-efficient homes for the residents of McGrath, as well as renovating uninhabitable homes.

- Objective #1: Resurvey current plots, available and unused to map out potential land areas that can be utilized in this goal.

Action items:

- Create a housing survey to assess the current needs of the community.
 - Create a list of houses with their needs. (Weatherization, Rehabilitation, Demolition, and new housing needed)
 - Categorize on a map localized areas that can sustain a new subdivision that can encompass ten new housing units complete with running water and septic.
 - Seek funding for the completion of varied sizes of houses (Studio cabins to three-bedroom homes).
 - Collaborate with all agencies that can assist including, but not limited to; ANTHC, TCC, MNVC, MTNT, IRHA, City of McGrath, the State of Alaska, etc.
- Seek funding to demolish the older uninhabitable homes that currently take up valuable real estate that can be used to construct new buildings.
- Work with IRHA to weatherize homes that were identified in the housing needs survey.

Goal #2: For McGrath Native Village Council to construct a new building that can serve as apartment complex, with some apartments reserved and operated as an elder care facility.

- Objective #1: Combining the need for getting working individuals and an elder care facility.

Action items:

- The areas surrounding McGrath have limited options for elder care so opening a facility would greatly benefit the area.

- Research the steps needed to establish an Elder Care Facility and jump start applying for grants.
- Seek a draftsman to tailor a design for this apartment complex that includes communal areas and running water with sewer.
 - 1st year: Establish an area where this building can be constructed. Work with the City of McGrath and MTNT, Inc to see where viable land could be for maximum efficiency. Seek funding to lay a foundation pad on the aforementioned plot.
 - 2nd year: Finalize planning this building.
 - 3rd year: Seek funding sources and start accumulating building materials.
 - 4th year: Depending previous success initiate construction, in phases if needed.
 - 5th year: Finalize construction.
- Reserving some of the apartments for residents can also aid in costs. (monthly rent)
 - Ideal for seasonal workers, individuals, and small families

Agriculture

Goal #1: McGrath Native Village Council will strive to provide healthier cheaper alternatives for fresh produce to combat the rising cost of fresh groceries.

- Objective #1: Secure funding for renovating a large communal greenhouse, individual greenhouses with fencing for outdoor gardens.

Action items:

- Access the current state of the communal greenhouse and construct a plan of action to renovate the greenhouse for optimal use for the municipality.
 - Create a spreadsheet with probable cost and estimations of freight costs for materials needed.
 - A Tier 1 grant through the Rasmuson Foundation can assist in renovating the greenhouse, as well as technology (rolling deadline)
- Seek out agricultural grants to fund the purchase of all needed supplies to care for the greenhouse.

- Contact the Iditarod Area School District (IASD) & University of Alaska Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension (UAF IANRE) staff to create a lesson plan for youth and residents to educate on how to maintain agricultural food security and storage.
 - Research similar projects completed for example the TTCD's Tyonek Grown Program which has had significant success.
 - Research ways for the greenhouse to be operable year-round (Bio-mass heat, Glass or rigid plastic greenhouse to help keep the heat) UAF has conducted extensive research into best practices to keep an operable year-round greenhouse.
 - <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/publications/database/gardening/files/pdfs/HGA-00336-Controlling%20GreenHouse%2011-27-24.pdf>
 - <https://www.akenergyauthority.org/Portals/0/Programs/AEEE/Biomass/Documents/PDF/317BiomassHeatedGreenhouseManual.pdf?ver=2019-06-18-123109-157>
- RurAL CAP foundation could be obtained to contribute to overall price. https://www.ruralcapfoundation.org/files/ugd/233a66_cd662e124a6641bd94d6cd9aee2351c5.pdf (Deadline Periods: April 30, August 31, November 30)
- On the housing survey ask if they have a household garden (in detail)
 - How the individual waters there garden
 - How big of an area (if fencing needs to be installed)
 - Etc.
- Dedicate an area near the Communal Greenhouse to provide a space for a communal compost area.
- To reserve the fruits of communal labor seek funding for equipment for food preservation. Teaching the community to preserve the fresh fruits and vegetables.
 - Pressure cookers
 - Canning jars
 - Air- tight freezer bags.

Public Facilities

Goal #1: To provide a new recreational center for the hub of McGrath, with amenities for the wellbeing of the community.

- Objective #1: Curate a plan of action that includes the governing agencies that can contribute to the building of this recreational center.

Action items:

- Seek multiple funding agencies and grants that are available to initiate this extensive plan.
- Seek a drafts person to tailor a design for the new recreational center equipped with the following: an operable gym, a pool, sauna (sweathouse), Donation center, with a kitchen, grill, and teen center.
 - 1st year: Establish an area where this facility can be constructed. Work with the City of McGrath and MTNT, Inc to see where viable land could be for maximum efficiency. Seek funding to lay a foundation pad on the aforementioned plot.
 - 2nd year: Finalize planning this multipurpose building.
 - 3rd year: Seek funding sources and start accumulating building materials.
 - 4th year: Depending previous success initiate construction, in phases if needed.
 - 5th year: Finalize construction.
- Construct an operations budget on how much purchasing all needed equipment for the new facility.
 - Gaming for Teen Center
 - Sewing machines
 - Kitchen aids
 - 3D printers
 - Cricket cutters
 - VR simulators
 - RC dirt track

Goal #2: Renovate the current facility building to benefit the amenities that the are housed in the Cap'n Snow Center.

- Objective #1: Work with the current occupants of the City building to assess the needs of each occupants space.

Action items:

- There are multiple occupants that can contribute to betterment of the facility center; The City of McGrath, Public Works, Water Plant, Alaska State Troopers, and Village Public Safety Officer. Facilities available include the Assembly Room, laundromat, public restrooms & showers, and a public drinking water point as well as the McGrath Public Library, firetruck & ambulance.
- Access the needs and make a list of the most necessary to be completed and when everything can be accomplished.
- Once a list is compiled seek grants with the support of the city of McGrath since a lot of these amenities are funded via municipal government.

Culture

Goal #1: McGrath Native Village Council will continue to intertwine the cultural values of the diverse community and teach the importance of carrying both Native and Western cultures to the youth and all residents.

- Objective #1: Coordinate with Iditarod Area School District (IASD) to implement after-school programs and find people in the community to teach youth cultural activities.

Action items:

- Configure a plan with IASD to initiate a timeline which program can be implemented first, etc.
- Find specialized volunteers to help with after schools programs:
 - Sewing
 - Beading
 - Processing game
 - Food preservation
- Secure funding through any grants that focus on the preservation of cultural heritage and knowledge.
- Objective #2: Establish a dance group in the community of McGrath.

Action items:

- Get an initial group of interested individuals to form the start of the group.
- Select one individual to lead the dance group.
 - If knowledge of songs are not available or in need of more, research the extensive archives at the University of Alaska, reach out to surrounding villages, and contact other dance groups to learn more about songs they might know.
- Apply for cultural grants to jump start the dance group.
 - Budget for regalia supplies, freight for shipping materials, and possibly future travel.
- Objective #3: McGrath Native Village Council holds an annual Culture Camp.

Action items:

- In May 2025 MNVC surveyed land on Wilson's slough that was gifted to hold annual Culture Camps for McGrath and surrounding villages.
- Map out where everything should be placed.
 - Kitchen cabin
 - Multiple canvas tent structures (Boys & Girls separate)
 - Flat areas for personal tents brought
 - Smokehouse
 - Outhouses
- Compile a budget for maintenance of Wilson's Slough property to build permanent structures for annual camps.
 - Laborers (brush cutting & construction)
 - Supervisors
 - Estimate of supplies needed to construct the cabins and other permanent structures
- Seek instructors to volunteer to teach:
 - Cooking
 - Storytelling
 - Trapping & Skinning
 - Skin Sewing

- Beaver hats & mitts
 - Wilderness and Arctic Survival
 - First Aid
 - Safety and Survival
- Apply for any and all grants that can assist in the building and maintenance of this new camp area.
 - Apply for TCC's annual Culture Camp 10,000 allocation
 - Doyon Daaga' award to promote healthy, drug-and-alcohol-free communities with grants of up to \$3,000 per annual funding cycle.

Youth & Elders

Goal #1: McGrath Native Village Council will strive to secure the continuation of the school for the youth and mentorship from Elders to teach important lessons.

- Objective #1: Ensure knowledge is being passed to the youth.

Action items:

- Allocate funds for a housing incentive to support families with school aged children to move to McGrath.
- Research what qualifications are needed to establish the School of McGrath as a boarding school.
 - Seek funding to construct a dormitory (Can be rented out in the summer)
- Create a space for a mentorship program between the Youth & Elders.
 - Crafts, storytelling, cooking, etc.
- Seek funding or fundraise for new sports equipment
 - Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, Archery, Skiing (all needed equipment including uniforms)
- Work with TCC Employment and Training to host a Career Fair with an initial jump starter class that delves into creating a budget and options for higher education.

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Appendices


Sign-in sheet



McGrath Community and Transportation Planning Meeting

Sign-in Sheet

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McGrath Community and Transportation Planning Meeting

Sign-in Sheet

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McGrath Community Feedback Survey 2025

This survey will help document the needs of the community in the community plan.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL AND YOUR ANSWERS WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS

Return the Completed survey to: McGrath Native Village Council or bring it to the Community Planning Meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at the McGrath Native Village Council.

Name: _____

Basic Demographics:

Age: ☐ Youth ☐ 18-30 ☐ 31-40 ☐ 41-50 ☐ 51-60 ☐ 61-70 ☐ 71-80 ☐ 81-90 ☐ 91+

Gender: ☐ M ☐ F Veteran? ☐ Y ☐ N

Goal Questions

What do you enjoy most about living in your community?

What are the biggest issues and challenges facing your community?

What goals would like to see happen in your community in the next 5 years?

Housing

Do you feel that the housing is a priority and needs to be addressed? (1 is not a priority, 5 is a high priority)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Please describe why you selected this rating:

What types of housing do you think should be built to meet the needs?

☐ Rental ☐ Elder ☐ Single-family ☐ Temporary/Seasonal ☐ Other: _____

McGrath Community Feedback Survey 2025

What healthy activities would you like to see occurring in the community?

Public Safety/Enforcement Questions

What are the main Public Safety/Enforcement issues in the community?

Do you feel safe in our community? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time

What would help you to make you feel safer?

Do you feel that the Public Safety support is adequate? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Sometimes

Economy

What are the main economy challenges in the community?

Where do you spend more money? ☐ Local Store ☐ In the city ☐ Shopping Online ☐ Other _____

What can be done to create stable jobs in the community?

What sort of business opportunities would you be willing to support in the community?

What education and training would prepare you for the workforce?

Education & Youth Questions:

What are the main education & youth issues in the community?

What are some suggestions for activities that we can do for youth throughout the year?

McGrath Community Feedback Survey 2025

What are your primary concerns regarding the home you are living in?

- ☐ Overcrowded ☐ High Energy cost ☐ No Water/Sewer
☐ Rehabilitation ☐ Weatherization ☐ Lack of Space
☐ Lack of Storage ☐ Other: _____

Infrastructure

What are the main infrastructure needs in the community?

Please rate each facility on their overall condition: (1 being poor condition, 5 being good condition)

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|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| • Tribal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
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Transportation

What are the main transportation issues in the community?

- ☐ Fuel Prices ☐ Freight Costs ☐ Poor road maintenance ☐ Airfare/Flights
☐ Road safety ☐ Drunk drivers ☐ Dust Control ☐ Other: _____

What transportation needs would you like addressed for the community?

Culture/Tradition

What culture activities are most important for the community?

Do you participate in cultural and traditions? If so, which activities?

Health and Wellness

What are the main Health and Wellness issues in the community?

McGrath Community Feedback Survey 2025

What ideas do you have about educating youth? Cultural, language, family and parent support?

Public Utilities:

What are the main public utilities issues in the community?

What other public utilities are needed?

Land and Environment

What are the main land and environment issues in the community?

What idea(s) do you have to help address the issue?

Additional Comments:

Submit with name to be entered into the drawing at Community Meeting.

Survey Results

What do you enjoy most about living in your community?

- Work for MNNVC in the Summer.
Hunting & Fishing
- Likes the mixture of people; white, natives, all the above
- The beauty of the country, the outdoor activities/adventures available, berry picking, gardening, hunting, etc.
- Peace and quiet very low crime rate
- The people and how they help each other
- It is peaceful and allows me to do my favorite activities
- I grew up in small town in Minnesota in the 70's & 80's. Everything was close. Everything had a purpose & here = some
- Great deal of freedom, great environment, close knit community, no crowds, good people, honest people, clean
- It's beauty - my home birthplace and I always feel happiest here
- Location to outdoor activities
- The woods, boating, snowmachine
- Things are quiet, peaceful, slower pace
- The quietness. Nature out my back door! Small town living.
- everything
- Being outdoors, family lives here, hunting, fishing, cultural activities, my garden
- The freedom to go out on the river fish going out to get wood etc. (the lifestyle)
- Being rural. Tight knit community
- Quiet and friendly people
- How close the community members are. Everyone waves on the road. We are one of the larger villages in our region.
- Freedom, raising kids, the people
- It's calm, safe, and pretty
- I don't know
- The freedom and nature
- The beauty of the land and nature
- The silence
- Hanging out with my friends
- How they open the gym for basketball
- I get to go driving as a thirteen-year-old, more free will than kids in a city, and everyone knows each other
- Riding snowmachines being able to see your friends
- The beautiful scenery in the winter and mostly the summer, summer

activities, kayaking, driving, little part time job incomes

- Small town friendliness
- ???
- Nothing
- Ride around McGrath, sometimes potluck or potlach
- The scenery and the activities, its beautiful here and the seasons offer something for everyone
- How peaceful the town is
- We could walk around + not fear about crazy people running around

- Everyone knows everyone. Emote. Adventuring is fun.
- I love the feel of community surrounded by vast wilderness, remoteness
- Sense of community, outdoor activities & adventure, knowing my neighbors, how close we are to the wilderness
- A small big loving community
- McGrath

What are the biggest issues and challenges facing your community?

- No VPSO
- River roads
- Lack of day-to-day events for all ages, especially the young adults, zero school activities, events and elective classes, lack of groceries, goods available for purchase
- roads
- substance abuse
- cost of fuel, fuel oil, electricity
- Flight costs, having what's needed on hand, running out of students compared to other villages
- lack of good paying jobs, shrinking population, aging infrastructure
- No entrepreneurial spirit - our town is dying
- Decline in young people and descent housing - lack of childcare
- High prices on gas and food
- Affordability
- Not enough "good past time" stuff to do, such as community gatherings and workshops
- expense - dusty roads
- not enough homes, people leaving because of employment
- Cost of heating in winter time. Cost of getting materials to renovate or upgrade to more cost-efficient homes.

- high gas price + oil. High price on good
- shipping cost
- Low income, low paying jobs, housing to expand population, schools are lacking educators & high turnover rates
- Dying town, no affordable housing, young families leaving due to housing and pay, inflation!
- The lack of people and the ac store is a bit too much money to buy things
- I don't know
- The population and prices. Also the weather some times
- Boredom due to nothing to do outside of work and school
- Not enough people
- the people and how they behave
- There's not a lot of opportunities in such a small community
- don't know
- Not that many stores and people
- Housing
- Not enough people and not enough housing for the people who want to be here
- High bills
- There is hardly anything going on at McGrath
- Development and growth, our community struggles to bring in young adults and families cost of living make it difficult
- care of elders
- Expensive
- Food purchasing. High cost of fuel. Potholes!
- Dwindling population, lack of well-paying jobs, aging infrastructure
- Lack of workers, low pay, no benefits, lack of childcare, not enough options for housing, cost of shipping in things
- rental, groceries
- jobs

What would you like to see happening in your community in the next 5 years?

- Work on the road from AC to the Gas Station
- Fixing roads, runways, and more housing
- roads and dust control
- senior apartments for the elders so they can visit and have resources handy
- New jobs and financial department

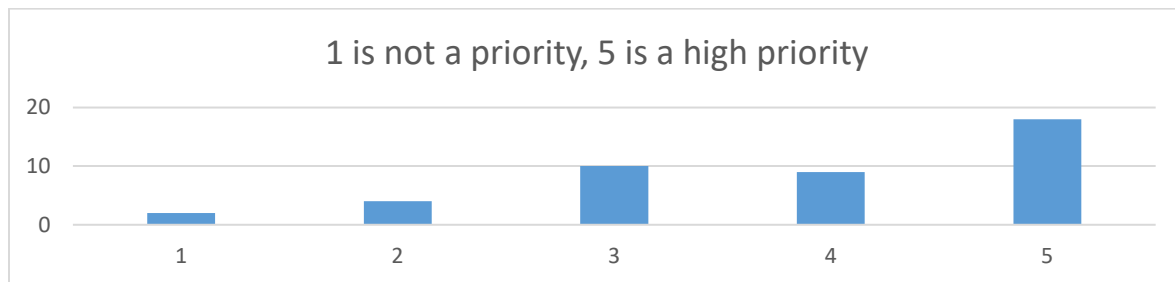
- School Growth, apartments owned by community, incentives, utilities, better and more open support from corporation
- More families with children, more employment, maintain current services, more volunteers
- A restaurant would be nice! A place to gather
- Increase in available housing, more young people
- Lowered prices on food/gas
- I'd like to see a publicly available exercise space - treadmills, exercise bikes, etc.
- Sledding mountain for the kids; skating rink
- more people, tourism would be cool
- Vacant homes sold/renovates or homes-built renovations on older homes, more job opportunities
- Bring some of the old buildings back to life. Restaurant back in our community. Clothing donation center
- more head houses. Need new windows. Need people to help with the head house. Big thanks for stove oil.
- cheaper shipping for large items
- Fitness center, clothing bank, wage increases, new housing - like new

singular updated homes to bring people back to the village. School staff that stay long & don't leave after a year

- Growth, young families coming home, building back our village, schools to maintain our existence
- more people more activities to do more homes
- I don't know
- Growth in population and increase in products
- More activities for the children during 4th of July or B2BG
- More people move into McGrath. Better costs of flights. Better gas prices
- the increase in the population of McGrath
- Bigger population, more opportunities, and more buildings
- better roads
- maybe more stores, cafes, hotels, restaurants, youth groups, more summer camps, a GYM
- I would like to see more homes built or apartments fixed and able to be rented
- More housing, more people, more activities, more social events
- Caylas downfall

- Maybe a band and dance. Some other peoples to see at McGrath
- More opportunities for young adults and a better school system, no one wants to school their kid here. Improvement to the cost of living
- kids helping the elders
- More housing
- Fixed roads. High costs goes down.
- Economic growth, updated water/sewer lines, reliable and resilient power grid
- Some additional housing options, childcare facilities, additional jobs, more activities for the youth and community
- just roads

Do you feel that housing is a priority and needs to be addressed?

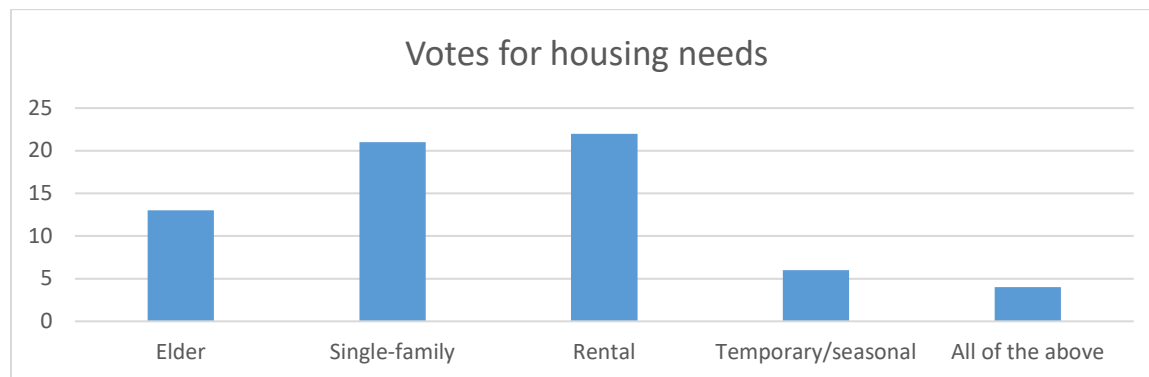


Please describe why you selected this rating:

- Because I don't have my own house
- There are so many empty houses that can be renovated
- Limited funding and low population numbers
- I don't have enough information to make a valid statement
- Rentals are not sufficient for teachers and too expensive for unemployed community members
- Very little in the way of smaller housing available in town
- rentals still available, aging homes poorly maintained
- Reasonable places to rent for people coming in to work
- To increase population you need housing to have people live here
- A lot of house are empty but unable to rent
- It's not as bad as other villages but needs work
- Not enough housing for people moving in

- hard to find homes available for rent that are suitable for living, no homes available
- There is always a need for housing. Plus - renovation some of the old and unused buildings makes McGrath more appealing
- I sorta like the size of the town
- Lots of homes are dry, there is not more than 2 or 3 homes available to rent or purchase. Plenty homes are close to being dilapidated
- We need to grow before we become a ghost town
- I'm not sure
- It's in between
- I just feel as if this is right
- Abandoned houses and most of the rest are fixer-upper
- "They" do a little talking about housing but do nothing about it
- They talk about it but don't do anything
- Yes because sometimes homes aren't livable and people would need a new place to live in for the time being
- I don't know
- Because some houses don't have wood stoves/fire places
- When we receive new people in the community, there is no where for their families
- I selected 4 because if we don't make more houses all the people who want to move here can't and will go somewhere else
- I only knew I need a new home
- It can be as a lot of the current houses being rented out or sold have many issues from neglect, but I think our community struggles with other things
- houses are abandoned
- So more people could live here
- Need more housing + places to rent
- New stove, pipes, tank, sewers, wood, windows, tin roofs
- There are a few houses available for purchase/rent but we should not fall behind the curve
- Run down housing, weatherization needs, lack of rental/purchasing options for those that want to live or move here
- 2 people I know are looking to rent a place

What types of housing do you think should be built to meet the needs?



Other (8): Big families, Hotel, rent to own, Condos, 3–4-bedroom house, Apartment complex, cabins

What are your primary concerns regarding the home you are living in?

- Overcrowded - 4
- High Energy Costs - 20
- No Water/Sewer - 6
- Rehabilitation - 13
- Weatherization - 20
- Lack of Space - 3
- Lack of Storage - 6
- Other -

need fixing on everything, some molding, not enough housing and social activities, travel back & forth from Nikolai to McGrath to visit my grandma; old needs some fixing hard to find.

What are the main infrastructure needs in the community?

Daycare, Store, elder transportation, weekends restaurant, new water system, renewable energy, Water system needs help, Workers, Safe trails, park closer to town, roads, dump, safe trails, Nothing, Dust control, houses that need fixing and road repair, Concrete, to haul wood, our water pressure sucks due to leaks in our water piper 24/7. Trees surround our powerlines; one good blizzard and our town is in trouble. Road control, new tank & sewer line, Water distribution lines are well past their life expectancy and fail at an alarming rate.

Please rate each facility on their overall condition: (1 being poor condition, 5 being good condition)

Clinic 1- 0, 2 – 0, 3 – 4, 4 – 6, 5 – 31

Tribal building 1 – 0, 2 – 1, 3 – 3, 4 – 6, 5 - 32

Other: 2-Washeteria, Post office: 5, Safe house: 5, City building: 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4, School: 1, 2, 5, 1, 4, 2, 2, Store: 1, 3, Museum: 4, PHS: 4, hotels, restaurants:1

What are the main transportation issues in the community?

Dust control - 22

Poor road maintenance - 10

Road safety - 7

Drunk drivers - 5

Fuel prices - 37

Freight costs - 26

Airfare/flights – 7

Other: 6: City & tribe partnerships, Drunk walkers :), previous to current EAS contract W/AAT, Driving safely, mud, fast drivers

What transportation needs would you like addressed for the community?

- We have a good driver now
- roads that flood in spring need to be built up, finish river rip-rap projects in area
- Reliable weekend flights to anchorage once a month
- Cheaper freight costs, trail maintenance, resurface existing roads
- I think new HUD and HUD roads need dust abatement
- More trails
- Fix the side roads by adding gravel
- Not sure
- Dust abatement, bike trails
- Roads maintained often and more frequently, watered when dusty, rock when icy beyond driving
- fix our back trails which are actually roads
- I would like to see flight costs stay around \$200 RT. I hope Wrights Air lowers their rates, they are double rates to get to FAI.
- Bike paths/walk paths, more lighting of all roads
- The roads are a bit too rocky and a little small problem with blind spots
- It is a hazard to children who bike and drive four wheelers, it is getting out of hand
- School bus
- school bus
- School bus for the students
- I don't know

- gas prices lower, and higher speed limit in seasons
- I don't know
- Bus transportation
- Elder needs ride wintertime. Go to store and go to the airport and post office
- Better maintenance of roads so the wear on vehicles isn't as bad and dust control
- Drumming

- I don't know
- dust control
- I have several concerns with the drunk driving incidents; someone is going to get hurt or killed. We have already had one young woman die due to a four-wheeler accident in the last year, that is already too many, but she was not the first to be harmed by a vehicle accident related to alcohol

What culture activities are most important for the community?

- Getting out on the river
- More native gathering, healing camps
- All
- Teaching gardening and meat/fish processing
- Potlucks
- Erosion
- Subsistence
- subsistence, community gatherings, strong tribal identity, graveyard clean ups
- Subsistence hunting and fishing
- Potlucks, more activities for everyone
- Fishing, hunting, trapping
- N/a
- Learning to make traditional clothing + more native activities, such as learning to make kuspiks, hats, etc.

- subsistence
- hunting, fishing, gathering, potlucks
- I always appreciate just potluck gatherings in general
- Moose hunting, fishing, gardening, skinning
- Artwork, language, dance, traditional foods
- JNYO and NYO are really important to me and my community
- I don't know
- NYO, JNYO, hunting
- Potlucks
- JNYO & NYO
- NYO
- NYO, ice fishing, aqutauk and Iditarod
- No

- Hunting skills, survival skills
- Hunting, fishing, potlucks
- JNYO/NYO
- Hunting season
- Hunting, forging, season provides many families with meat/berries for the winter and plenty of tourism. Iditarod and Iron dog are a huge part of our community as well.
- Drumming
- moose hunting & berry picking
- Doing things as a community. Potlucks, fish camp etc.
- hunting, fishing, berry picking, native arts
- JNYO/NYO, berries, moose hunting

Do you participate in cultural and traditions? If so, which activities?

- Hunting and Fishing
- I haven't heard of any of that here
- None
- We participate on fundraising for the youth
- Haven't here but have elsewhere
- subsistence hunting, attending community celebrations
- I go to the potlucks - most are for people dying. Nice to have to get together for fun - Food is always welcome by all!
- potlucks
- Hunting - fishing
- N/a
- When they are offered, I do. That making about t years ago
- watch when I can
- yes all
- I try to participate when it's available
- Yes as many as I can if not working
- Not as much as I would like
- I would if we had any
- I do some JNYO practice and NYO I also do Fresh eyes on ice
- I don't know
- No
- Hunting, bead work
- NYO
- beading during traditions week and hunting in the season
- Nope
- Nothing
- Hunting, fishing, foraging
- Solidarity and drinking
- Beading
- yes moose hunting & berry picking

- whenever I can, potlucks, I'd love to have more cultural activities to participate in
- hunting, fishing, berry picking, native arts
- picking berries

What are the main Health and Wellness issues in the community?

- IDK
- Dust control for cleaner air in the summer
- aging population, substance abuse, child neglect
- Margie, Elsie, Roger, and Lily Summer is good for bike riding - rarely do I see anyone, dust is bad for biking - I don't think we are a very healthy community - you rarely see a person out walking around here!
- get together for specific groups
- Lack of healthy food
- N/a
- unsure
- Don't get no ride to the health center, when it is close and we have an emergency
- Alcohol, isolation/mental health, poverty
- Mental health, addiction, winter time depression
- Age, illness travels fast
- No 911 dispatchers or fast responders and firetruck
- Everyone has trauma, anxiety, or severe depression
- Drinking is a huge concern to our community. I think we have done a lot better the past few years but it is something that we can stive to do better on. Our dump being so close to our community also concerns me as we have had a high number of our community members get cancer.
- dancing and drumming
- Common cold
- Need more wellness activities for the community; group stuff
- Alcoholism, 911 system is slow
- Alcohol issues

What healthy activities would you like to see occurring in the community?

- Bike trails, hiking trails
- Walking, pickleball court
- more community dinners, more volunteer fire people

- A nice ski loop - cross-country skiing
- some hiking trails - A gym would be nice
- any
- an exercise space
- A workout center for all bike trails and walking trails
- I love clean up, exercising, bike to "Nour hill" ?
- more gatherings in general, cultural activities for adults and children
- unsure
- Walking trails, community gardening, community boat rides/fishing. More education classes/session
- Sports, gyms with exercise equipment, wellness walks/sun runs
- I don't have any
- Bird watching
- I don't know
- GYM
- Don't know
- Cutting some of the trees that are hanging on the electric lines
- I don't know
- trained medics and a fire station
- Bike, running races
- Mental health awareness and exercise, drinking awareness
- Kids playing outside
- exploring. Nature walks
- exercise, outdoor activities, walking trails
- community games, nights for moms to get together, get advice, share the burden of parenthood, and do fun stuff too, garden parties/tours

What are the main Public Safety/Enforcement issues in the community?

- No VPSO
- Probably booze
- No one to assist on a daily basis
- Speeding and underage drivers
- Not sure but potential for fire arms issues during hunting season
- drunks on snowmachines & wheelers
- All related to irresponsible use of alcohol
- Lack of
- No VPSO
- no local VPSO
- None
- Kids driving all machinery without experience
- there is a state trooper
- Alcohol intoxication, theft from yards/homes, loose dogs/attacks

- Local drunks driving while intoxicated
- We need safer roads and people to slow down on their machines
- I don't know
- Speed limit
- Speeding
- I don't know
- 4-Wheelers/snowmachines going too fast

- Too many low life drunks
- Drunk driving, bears near community
- I don't know
- No VPSO; drunk drivers
- VPSO
- Our trooper has no backup that fine unless he needs it, than help is hours away
- Alcohol issues, drunk driving, domestic violence

Do you feel safe in our community?

Yes – 27

No – 0

Sometimes – 5

Most of the time – 6

What would help you to make you feel safer?

- More new traffic signs
- No concerns, it's a safe village
- Someone to count on to help in a bad situation
- more visits - DNR, troopers - stopping in schools
- Fix Streetlights
- Nothing - Ice and weather-related stuff. I like to walk and I'm afraid to fall & break something
- Regular VPSO
- VPSO
- N/a
- ?
- VPSO
- Personal safety guard :)

- If VPSO position was filled. 1/2 the time the trooper is gone when you need them.
- Nothing
- I don't know
- More lights
- tell them to slow down
- I'm not sure
- Add more speed signs by the school
- Find the adults a good talking to about drinking
- Just knowing people are being safe in the community
- nothing
- VPSO

- It would be nice to have a local VPSO stationed in the community
- Slow down young drivers

Do you feel that the Public Safety support is adequate?

Yes – 16

No – 1

Sometimes – 12

Most of the time – 0

What are the main economic challenges in the community?

- No jobs to build into careers
- Prices due to lack of supply & flight/freight costs
- Lack of good jobs
- Not enough people that want to volunteer or work to make things happen in the community - Need people to reach out to others more -
- Lack of people
- Not much money - a lot of companies have left
- Freight/mail costs
- High fuel, water + electric prices
- Freight prices
- not enough jobs or employers only employ certain people
- Lack of jobs. High costs of living
- Low pay rate, not a lot of low-level entry positions available. Before we had the EAS contract-flying was too expensive to leave MCG.
- Adequate pay for jobs, energy and cost-efficient housing. Daycare
- I don't know
- Prices
- Gas, oil, running water
- Low economy
- Not enough jobs
- I don't know because I'm 12
- Cost of living and fuel prices, it's tough getting affordable shopping
- prices
- Prices
- Erosion next to the riverbank
- There is not enough money in our community. Nearly everyone should get paid more
- High costs of utilities and shipping as well as groceries
- Need new job

Where do you spend more money?

In the city – 10 Shopping online – 17 Local store – 26 Other: gas station, funding for new businesses, bills/utilities, price of meat per LBS, sawmill

What can be done to create stable jobs in the community?

- Need more jobs for the natives young and old
- A younger community with students
- support local business, grown the population
- We have lots of jobs - nobody seems to want to work. Maybe cause many of us are elderly and too old to work
- Daycare facilities, have TASD MTNT bring back jobs
- Better telecommunications
- ?
- More homes create room for people to move in so more jobs to sustain these people. Ie. Wood cutting & such
- Adequate and affordable housing
- Younger leadership who wants to see change for future generations. Better housing to get people to stay in MCG & higher pay
- Reduce cost of living and have more housing (affordable)
- We need more stores or have the AC lower their prices
- I don't know
- Create more
- Local store
- I don't know
- more people
- More jobs and jobs for teenagers and more activities
- Add insurance benefits, retirement, higher wages
- More internships and more hotels and online
- Training, supporting the jobs we need filled in the community, road maintenance water plant, landfill operators
- youth coaching teaching work etiquette
- more grant opportunities
- ?
- Reliable workforce, money for the many projects
- Benefits and better pay, give people a reason to stay in their positions

What sort of business opportunities would you be willing to support in the community?

- Café's native store
- A new general store
- Needs to be more here forestry related
- anything
- Any local businesses - restaurant - thrift store - bakery
- Tour businesses, food
- Day care
- Food, car/auto repair
- A workout center, bingo hall (lol!)
- daycare - any businesses, café, local establishment
- Maintenance facility for vehicles, boats not just for family members but for others...
- Any
- Any and all. Restaurant
- Daycare, food/clothing bank/store, tourism, selfcare events
- Food, daycare, tourism, gym
- I don't know
- re opening the roadhouse for the community
- Pizzeria
- water plant
- business, fast-food restaurant, hotels
- Construction of houses or repairing houses
- There are trees that need to be cut down around our houses this summer. Trees fell off my yard
- Restaurant, tourist attraction, hotels, and opportunities to progress our schooling
- youth and elder care
- grants
- ?
- Restaurant, tourism
- good food

What education and training would prepare you for the workforce?

- Probably north slope training
- health aids, construction, mechanical management training, secretarial, childcare
- CTE
- too old
- Kids need to learn to work from a young age and that is a job that starts with parents
- Depends on the position
- N/a
- High school grad, SPUL training, room + ORDM at DNR
- :)

- I have been taking carpentry courses through Alaska works partnership, maintenance, courses, also practical skills
- CDL training
- Basic office skills, carpentry
- Vocational (pilot, heavy equipment operator, carpentry)
- I don't know
- I don't know
- Learning about the workforce
- I don't know
- job Corp in anchorage
- P.T., JROTC training
- Grants, scholarships for education or training
- Operator training, knowing basic tools and working skills. Education on life skills, taxes, budgeting, and credit, things like that
- safety training
- grant writing, accounting, business start up
- General training-hands on training
- basic office skills training is needed to fill our office jobs that remain vacant. It would help to get much needed jobs filled
- If I don't have to travel for training Heavy equipment, mechanics
- Life skills, budgeting for household

What are the main education & youth issues in the community?

- Swimming Lessons & Boat Safety
- Not enough good education and need more jobs for the young
- Education is not a priority, children are unsupervised to learn and grow on their own
- Lack of students = lack of teaching staff
- limited education opportunities at school, "boredom", no vocational education
- We seem to have a lot of organized activities for them, There are good kids in this community
- Not enough of anything
- No sports really
- N/a
- Need more activities for the kids
- parents
- no sports activities
- More after schools' activities
- Keeping the same teachers we need more homegrown teachers

- High teacher turnover rate, poor leadership/organization school. Low class sizes
- Small schools, no sports, lack of qualified teachers
- There's not really good attendance and we need more classes and student
- Not enough activities
- Not educating hard enough. And the kids
- Not even teachers
- Teens making dumb choices
- poor schooling system!!!
- There are not enough team sports
- Our schooling system isn't reliable, and parents send their kids to other villages for better schooling. We need more for the youth
- community gathering
- Everything is online
- No motivation
- Low attendance, subpar education
- high turnover rate for teachers
- School has no shop class - voc. Ed. Needed

What are some suggestions for activities that we can do for youth throughout the year?

- Gun safety, CPR Classes
- cross country, skiing, traveling more
- Basketball 3x3x3 softball/baseball, youth hunting and fishing
- School should partner with businesses in town for work, study program, and more travel opportunities to bigger world
- Make use of the museum for activities
 - snow picnics - sledding - snow machine trips - Have them do things to help others - Research an ancestor
 - cooking nights - have elders or other adults teach kids how to cook something - using phones for photography - blow up pictures for an art show and then display around town
- Soccer, ice skating, snow shoeing, skiing
- Take away all phones!!
- basketball, football, cultural activities, gardening, music teachings, cultural outings
- Art club. Anything that will peak interest in kids
- Large Group one's seminar fishing tournaments kaya races anything in the summer to keep them occupied

- Youth camp, fishing, trapping, culture classes/camps, field trips to visit TCC headquarters or certain dept.
- Summer camp, drama club, and hiking
- Don't know
- Sports teams
- Ice skating rinks, culture teachings/stories, movie/gatherings, church camps
- Have little middle & big teams of basketball, baseball, softball, soccer
- Sports, clubs, and opportunities for them to get early job experience in roles our community needs
- drumming, dancing, woof
- less tech
- outdoor activities, exploring
- education in cultural and subsistence living, catching and processing fish, moose, etc.
- native arts

What ideas do you have about educating youth? Cultural, language, family and parent support?

- All the above
- Cultural camp
- Taking a community to educate a child - don't believe parent choice toward education helps the community - splits kids & weakens school
- vocational education, more vigorous education, cultural activities at school (language, arts, history, family ties) solicit ideas from kids & parents for what they would like to see
- I would like to see the older students use the short Fridays to do a work internship to learn employment skills
- Possible work sites - museum - KSKO - MNVC - City of McGrath
- All are needed
- trapping
- N/A
- Beading, fur hat making, shooting a 22 for birds
- We have good kids
- hold classes in cultural activities, gardening, music, cooking, canning, preserving foods, safety classes
- N/a
- Language, have some kind of incentive. Educating on speaking up about abuse/sex abuse, drug/alcohol

prevention. Planning for future - financially & career wise

- Family nights, community nights, and youth only nights
- teaching them about our past in Alaska
- I don't know
- Language
- Don't know
- having the school teaching the kids cultural activities
- I would like to know more about my culture and to know how to make more cultural food
- The youth need to know more about their culture and language. Family support is the key to successful community. Have more activities for

game night, perhaps organized sports night board games...

- Education on subsistence, teaching the youth to harvest game ethically as well as how to clean and prepare game.
- drumming, singing, dancing
- native traditions week
- Need a couple culture weeks in each season or one per season like fish camp.
- Life skills, resource building, basic mechanics, oil changes, how to change a tire, basic hygiene; laundry, cleaning, mock interviews
- the teen center here maybe do it over there

What are the main public utilities issues in the community?

- Broken Pipes
- Lack of maintenance - high costs
- trees over or near power lines
- Electric power has issues during certain times of year
- High costs, poor response times
- aging infrastructure, costs, aging workforce
- Water system needs to be fixed - Power is an issue with all the outages and not clearing trees away from lines
- Lack of maintenance
- Power, water
- Cost, reliability
- Need new water lines that will last more than 20 years
- water should be flat rate because of our failing system

- water leaks, garbage, price of washeteria
- N/a
- I have been impressed with little companies
- High electricity - sometimes bills are not accurate/higher than normal. Streetlights are not working, poor tree management by powerlines, dump is not ever maintained
- Lack of easement maintenance, washeteria upgrade
- there is no problem
- I don't know
- Lack of equipment
- The price of gas. Abandoned houses- the water refreezing & pipe busting
- Gas costs a lot
- I don't know
- Prices of gas, water, heat, abandoned houses and homeless people
- Water pipes are always leaking, paying for water but there isn't good water pressure, washing clothes and showering
- power, sewer
- food
- water, electricity
- Cut brush every summer, streetlights
- Aging infrastructure, high energy cost
- water leaks, power line maintenance, unreliable phone service, dump maintenance, road dust in summer
- washeteria, laundromat

What other public utilities are needed?

- Better water draining around water culverts and clearing around culvert
- Cell phone towers need to be upgraded to support the better phones sold
- local generators (back-ups)
- renewable energy source
- Education and help with solar power maybe to cut power costs
- water repair
- N/a
- Work out place to go
- ?
- a water pump at the rock dock to wash out boat, mulching machine, wood shopper
- N/a
- Maintain dump, recycle/back haul
- Elder housing/assistance
- none
- I don't know
- more equipment

- More streetlights, new equipment
- I don't know
- Better water plant, electricity plant, gas station, general stores and food places, streetlights
- Gym for public, recreational area
- lights
- water
- ?
- have power poles out, transform all sizes?
- not sure
- water fountains, water stop, gets hotwalking with my kids they get thirsty got to remember to bring water bottles

What are the main land and environment issues in the community?

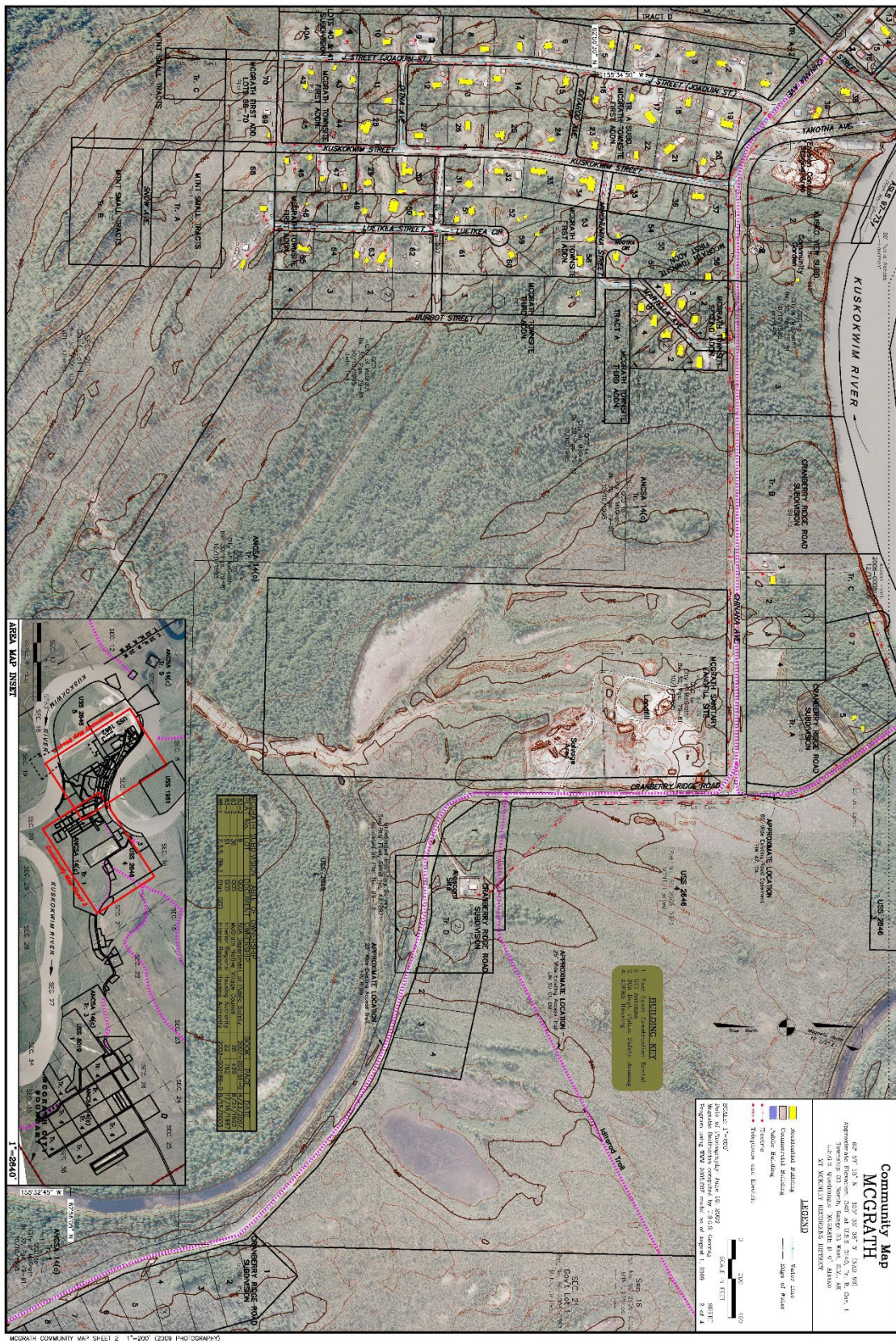
- Dust Control
- riverbank erosion and road erosion
- river erosion is causing town roads and access to be diverted to other trails around town
- Erosion, especially along the river
- climate change, maintaining subsistence opportunities
- Dust-Landfill
- trash, erosion
- N/a
- N/a
- We need a boat dock, winters ice rink
- Erosion control, garbage, land scaping
- N/a
- Empty lots, or unmaintained houses unlivable on land in town. Junk yards
- Dump!! Erosion!! Dust control
- the trees falling
- I don't know
- Not enough dead trees for wood
- bumpy roads
- Trash around the roads and all the trash that people throw at the dump that isn't burned
- Overflow, snow-ins, weather conditions
- Erosion is constantly going on due to proximity to the river, dump relocation
- erosion
- recycle
- ? Dust control in summer & maintain icy roads in winter
- Upriver & Down River from McGrath town; upriver from boat rock dock and Anderson Park down river

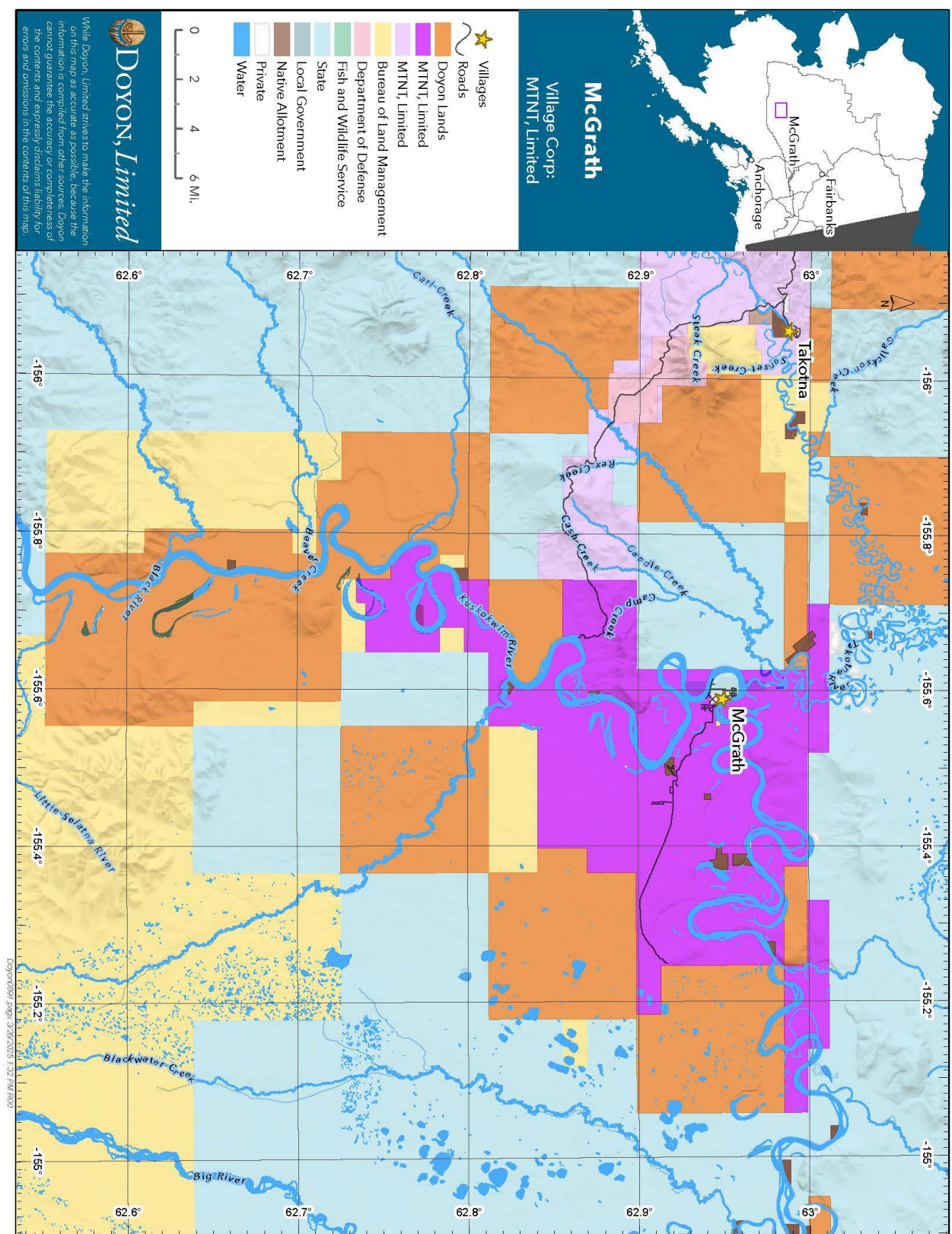
- Every changing waterway, accessibility
- I think the burn? Is too close to the community; we need more options to recycle; fix the dump
- need city lots for building
- cling more on climate changes in our area

What idea(s) do you have to help address the issue?

- Water Roads
- Limited - polders
- maintain fish & game, monitoring of subsistence foods, renewable, non-fuel oil, energy production
- Continue dust control - organize landfill to be more use - friendly for recycling old vehicles - furniture, etc. upholstery class to learn to recover furniture - less waste, more use of things that can be recycled
- open new dump
- N/a
- likely none - I'm too old :)
- participated in cleanup day
- N/a
- Update or clear empty homes & clean up the land
- Money and workers
- No
- I don't know
- Burn more wood strategically
- fill the roads with cement
- Dig a hole and then plow all the trash inside and burn it
- Expanding the town up the road due to higher rounds, cell service and Wi-Fi service
- There needs to be more involvement from the community. The people who live here need to do more to make McGrath better
- raise the banks
- None
- If possible, move the burn box to a location further from the community. Try and get back the cans recycling program and eventually start glass bottle recycling. Start community clothing reuse center + food donations/food bank
- get city to open lot







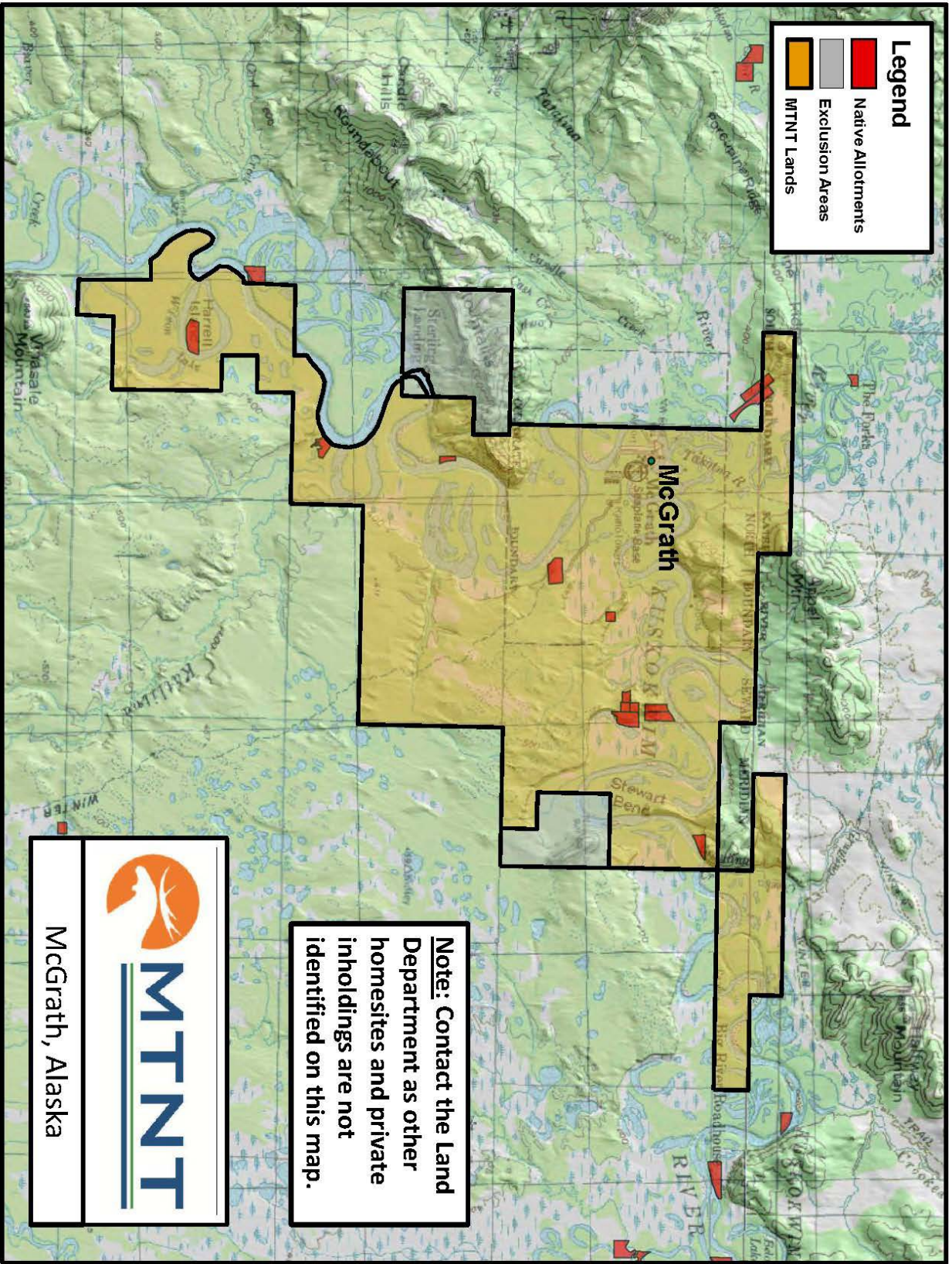


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