



Overview of Activities and Projects 2006

Resource Solutions is a program of the University of Alaska Anchorage's Office of Community Partnerships (OCP). OCP was established in 2005 to further strengthen the vital links between UAA and the communities it serves.

Resource Solutions works with others to build their capacity for collaborative leadership. By providing training and neutral third-party facilitation services, Resource Solutions assists and supports others to make mutually beneficial decisions on difficult and often contentious issues.

Community-Based Initiatives

Bristol Bay Region - Technical Assistance and Capacity Building on Baseline Data and NEPA/EIS

Resource Solutions is part of a UAA team providing technical review of the baseline studies that Northern Dynasty is conducting on the Pebble Mine project. The purpose is to identify what gaps there are in the data being collected and make recommendations about how to address them. The UAA team is also conducting short courses to build capacity on the NEPA/EIS process. By working with UAF's College of Rural Alaska, we are providing university-level credits for Bristol Bay area residents to become more knowledgeable and involved in the technical, EIS, decision making process.

Civic Dialogue Project

Working with community groups such as Alaska Common Ground and Alaska 2020, Resource Solutions is helping to develop a model for substantive and sustainable community-based discourse on public policy issues. Alaska has a spotty history of encouraging public discussions on important policy issues. Discussions leading to statehood, the Constitutional Convention, and the formation of the Permanent Fund were notable successes. As the terms of civic discourse have eroded in recent years, average citizens play only a marginal role in the political decision-making process, if they participate at all. This project aims to change citizens' role by providing a civic dialogue process that can be sustained beyond an initial surge of enthusiasm.

Chugachmiut - Integrated Resource Management Plan

The Division of Enterprise & Trust Services at Chugachmiut is assisting several of its communities to conduct joint economic development and land use planning efforts enabling communities to be proactive and deterministic about their futures. Resource Solutions is providing meeting facilitation and strategic guidance on these projects.

Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC)

Resource Solutions has facilitated annual SWAMC board strategic planning sessions to address issues ranging from fishing and transportation to region-wide studies and informational needs of the region. SWAMC is formally recognized by the federal and state governments as the economic development organization for Southwest Alaska.

Anchorage/Southcentral-Area Projects

Community Involvement Process-

Ted Stevens International and Lake Hood Airports General Aviation Master Plan

Resource Solutions has facilitated a series of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings for this multi-year project. The TAC is composed of 28 individuals representing aviation use and community perspectives. The master plan will provide a 20-year guide outlining the physical developments for safety, efficiency and fiscal responsibility to meet the general aviation needs at the Ted Stevens International and Lake Hood Airports.

UAA's Pollution Prevention and Sustainability Initiative

Resource Solutions role is to provide leadership and coordination as UAA partners with others in the Anchorage community, such as Greenstar, as well as its sister campuses in Fairbanks and Juneau, to provide technical assistance and advance Pollution Prevention (P2) and Sustainability activities to benefit students and faculty, its neighbors in the U-Med District, as well as the broader Anchorage community.

Wasilla Planning Commission Landscape Focus Group Subcommittee

Resource Solutions facilitated meetings of this Subcommittee of the City of Wasilla's Planning Commission. The Subcommittee was charged with making recommendations for landscaping of new and existing development. The Planning Commission's representative stated that with Resource Solutions' assistance the Task Force accomplished in several months what the Commission had been unable to accomplish in its previous attempts.