

Project Objective(s):

The Aleknagik Traditional Council (ATC) will demonstrate how to start a house-to-house trash collection program, with user fees. The program will address issues of difficult landfill access by community residents and lake crossing safety by waste technicians.

Results:

- New equipment purchased.
- Community support demonstrated for new collection service.
- Local job created.

Benefits:

- Disposal of trash easier for households.
- Community-service utility established.
- Successful community-support incentive.
- Partnership between local governments established for service fee collection.
- Reduced number of residents visiting the landfill (which helps minimize health risks)

Lessons Learned:

- It may take a very, very long time to fill a position.
- Need to be careful and thoughtful on how position/job announcements are developed, to encourage applicant interest.
- Community youth wants to be involved.
- Telephone surveys worked better than mailed out surveys.

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Aleknagik Traditional Council



Creation of a Community-wide Solid Waste Collection Service



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Project Timeline

2012 Community Environmental Demonstration Project Grant

Work done prior to March 2012
 Need for trash collection service identified.
 Community support gathered for grant proposal.
 Wrote and submitted successful proposal.

Aleknagik awarded Zender CEDP grant.



Phone call followup to residents about collection service

Still waiting to fill position

Determined that the youth group couldn't perform collector duties due to legal reasons

Hired Collection Operator!!

Presented Project at Annual AFE in Anchorage.

Developed job posting for collector position and started advertisement

Started ordering equipment and supplies for project

Snow machine, 4-wheeler and other supplies begin to arrive



Started community education & outreach efforts

Sent letters out to households about new service.

Hosted several Council and community meetings throughout the project to discuss the project & hiring of the collector (also in Mar, Sept, Dec)

Youth volunteer group wants to help perform duties for trash collector position. Sought legal advice on this.



Developed project presentation. Requested grant time extension.

Grant orientation on reporting and other recipient requirements