

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Northwest Arctic Borough****Federal Tax ID: 92-0116661****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Northwest Arctic Borough - Kiana Fuel Dispenser Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$100,000**House District: 40 / T**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funding will provide for the purchase of a new fuel dispenser for the community of Kiana.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$100,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Funding Details:

None

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The community of Kiana is in need of a fuel dispenser upgrade. The existing fuel dispenser is old and it leaks making it unsafe. The new fuel dispenser is sought to make fuel handling safe and more efficient. The fuel dispenser is used to provide fuel to its local residents, a vital necessity in the cold Northern region. Additionally, Kiana serves as a sub hub to some of the smaller surrounding communities. Kiana often provides fuel to other village residents when their local fuel supply runs low. Fuel is vital for keeping rural communities going. It is needed to keep homes heated and heavy equipment running. It is imperative that heavy equipment remain operational to keep access to airports and roads open year round since this is often the only access to medical care and emergency relief when it is needed. The existing equipment has been used beyond its useful life and is no longer safe. The reliable delivery of fuel is a life, health, safety issue.

Project Timeline:

The fuel dispenser will be purchased and shipped to the community as soon as funding is available.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

The community of Kiana

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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January 31, 2013

Senator Donny Olson
State Capital, Room 508
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Legislative Appropriation Request
Kiana Beach Access Evacuation Route

Dear Honorable Senator Olson,

The City of Kiana has identified the need to construct a new Beach Access Evacuation Route. It has been listed as a priority in the Community Comprehensive Plan 2011 – 2016 and Native Village of Kiana's Long Range Transportation Plan, but recent experience with unusual high waters has expedited the completion of that project.

This has been a priority, because the existing access road to the beach is a threat to safety, it's very narrow and prone to erosion; limiting access at various times throughout the year. It's also very challenging for large vehicles and heavy equipment to use that access as the road and Water & Sewer manholes are not designed to support heavy equipment and they both become damaged due to hauling materials to and from the beach with heavy equipment. The only other beach access road is on Loren Way and it is unusable due to its dangerously steep grade and problems with erosion.

We had very high water levels last year that flooded our barge and boat landing areas, which restricted safe access to shore most of the summer and fall months. That disrupted the subsistence hunting & fishing activities; people weren't able to access their boats or safely access shore to haul their game from the beach. It also disrupted barging services hauling fuel and other goods to the community as all the residential boats cluttered the bank, making it difficult to bring the barge to shore or offload any material.

During annual Spring break-up or high water levels (as experienced last year), there is no safe evacuation route or access to the beach. In the event of an emergency that require an evacuation via marine transportation, Kiana is not prepared. Therefore, the Kiana City Council aims to provide a new beach evacuation route that is continuously accessible, safe, wide, and has the capacity to accommodate vehicles, boat trailers, and heavy equipment.

The Planning Committee and City Council have identified the new evacuation route that is on an existing road that connects to a beach trail (shown on map attached). The new road to the beach would help maintain uninterrupted access, and would allow larger

construction vehicles to bypass the narrow road.

The City has already started on this project; it has been surveyed, designed, and partially constructed using local funds, and obtained permits that are required for the project. Unfortunately, those limited funds have been depleted. Our goal is to resume the project in July 2013 and have it completed by September 2013. So, we are requesting support of the State Legislature through the Legislative Appropriations in the amount of \$500,000 to help our community accomplish this project.

Completing the road will be a tremendous benefit to the residents of Kiana, visitors, subsistence gatherers, barging companies, etc. Please strongly consider the impacts of our project while considering our request. Thank you for making a difference in our state and for helping rural Alaska succeed.

Sincerely,

Crystal Johnson,
Administrator

Brad Reich,
Mayor

CC: Kiana City Council Members
Northwest Arctic Borough Mayor, Reggie Joule
Georgianna Phillips, Local Government Specialist
Walter Sampson, NANA Lands Development

Attachments: Resolution 12-21
Map Showing the Road
Pictures of Barge and Boat Landings

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Resolution 12-21

A Resolution prioritizing the Capital Project Needs for the City of Kiana

WHEREAS the Kiana City Council is the governing body of the City of Kiana, and

WHEREAS the Kiana City Council wishes to improve the quality of life for the residents of Kiana;
and

WHEREAS the Kiana City Council wishes to sustain its ability to maintain services that the City of Kiana provides.

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kiana City Council endorses the following priority list of needed capital projects in order of funding level and importance:

- 1. FUNDING LEVEL 1: Fuel Dispenser Upgrade - \$100,000.00**
- 2. FUNDING LEVEL 2: Beach Access Evacuation Route - \$500,000.00**
- 3. FUNDING LEVEL 3: Heavy Equipment Storage Building - \$1,900,000.00**

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a duly constituted quorum of the Kiana City Council of Kiana, Alaska, this 20th day of November, 2012.


Mayor


City Clerk

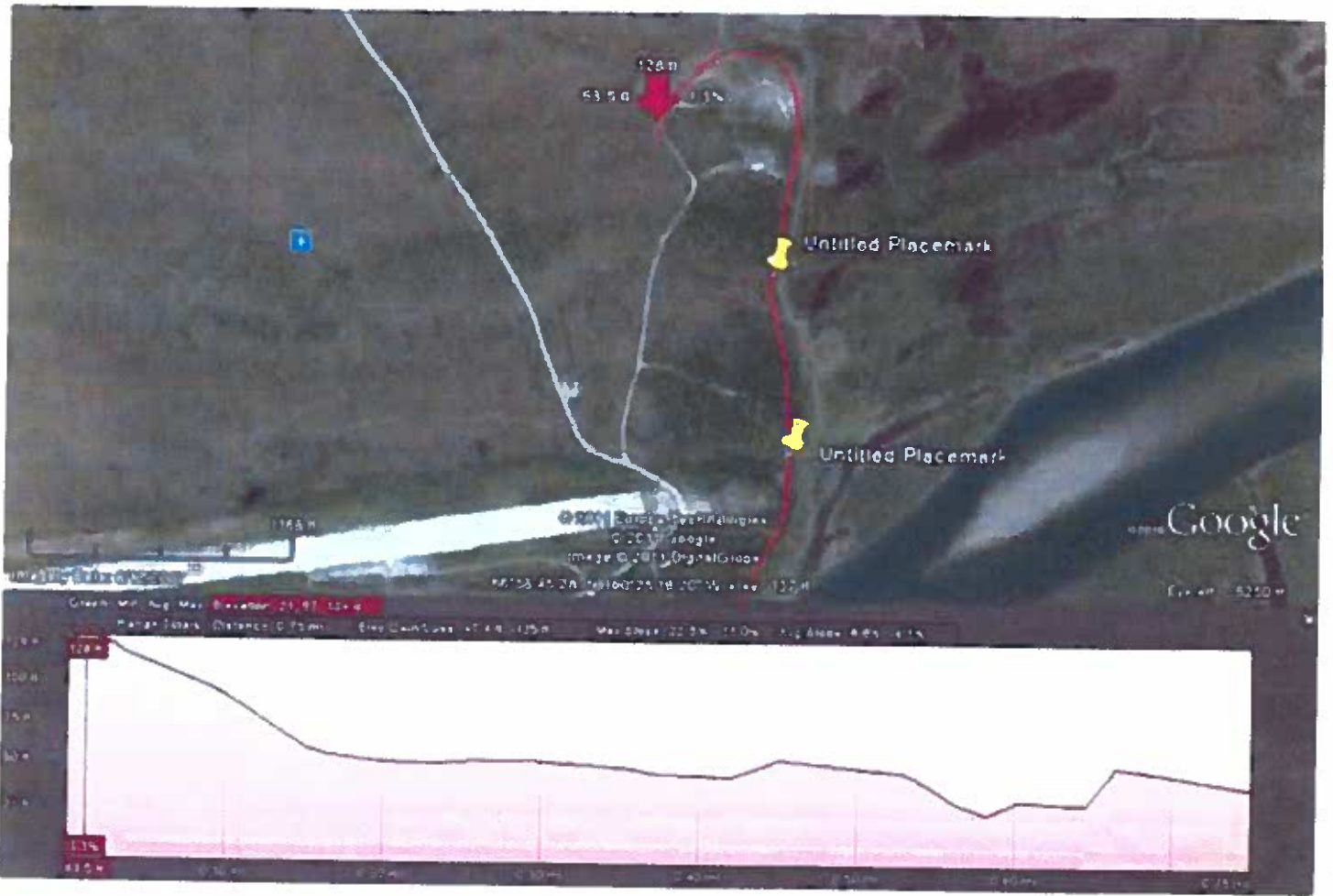




Photo of barge and boat landing and narrow access road during normal water level during summer/fall months.

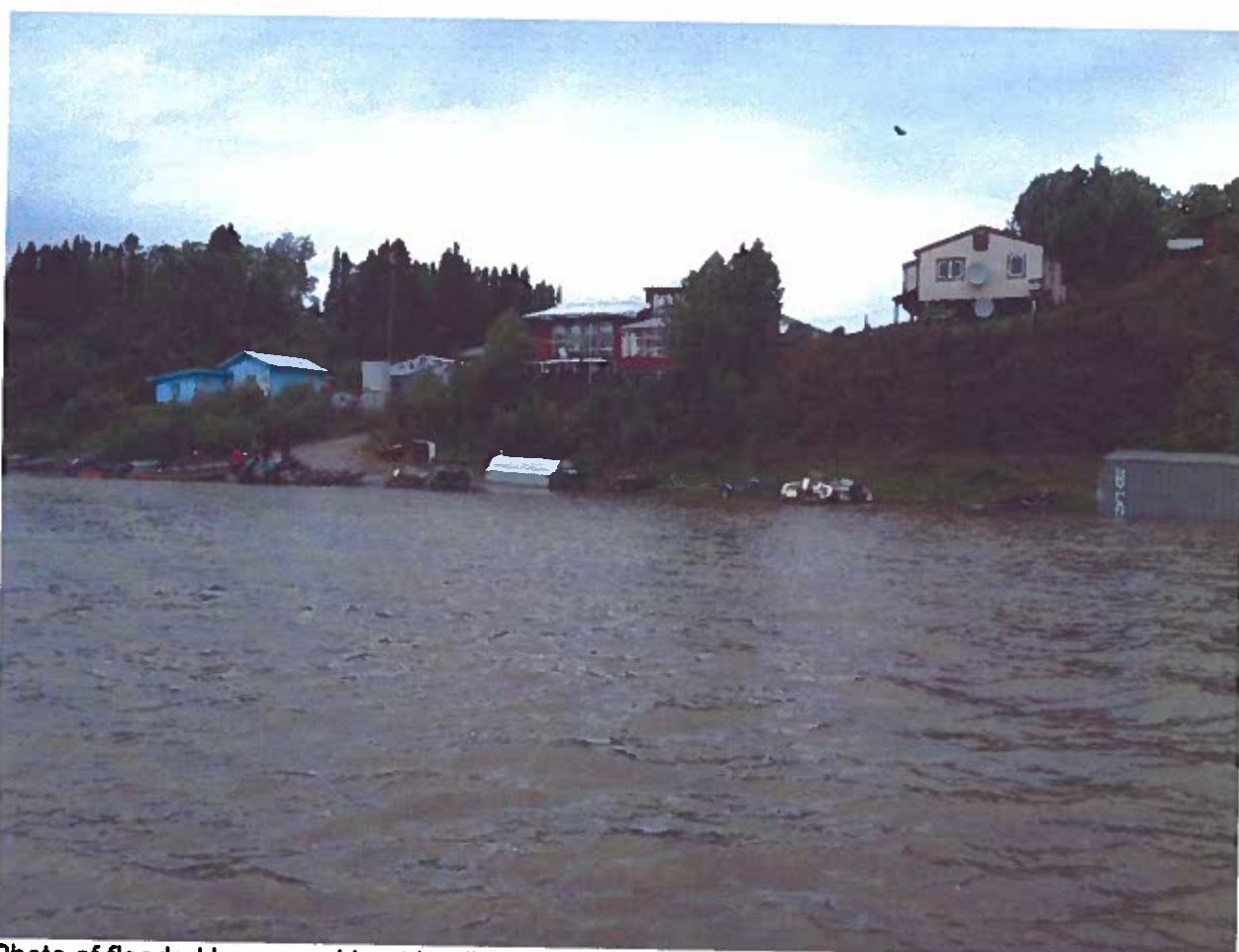


Photo of flooded barge and boat landing area, with very limited space to park boats and connex's under water.