

Comprehensive Plan Goals

The Denali Borough Comprehensive Plan, updated in 2015, identifies many broad goals for economic development, land use, and transportation.

Future Economic Expansion

Goal 1: Create a sustainable, diversified economic base through development of natural resources and expansion of tourist industry.

Goal 2: Identify and promote development, including federal, state, and borough facilities and private industry to bring new and increased opportunities into the Denali Borough.

Goal 3: Fully utilize Borough lands with a management plan.

Goal 4: Promote generation of power from renewable resources.

Goal 5: Encourage development and expansion of communication infrastructure within the Borough.

Goal 6: Develop metrics to evaluate effectiveness of the Denali Borough's economic development efforts.

Goal 7: Support building a bridge across the Nenana River at Ferry to provide year round access from the Parks Highway to the Eva Creek Wind Farm and existing mining facilities.

Goal 8: Promote affordable housing for seasonal and temporary workers in the construction and tourism industry.

Goal 9: Encourage opening, operation of Healy Unit II Power Plant.

Land Use

Goal 1: Ensure that Denali Borough Bill of Rights guides land use regulation functions to protect private real property rights.

Goal 2: Maintain and update the Denali Borough Base Map.

Goal 3: Develop a Denali Borough Land Use Plan.

Goal 4: Ensure that each community can retain its individual identity and develop services to support their particular requirements.

Goal 5: Further develop Borough platting and subdivision ordinances.

Goal 6: Develop a method for tracking recordable land transactions within the Denali Borough.

Transportation

Goal 1: Develop and maintain a Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Goal 2: Expand public transportation.

Goal 3: Support and participate in the Parks Highway Scenic Byway Corridor Partnership Plan.

Goal 4: Pursue an area north of Healy for the future use of a regional airport that would be capable of handling "life flight" and commuter aircraft from Anchorage and Fairbanks to increase public safety and access for residents and tourists.

Goal 5: Support feasibility study of constructing a bridge to access the portion of the Borough northeast of the Nenana River.

Goal 6: Support feasibility study of constructing a bridge to access the portion of the Borough west of Anderson.

Goal 7: Support feasibility study of various accesses to Borough land at Montana Creek.

Goal 8: Support state's efforts to identify, resolve RS2477 routes and transportation corridors.

Goal 9: Support Alaska DOT&PF efforts to develop a conceptual plan for a highway to McGrath and Kuskokwim River, originating at Rex Bridge.

Goal 10: Encourage and support DOT and NPS to develop multi-use paths along Parks Highway in communities and heavily-used tourist areas.

Goal 11: Encourage and support DOT and NPS in improving highway safety with implementation of turning lanes, passing lanes, pedestrian cross-walks, traffic signals, reduced speed limits in congested areas, pedestrian bridges and tunnels.

Goal 12: Support and encourage DOT and NPS to remove the at-grade railroad crossing at Mile 235, Parks Highway.