

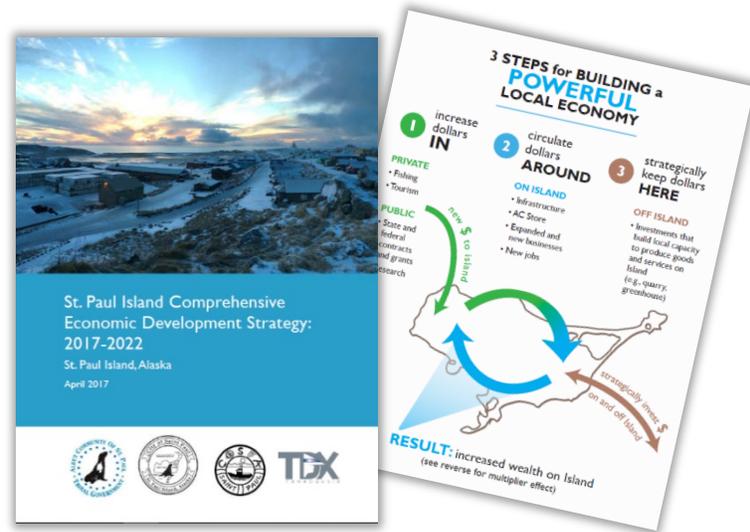
St. Paul Island Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

Introductory Planning Letter, July 2022

Dear St. Paul Island Partners,

Thank you for your role in developing and implementing the successful 2017-2022 St. Paul Island Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

This summer the Tribal Government of St. Paul Island is coordinating a five-year update to the St. Paul CEDS. We are working with Agnew::Beck Consulting to facilitate this process. Working with the Agnew::Beck team, we want to ensure this is a collaborative effort that addresses the economic development needs, challenges, opportunities, and priorities of the entire community. **Your participation and input are essential.** Below, please find an overview of the proposed process and timeline for the CEDS update, followed by a request for your time to discuss.



Proposed CEDS Process and Timeline

July - August 2022

- Facilitate stakeholder interviews
- Compile refreshed data that tells the story of the St. Paul community and economy
- Review relevant documents including recent reports, studies, and plans from partners
- Conduct community survey

September – November 2022

- Develop refreshed vision, goals, strategies
- Convene key partners for a collaborative work session to review, refine, and prioritize strategies and identify actions
- Release the CEDS for a 30-day public comment period
- Finalize the CEDS

Request for Interview: We are connecting one-on-one with key staff and leadership to learn your perspective on the economic status and future of St. Paul. On the next page you will find three areas and a series of questions we would like to discuss with you. Shelly Wade and Molly Mylius from Agnew::Beck will follow up via phone and email to identify a date and time to connect with you directly.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important process. Please call or email me (or Patrick) with any comments, questions, or concerns. Shelly and Molly will be in touch soon!

Sincerely

Amos Philemonoff, President
Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island
DBA Tribal Government of Saint Paul Island

St. Paul Island CEDS Update: Guiding Questions

Examples

1. Update on 2017-2022 CEDS Priorities and Actions

What have we accomplished in the past five years?

- Completion of the Vessel Repair Facility and Marine Warehouse
- Establishment of a satellite Bering Sea Campus and Research Center through partnership with UAF
- Improvements to the Rec Hall to support use as an emergency shelter

2. New Considerations and Relevant Changes

What major changes have occurred since we prepared the last CEDS? What should we be sure to consider in this update?

Opportunities

- Federal infrastructure funding opportunities
- Expanding interest in the Arctic for research, transportation, tourism, military, etc.

Threats

- Ongoing impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Snow crab, king crab, and halibut declines and related declines in municipal revenues
- Increasingly inconsistent, unreliable air service

3. Ideas and Emerging Economic Priorities

What should we focus on over the next five years – as a community, as individual organizations? What 2017 recommendations are still relevant/in progress?

- Alagum Kanuux National Marine Sanctuary designation
- Sebring partnership
- St. Paul Island visitor industry return



The graphic on the right shows the four goals from the 2017-2022 St. Paul Island CEDS.

View the full 2017-2022 CEDS here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2017stpaulceds>