



Fact Sheet

Municipality Of Anchorage
Community Development Department, Long Range Planning Division

What: Government Hill Neighborhood Plan

Why: Anchorage's oldest neighborhood, Government Hill, is in need of a Neighborhood Plan that reflects the values of its residents and celebrates the heritage of Anchorage's first community.

When: The planning effort begins September 2011 and will be complete by January 2013.

"If you don't know where you are going, how can you expect to get there?"

- Basil S. Walsh

"Good plans shape good decisions. That's why good planning helps to make elusive dreams come true."

- Lester Robert Bittel (1918)

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Timeline:

- **September – October 2011:** Public Involvement Plan and Neighborhood Profile Report.
 - Public Outreach – kick off meeting with representatives from the community council and stakeholders.
- **November 2011 – February 2012:** Develop Plan Elements
 - Public Outreach – meetings with representatives from the community council and stakeholders.
 - Public Outreach - design charrettes 1 & 2, focus group meetings at Government Hill Elementary.
 - Delivered Reports: Issues & Opportunities, Vision - Goals & Objectives
- **April 2012 – June 2012:** Draft Plan Development
 - Develop Public Review Draft GHNP
 - Conduct Public Open House, Present Public Review Plan
 - Present Public Review Plan at joint P&Z and Municipal Assembly Meeting
- **August – October 2012:** Public Hearing Draft of Plan to Planning & Zoning Commission
- **November – December 2012:** Presentation and public hearings of the Final Draft Plan to the Anchorage Assembly.

The Government Hill Neighborhood Plan will:

- Identify issues and opportunities present in the Government Hill Neighborhood.
 - Help the Government Hill Community develop a vision with goals and objectives for their neighborhood.
 - Develop a Land Use Plan that will propose appropriate land uses for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, transportation, community facilities, parks and open space.
 - Develop a transportation plan component that will include recommendations for efficient multi-modal transportation network links within the community.
 - Incorporate recommendations from the Historic Preservation Plan that is being developed concurrently with the GHNP.
 - Identify economic growth areas, economic opportunities, current and projected retail performance, and tools for achieving the goals of the neighborhood plan.
 - Address the need for a Government Hill trail which would link to a Ship Creek Trail.
 - Identify deficiencies and needs to support existing development and projected growth within Community Facilities and Services.
 - Develop northern city design guidelines that will enhance neighborhood identity and vitality, housing, transportation, economic viability and sustainability.
 - Provide visual conceptualizations of elements in the plan, such as a revitalized neighborhood commercial center, or proposed scenarios for major infrastructure developments such as the proposed Knik Arm Bridge cut & cover tunnel.
 - Upon Assembly adoption of the Neighborhood Plan, it will become an element of the municipal comprehensive plan.
- “Planning is a process of choosing among those many options. If we do not choose to plan, then we choose to have others plan for us.”*
- Richard I. Win wood

