

Nightmute Traditional Council Action Plan

September 30, 2004



Mission Statement

Adopted May 21, 1999

The Native Village of Nightmute, with proper leadership and strong advocacy, will provide planned, self-sustaining, productive community development, enhance unity, deliver quality services, and work for the betterment and well-being of tribal members and residents.

Nightmute Traditional Council

Community Overview

Nightmute is located on Nelson Island, in western Alaska, 100 miles west of Bethel. The climate in Nightmute is marine and precipitation averages 22 inches with 43 inches of snowfall annually. Summer temperatures range from 41-57 in the summer and 6-24 in the winter.

The population according to 2003 estimates is 228, with the majority of the people being of Yupik Eskimo descent. The Qaluyarmiut or "dip net people" inhabited this area for 2,000 years. The current residents are direct descendants of this group. Being relatively isolated from outside contact, the people have managed to retain much of their traditions, and subsistence lifestyle. In 1964 many of the residents relocated to the present site of Toksook Bay. The residents who remained make up most of the population that currently reside in Nightmute.

Employment is primarily with the school, City or Tribe. Other income generating activities include commercial fishing and construction. 31 residents hold commercial fishing permits for either herring roe, salmon or halibut fisheries.

Current services managed by the City, which was incorporated in 1974, include: public safety, a city operated water and sewer haul system and a central watering point for residents to obtain their drinking water. Power service is provided by AVEC. The community has a 1600' state owned airport. Flights are made daily between Bethel and the community. The community also receives goods by barge, although there are no docking facilities.

Tribal Governance

The Nightmute Traditional Council is comprised of a seven-member council that oversees tribal affairs for the community. The current services provided to community residents are detailed on the pages that follow.

Action Plan

A survey was conducted of the community residents to determine what their opinions are on the current services, facilities and infrastructure in their community. A planning session with tribal officials and other participants was then conducted to prioritize the community's needs based on what was gathered in the survey.

Nightmute Traditional Council Core Services and Functions

Nightmute Traditional Council oversees the following services, functions and programs on behalf of the residents of Nightmute:

- Tribal Administration
- Tribal Finance
- Grants Administration and Management
- BIA 638 Contract
 - Tribal Court
 - Indian Child Welfare Act
 - Social Services
 - Scholarships
- EPA IGAP Environmental Planning
- BIA IRR Transportation Planning
- Charitable Gaming
- Clinic
- Housing

Nightmute Traditional Council & Opportunities

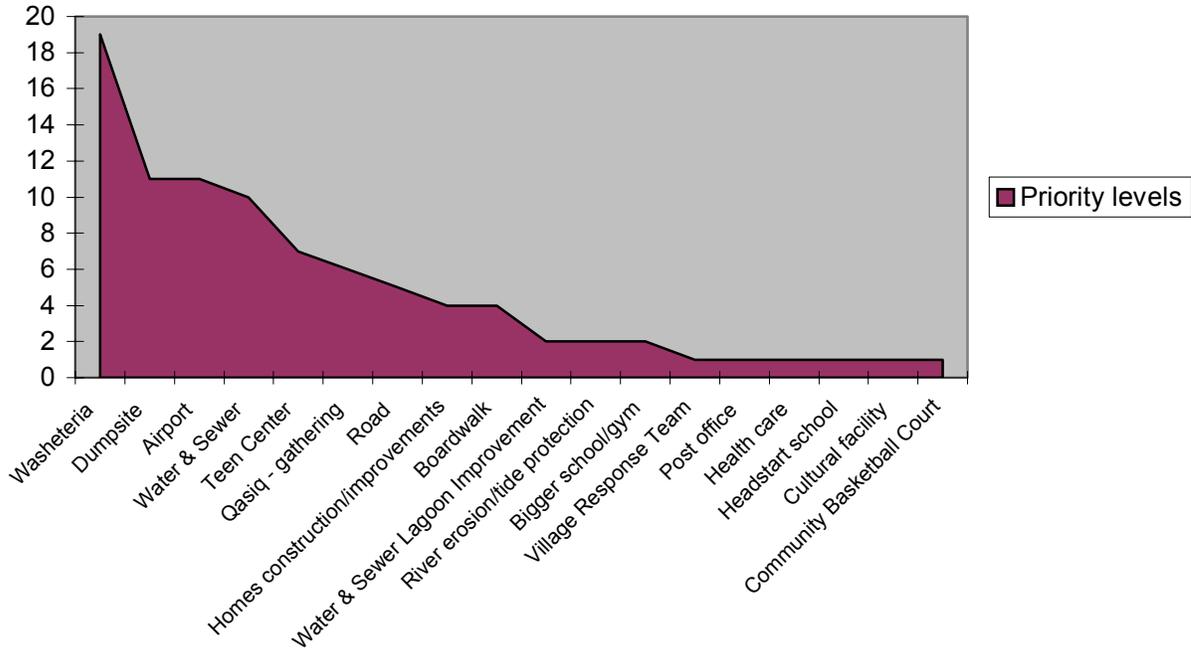
The Nightmute Traditional Council is pursuing the following development opportunities on behalf of the community of Nightmute:

- Airport Improvements
- Solid Waste Feasibility Study
- Heavy Equipment Procurement
- Road Improvements
- Water & Sewer Improvement Feasibility Study
- AVEC Tank Farm Consolidation
- Housing Development
- Lagoon Feasibility Study
- Utility Pole Additions
- High-Speed Internet
- CVRF Fishery Support Center

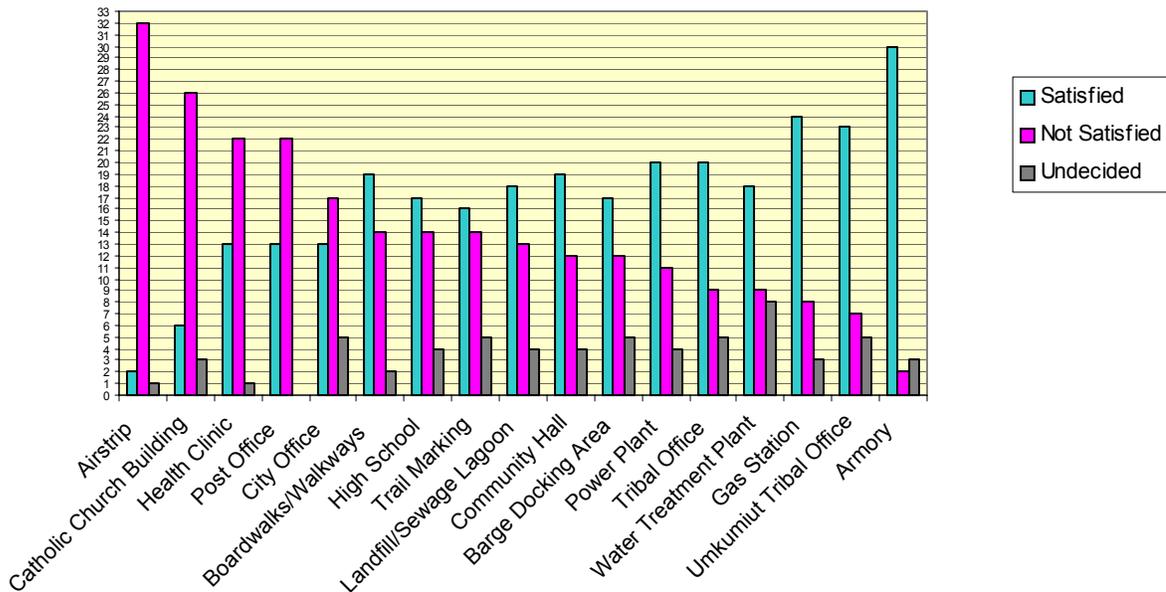
Community Priorities & Opinions

The following community priorities were derived from a door-to-door survey of all households in Nightmute; the results presented here represent the completed surveys.

Community Facility Priorities

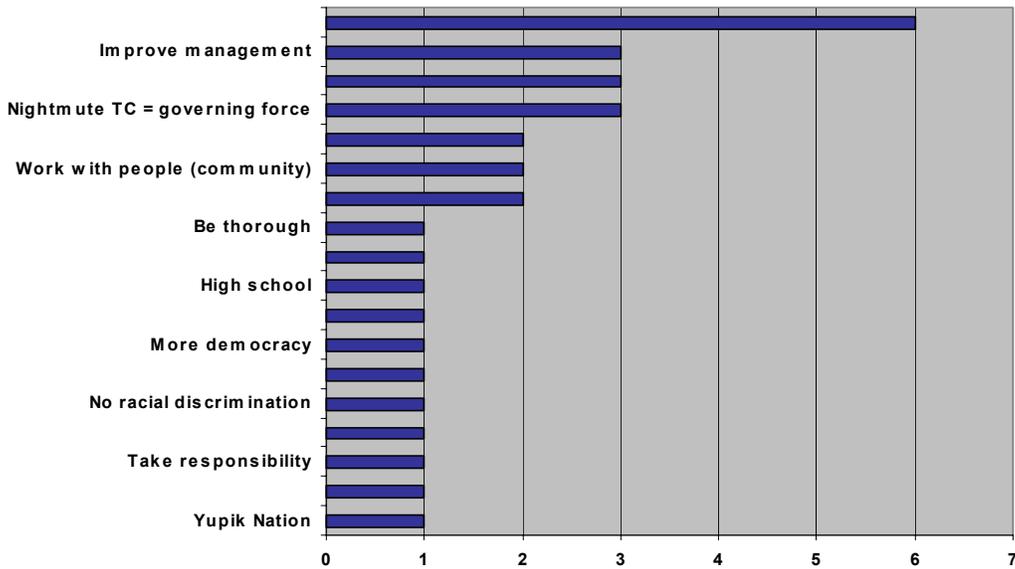


Community Facilities & Infrastructure Community Survey

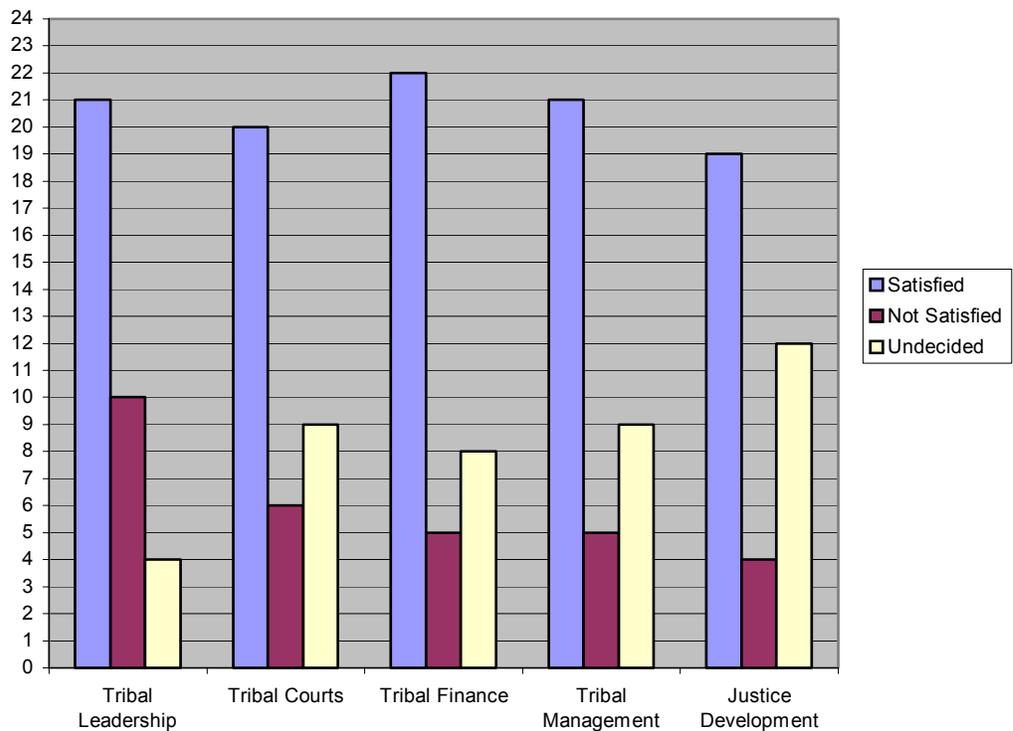


Community Priorities & Opinions, continued

Tribal Services Priorities

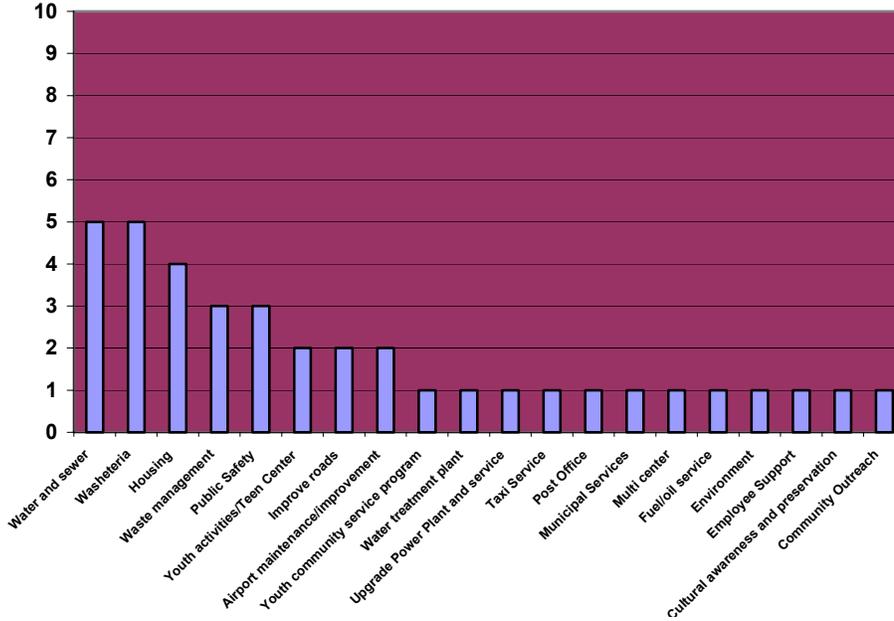


**Tribal Governance, Justice and Management
Community Survey**

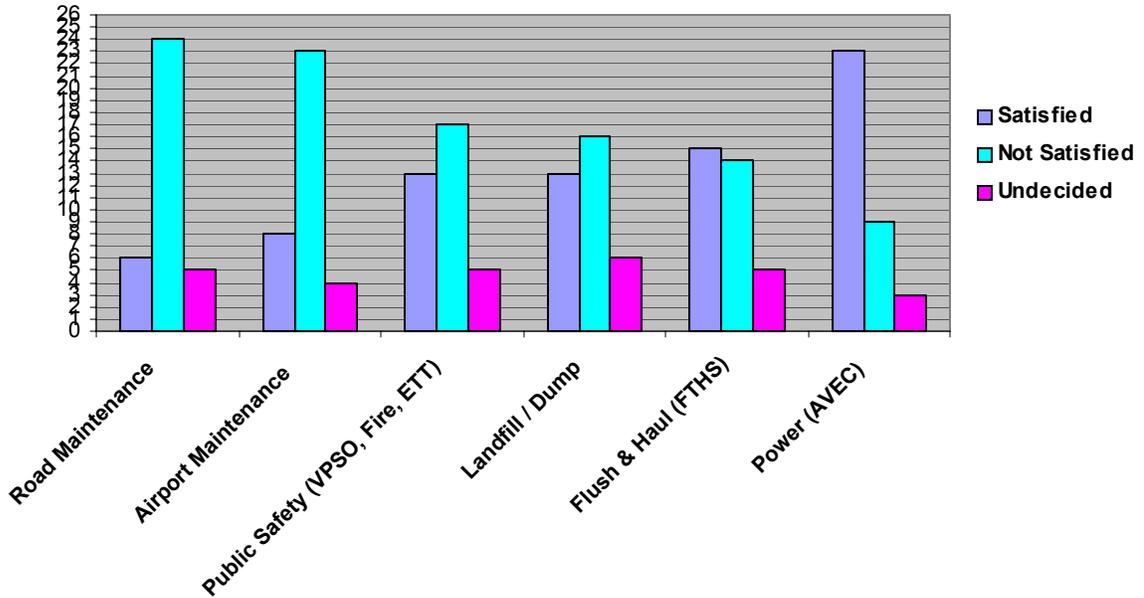


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Municipal Services Priorities

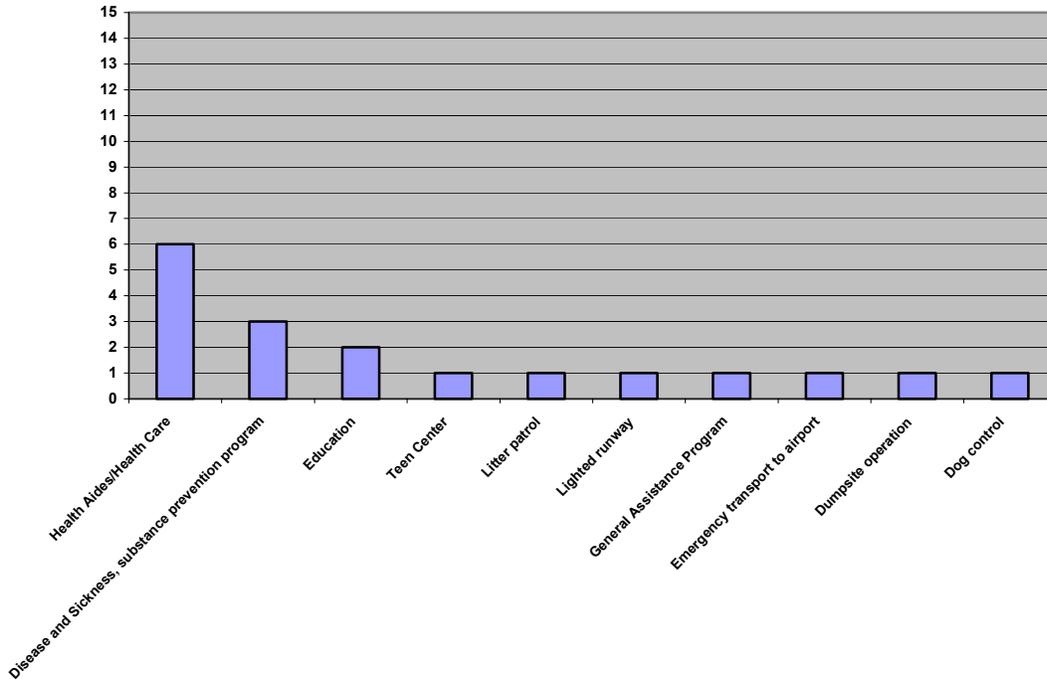


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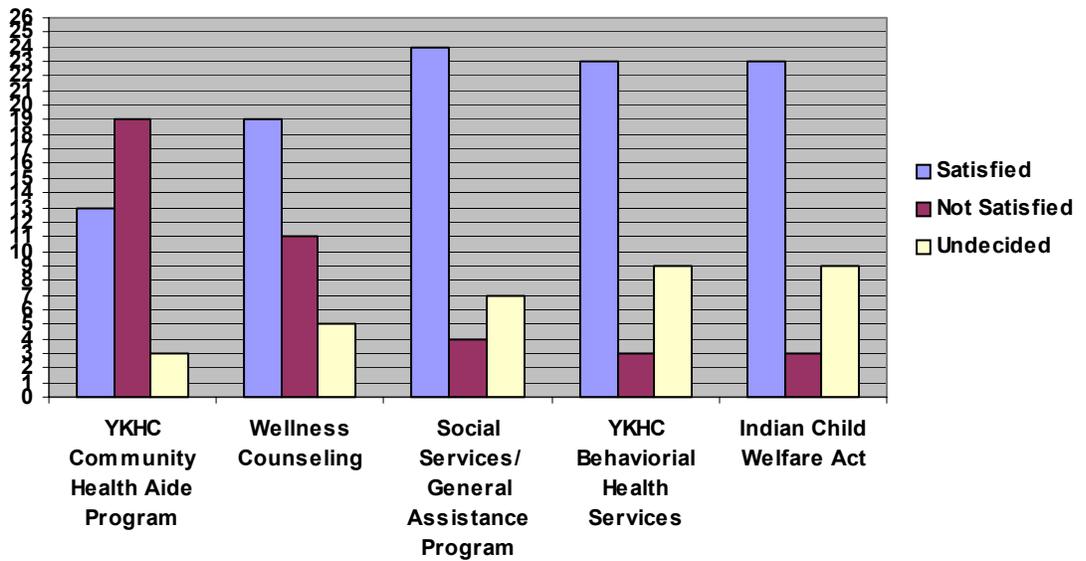


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Health & Human Services Priorities

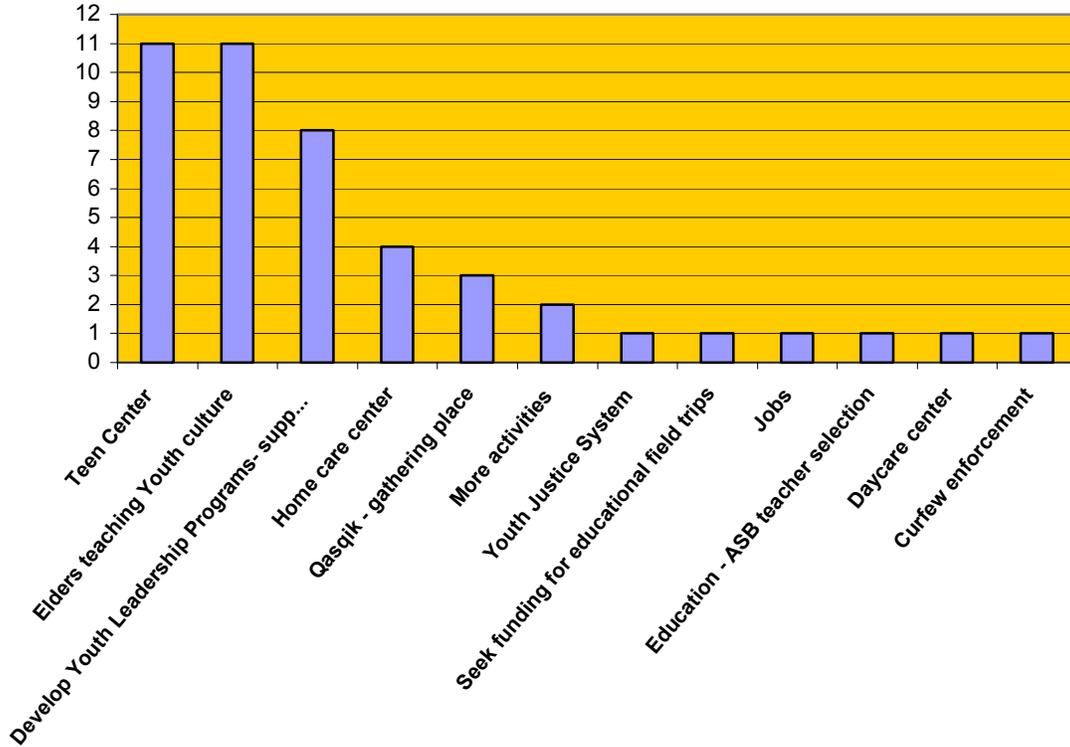


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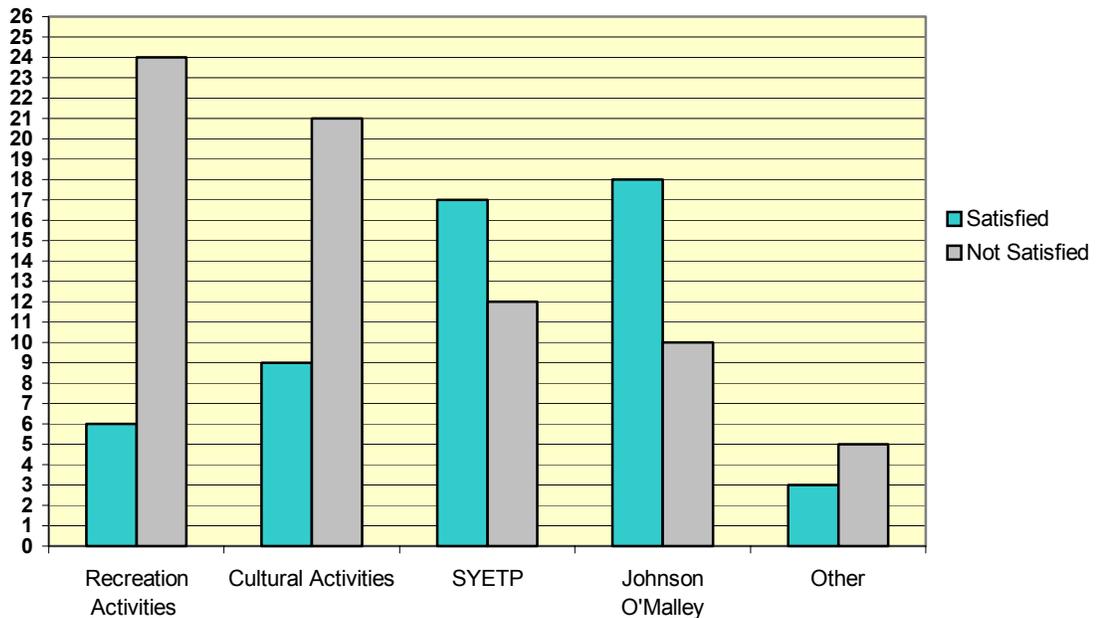


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Youth, Culture and Education Priorities

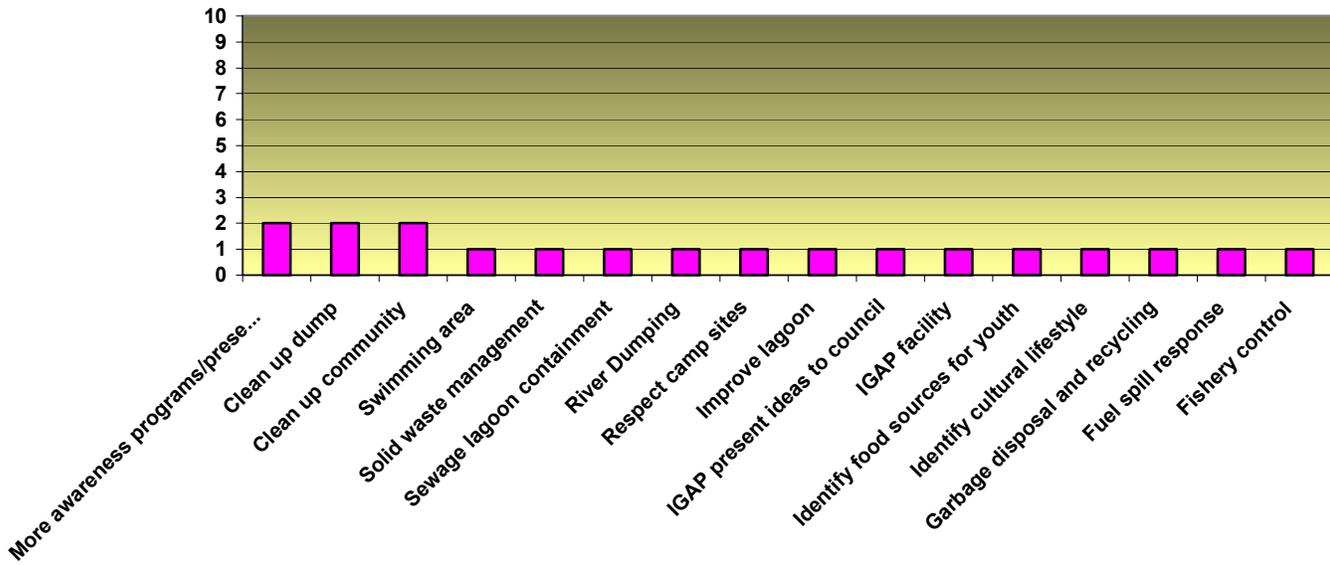


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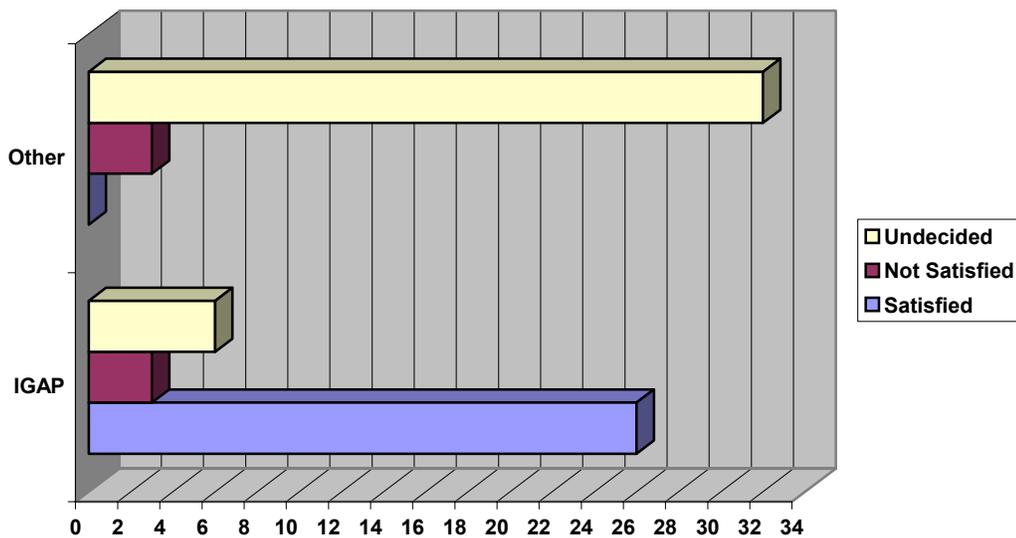


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Natural Resources and Environment Priorities

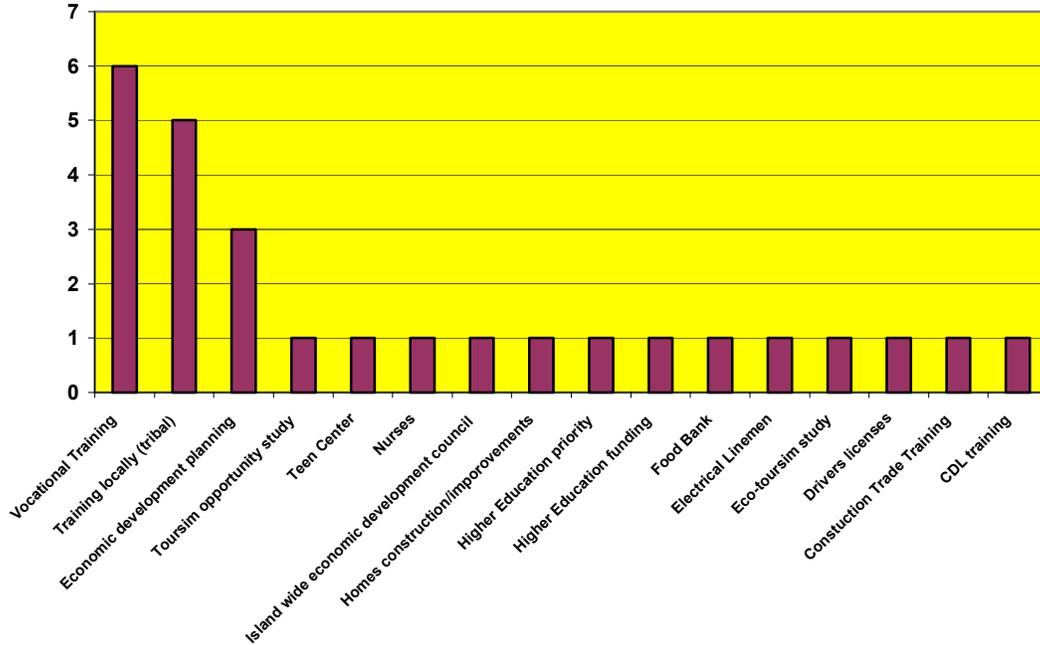


**Natural Resources/Environment
Community Survey**

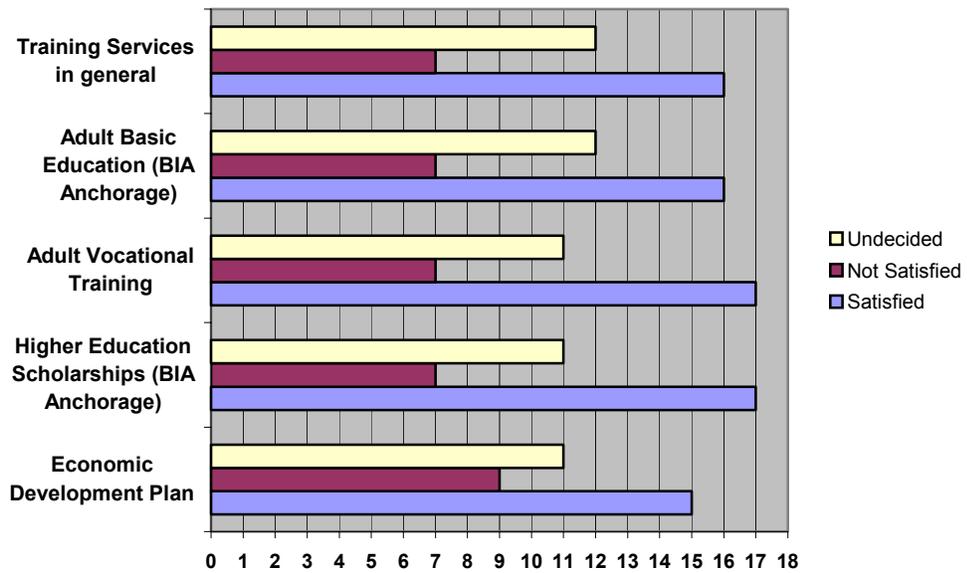


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Economy and Training Priorities

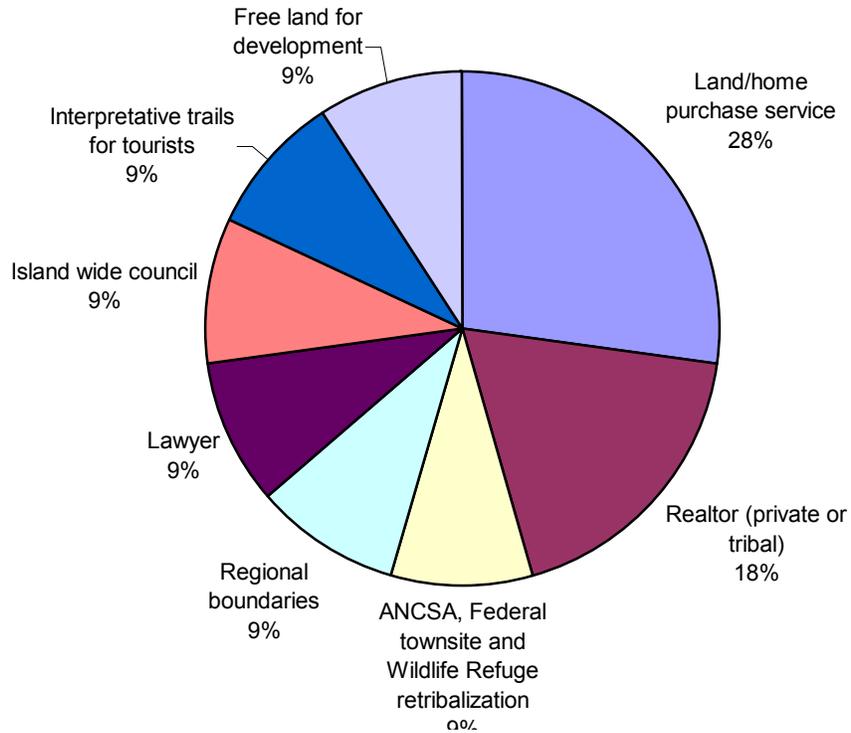


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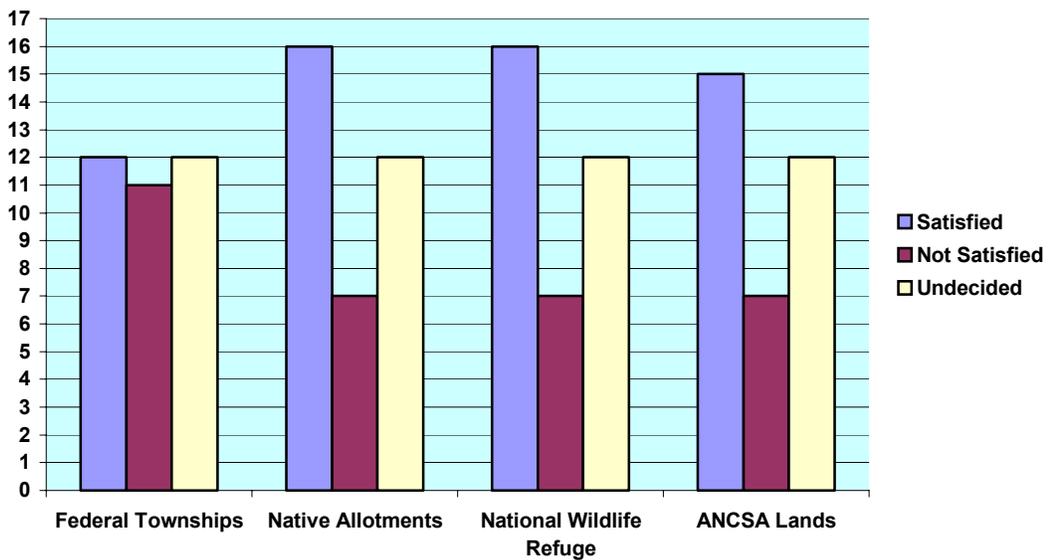


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Real Estate Services Priorities

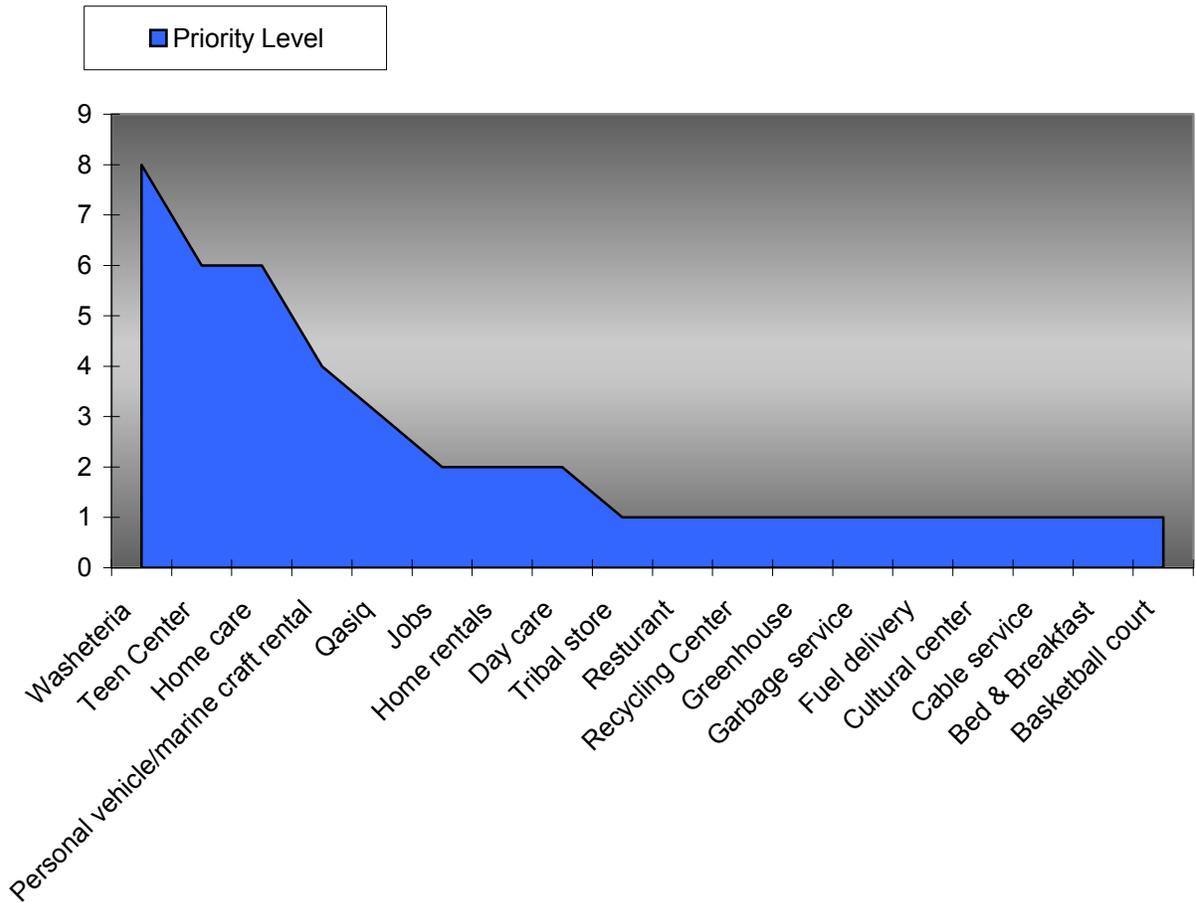


Real Estate Community Survey



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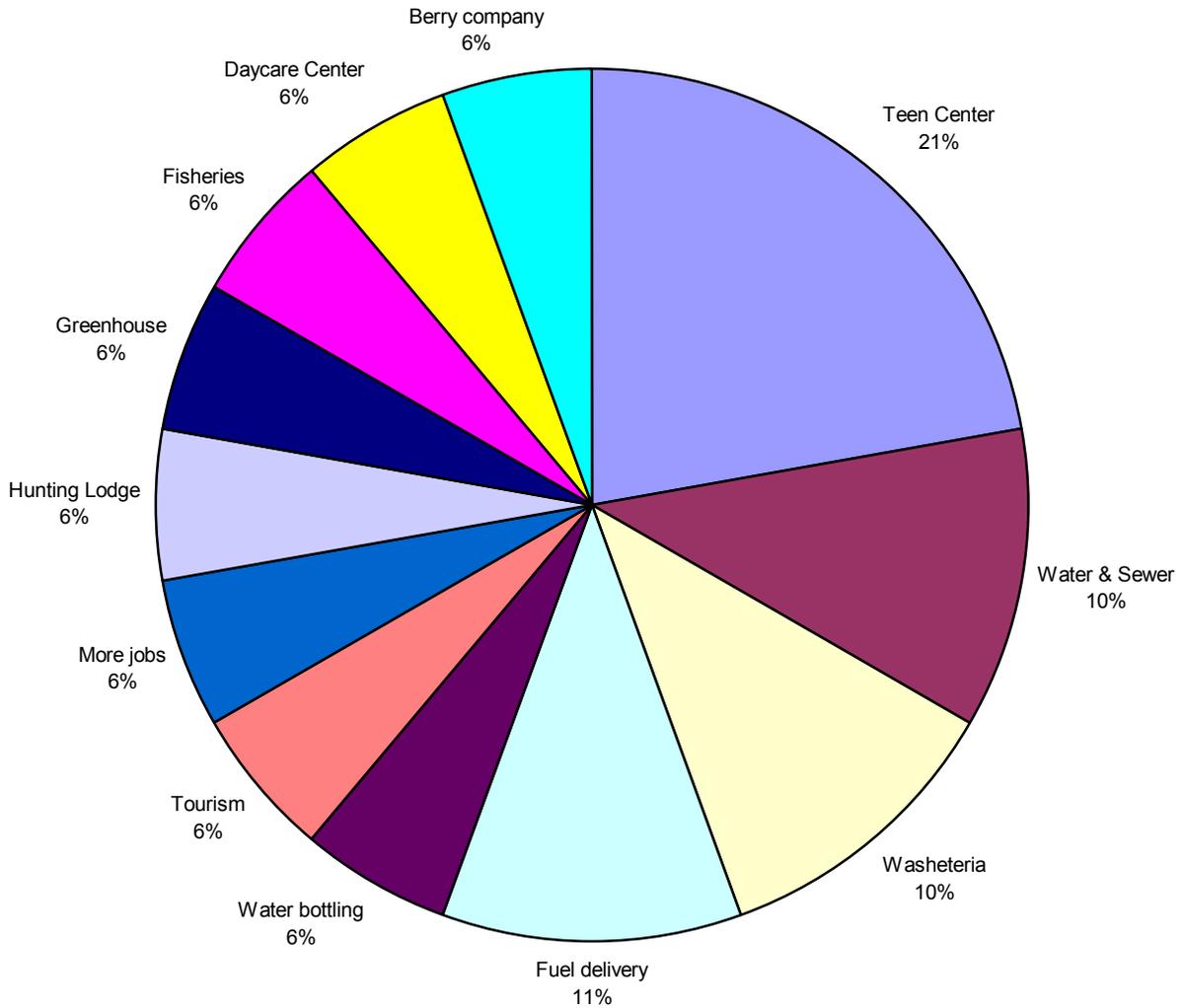
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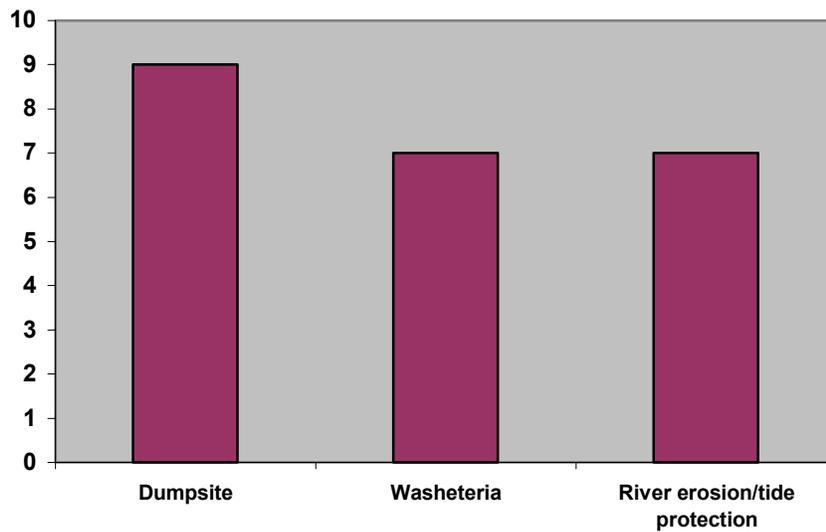
Economic Development Ideas



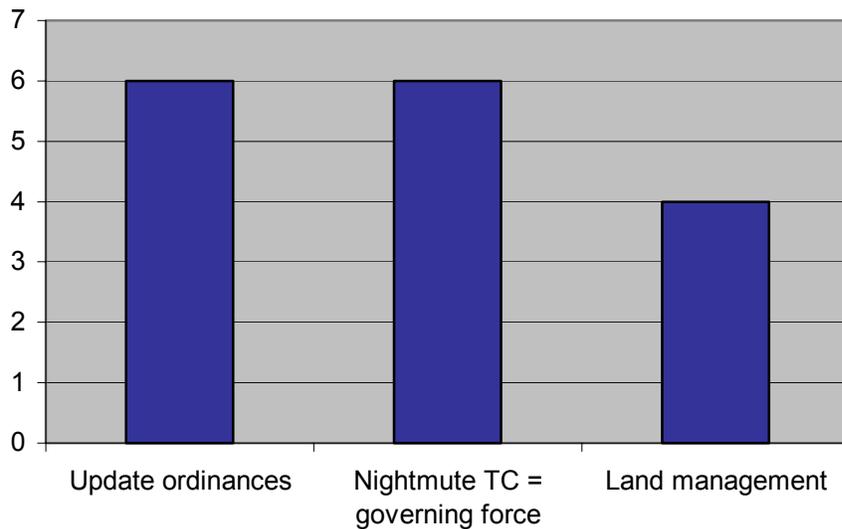
Nightmute Traditional Council Priorities

The Tribal Council and strategic planning participants prioritized community needs for each development sector: Community Facilities, Tribal Services, Municipal Services, Health & Human Services, Youth/Culture/Education, Natural Resources and Environment, Economy & Training and Real Estate. Those priorities are reflected in the following graphs:

Community Facilities Top Priorities

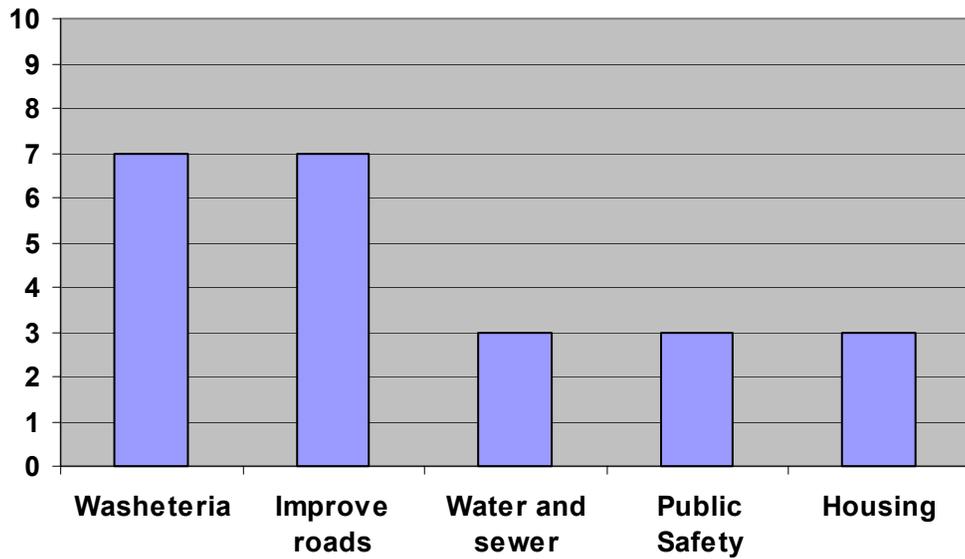


Tribal Services Top Priorities

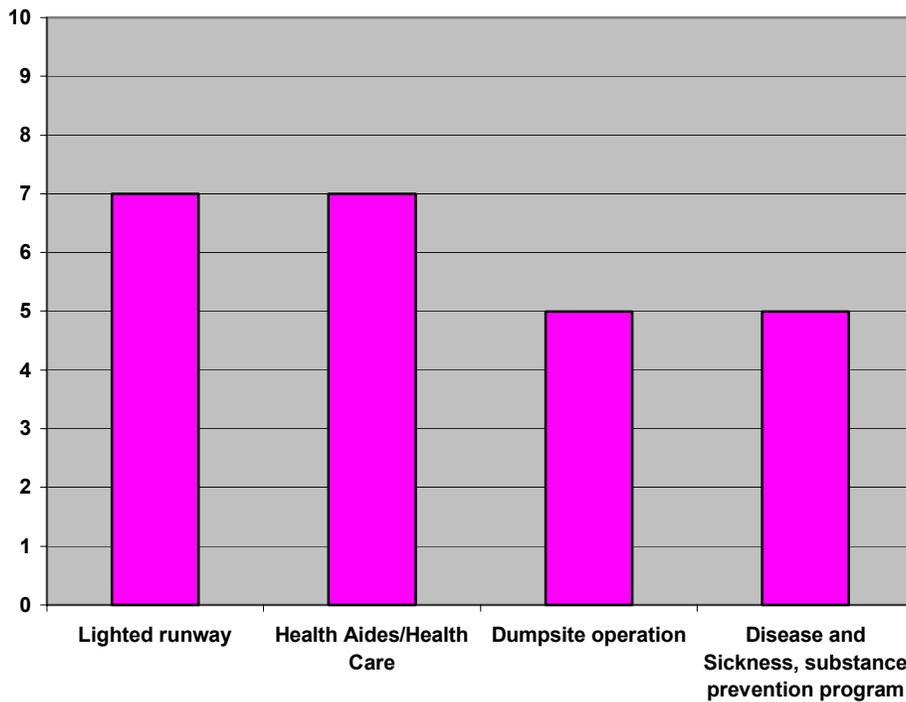


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Municipal Services Top Priorities

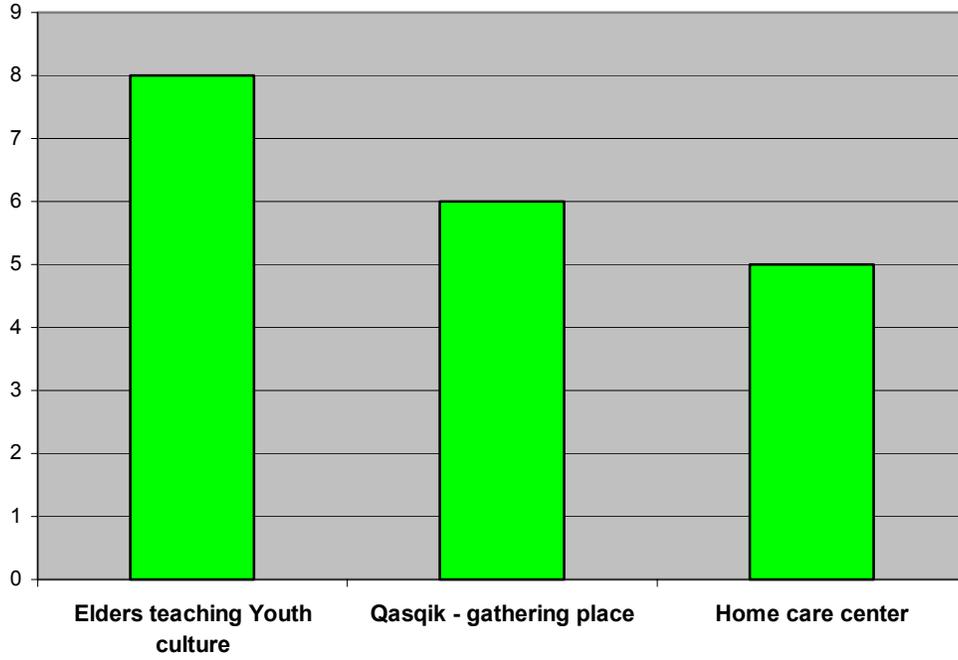


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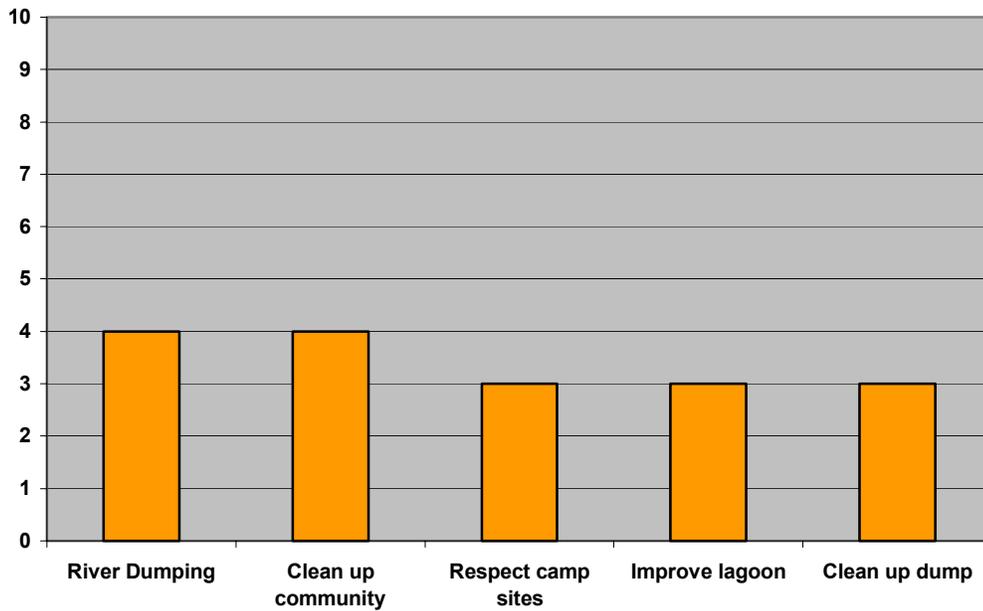


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Youth, Culture and Education Top Priorities

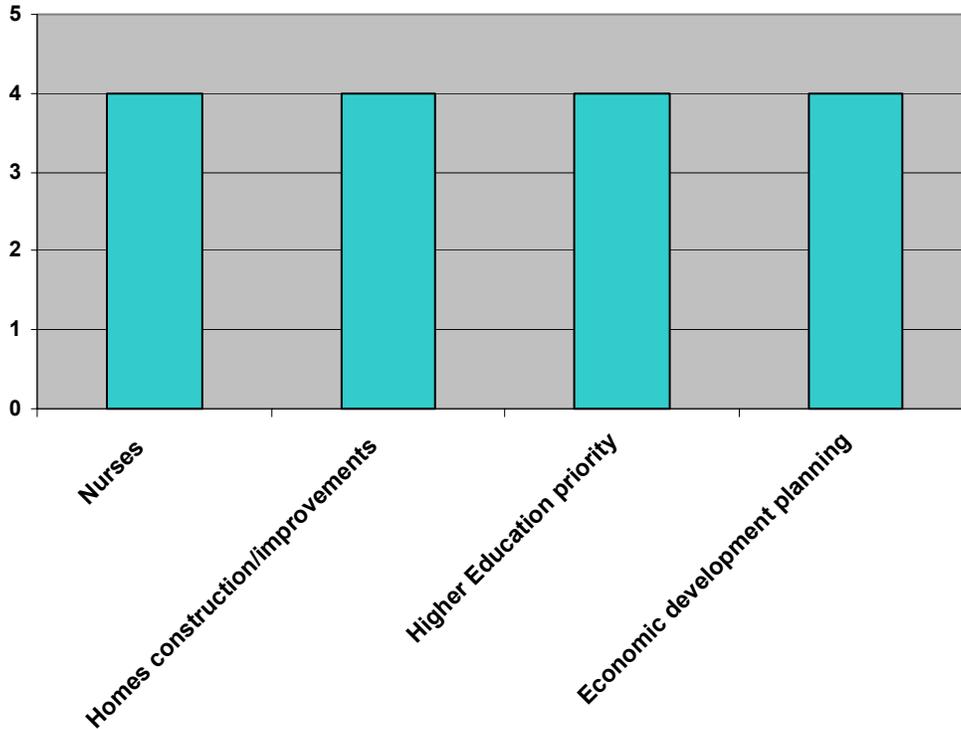


Natural Resources and Environment Priorities

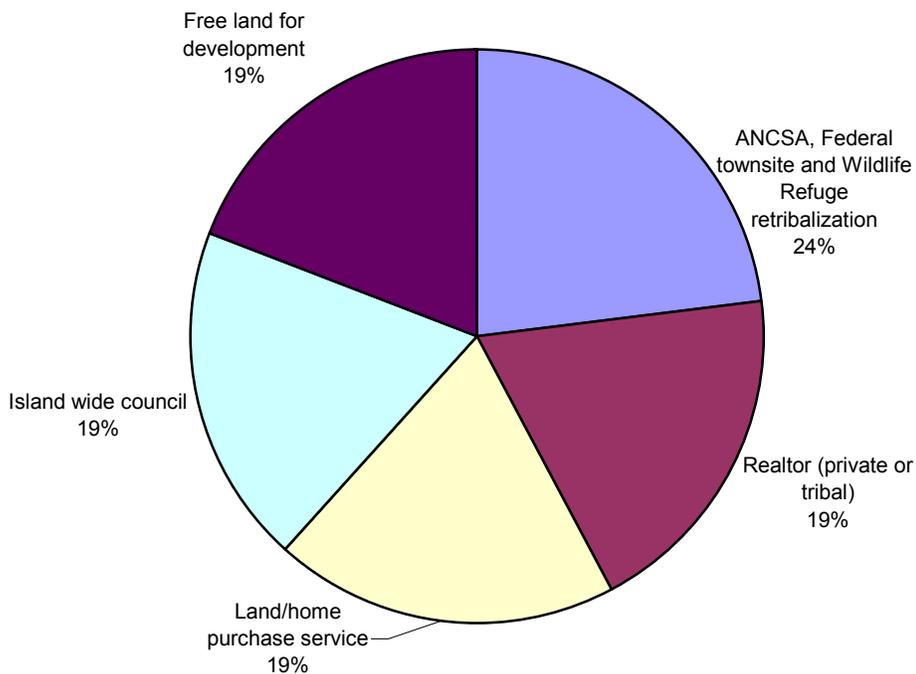


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Economy and Training Top Priorities

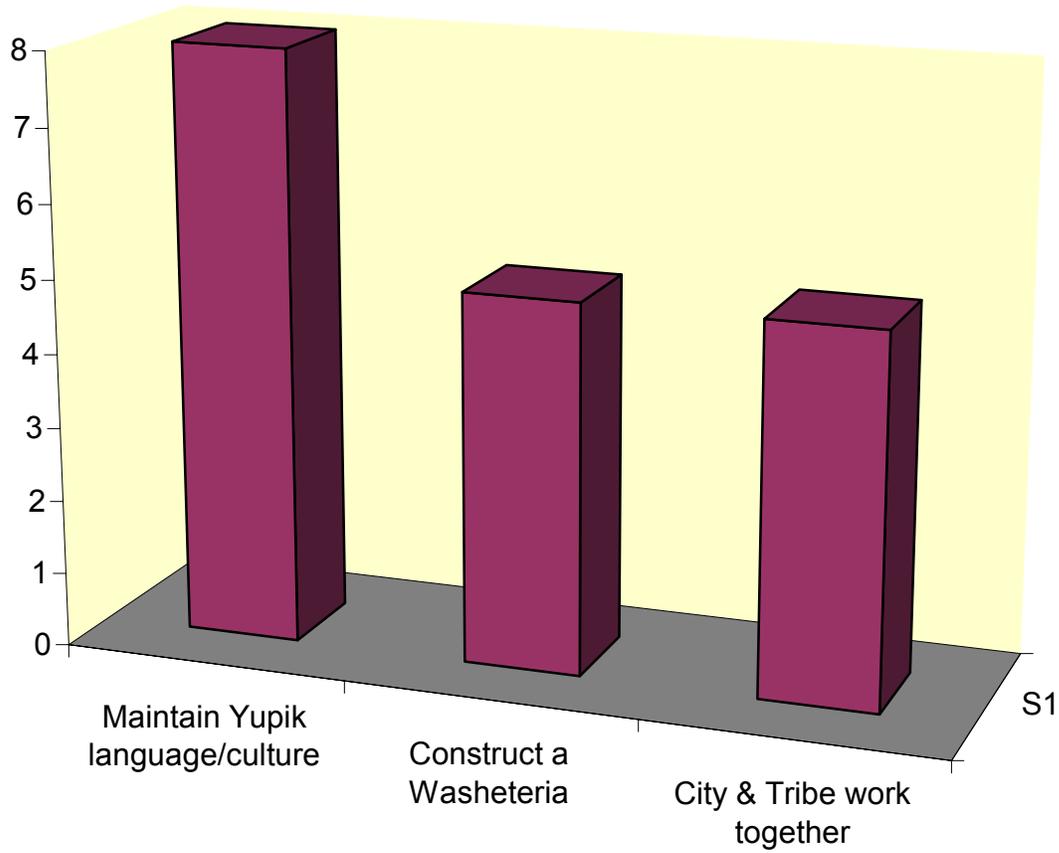


Real Estate Services Priorities



Nightmute Traditional Council Priorities Continued

Vision for Nightmute



Nightmute Traditional Council Statement of Objectives FY2005

1. COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

- Train Council

2. TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

- Hire Tribal Administrator
- Train Tribal Administrator

3. TRIBAL FINANCES

- Complete Audit
- Maintain Financial Records and Files
- Financial Reporting

4. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

- Maintain Grant Reporting Schedule
- Good Grant Records Management
- Timely Reporting
- Request Grant Extensions (if needed)

5. BIA 638 CONTRACT

- Secure TPA Allocations 2005

6. TRIBAL COURT

- Finalize Structure
- Fill Vacancy
- Training
- Implement Program

7. ICWA

- Training

8. SOCIAL SERVICES

- Training

9. SCHOLARSHIPS

- Start a Scholarship Program

10. EPA IGAP

- Implement Work Plan
- Obtain Office
- Seek Funding for Training and to attend workshops

11. BIA IRR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- Complete Review
- Implement Plan
- Conduct Ad-hoc meetings

8. CHARITABLE GAMING

- Maintain Good Records
- Timely Reporting
- Set up Budget

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9. CLINIC

- Amend Lease Agreement and Amount
- Review Financials
- Plan for Future Upgrades

10. Projects

- Seek Funds for River Erosion
- Follow up on NRCS
- Submit Request to CVRF for Heavy Equipment Funds

Nightmute Traditional Council Statement of Objectives FY2005

10. Projects, continued

- Complete Comprehensive Plan
- Secure a CVRF Fishery Support Center
- Secure BIA 638 Funds
- Obtain Office Space
- Teamwork Session
- Tribalize Government (Merger)
- Secure funds for Multi-Purpose Center
- Secure funds for a Washeteria

***Nightmute Traditional Council
Potential New Strategic Initiatives: 2004-2024***

WASHETERIA	UPGRADE BOARD WALKS
NEW LANDFILL	HEAVY EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT
TRIBAL FUEL FARM	LAND DEVELOPMENT
TEEN CENTER	CREATE SUBDIVISIONS
BIGGER SCHOOL AND GYM	PLANS FOR FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE
CHURCH RENOVATION	NEW CHURCH
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM –	BOAT HARBOR
SEARCH AND RESCUE PROGRAM	HEAD START PROGRAM AND BUILDING
HOUSING PROGRAM	BARGE LANDING SITE
RIVER EROSION PROJECT	RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS
HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	COPS GRANTS
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	GUIDE SERVICE
MULTICENTER	TRAIL MARKING
DAY CARE CENTER	FUEL STATION UPGRADE
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	

