

Economic Development Committee

2022-2024 Work Plan

Purpose

The purpose of the Wrangell EDC is to act as a sounding board for and make recommendations to the Borough Assembly on development proposals, grant ideas, project proposals and other action items.

Mission

The EDC will work to create a healthy, diversified economy with a stable tax base that supports good streets, public facilities and infrastructure, and will preserve and capitalize on its natural beauty, history and cultural diversity. New industries are welcomed that create a diverse economic base while existing industries shall be supported to remain strong and viable. We support small businesses development.

Goals

1. ***Encourage Business Development in order to Diversify the economy*** so that Wrangell is not dependent on a single employer or industry
2. Support and promote ***infrastructure development*** that enables economic growth.
3. Support our ***education*** system and opportunities.
4. Maintain communication with existing businesses and community.
5. Support increased transportation access to Wrangell

Areas of Focus for 2022-2024

- Workforce Development Issues: Housing; Job vacancies; Child Care
- Consideration of Carbon Off sets program
- Wrangell Institute Development and Subdivision: Federal cultural resource investigation and permitting for Section 106 Compliance Historical and Cultural Resources
- Participate in USFS issues – Great American Outdoor Act, SASS, Cabin locations
- Identify transportation needs, issues and address long term access
- Borough Land Entitlement Selection: Finalize zoning in cooperation with Planning and Zoning Commission and begin survey of priority areas for potential opportunities