

Solid Waste Alaska Taskforce (SWAT)

Working Toward Sustainable Waste Management for Rural Alaska



Meet SWAT...

Multiple organizations working together for sustainable solid waste solutions for Alaska

- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)
- Zender Environmental Health and Research Group
- Kawerak, Inc
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



SWAT Partners...

- Each of our organizations has a role or project related to improving solid waste management in Alaska.
- Monthly SWAT meetings allow the group to share progress and information, capture new ideas, and recommend new efforts.
- These partnerships have been a necessary part of moving this effort forward.

SWAT Mission

Helping communities achieve healthy, sustainable solid waste management programs by:

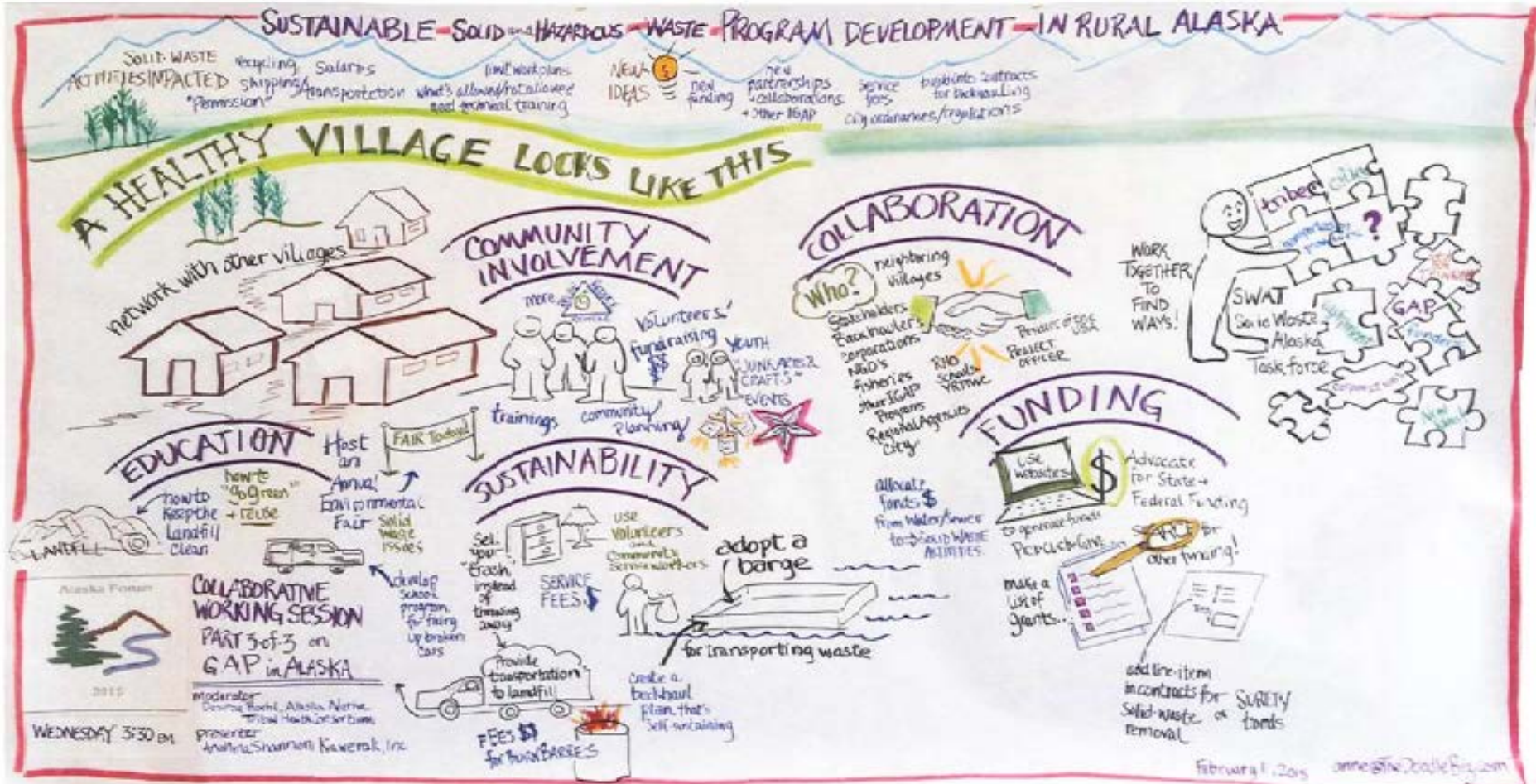
- Navigating regulations
- Serving as a technical liaison
- Connecting communities to resources and tools
- Working with communities to find locally preferred and doable solutions
- Identifying and encouraging cross-organizational collaboration

Figure 1: 2014 Alaska IGAP Communities Map ²





Issues, Resources and Innovative Solutions

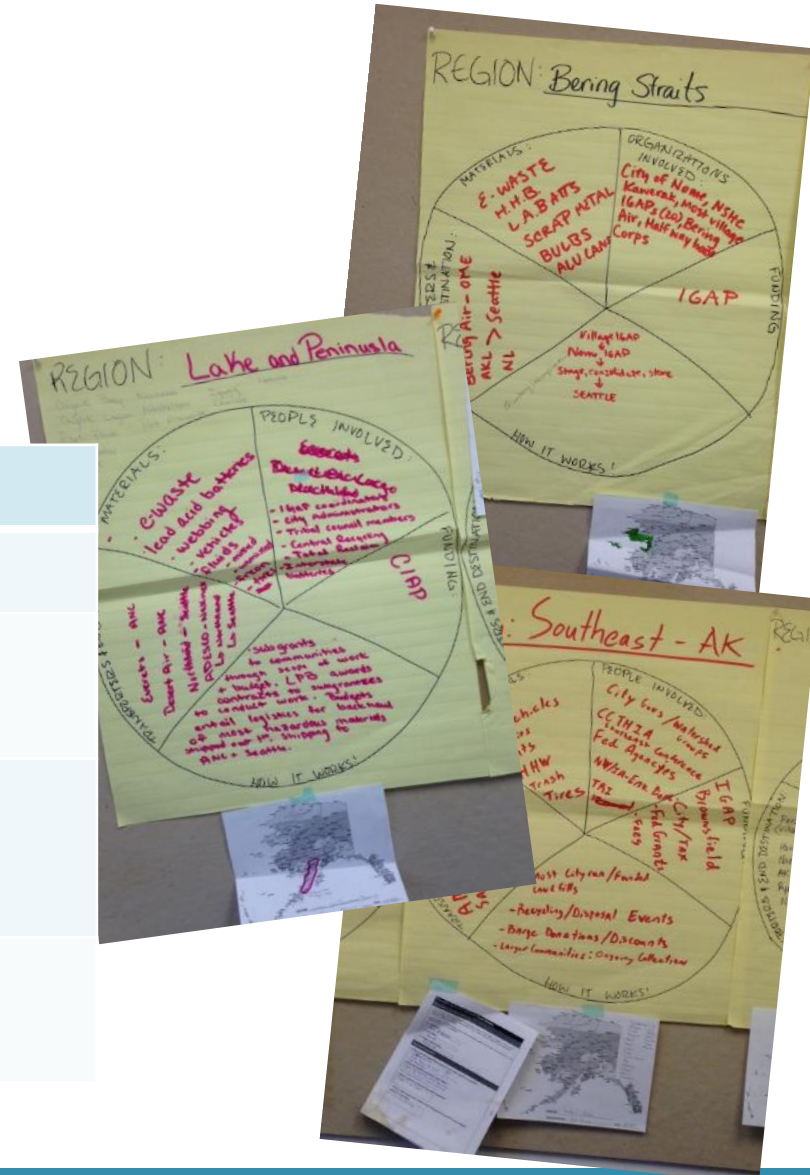


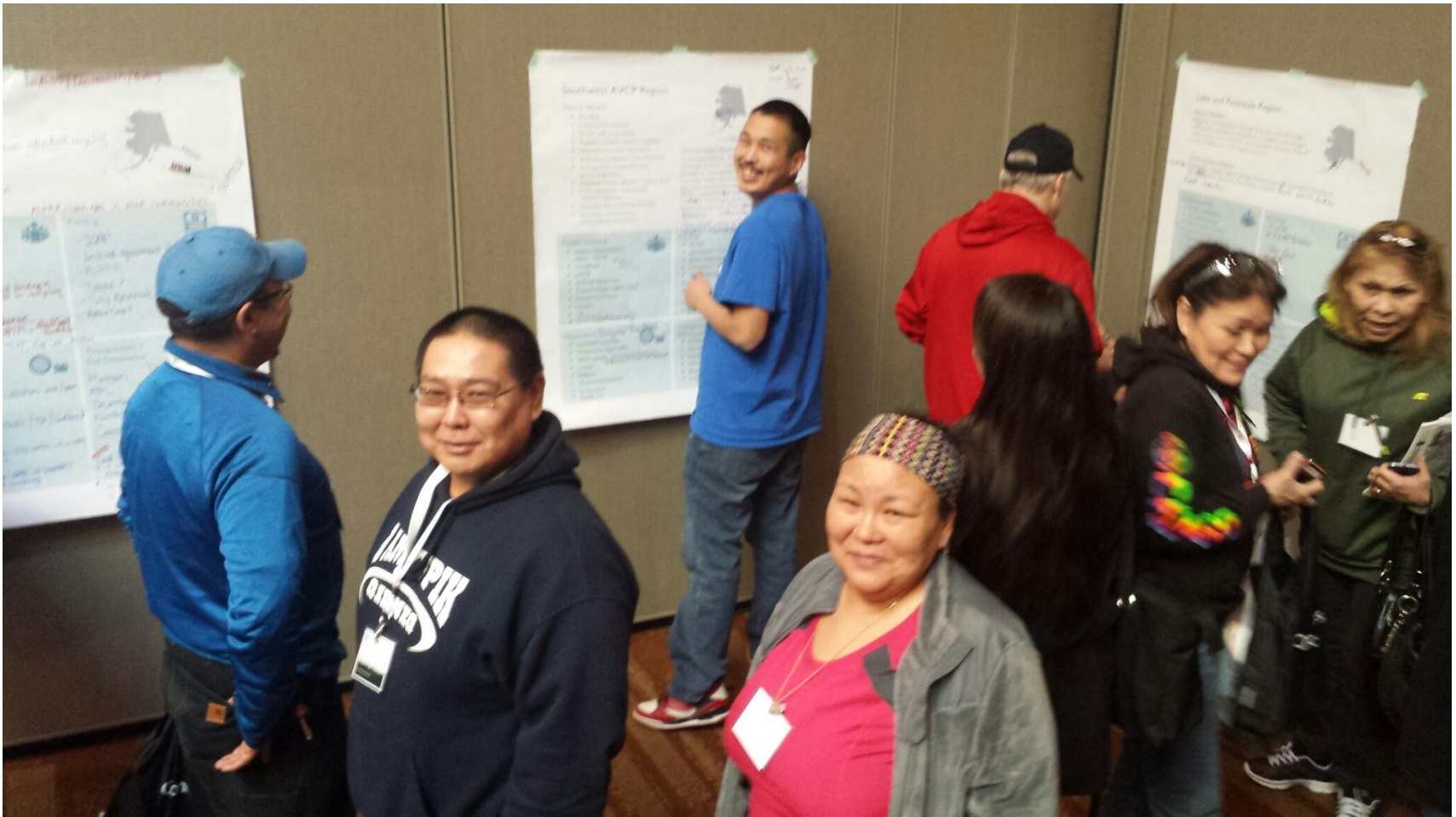
Establishing a Statewide Snapshot

We invited regional representatives to a meeting in Anchorage to began developing a clear picture of how solid waste is being managed in communities, regionally, and statewide.

Regions Represented

Bering Strait	Bristol Bay	Kodiak
Interior (no road)	Interior (road)	Nome
Lake & Pen	Lower Kenai Peninsula	Southeast
North Slope	Northwest Arctic	Southwest







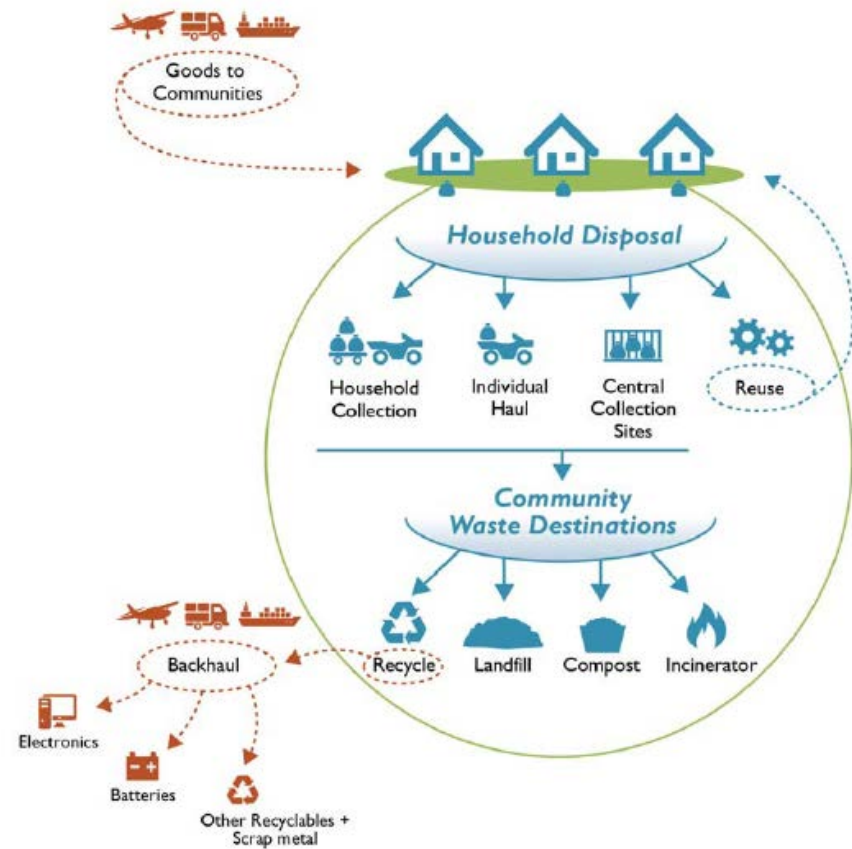
- Our efforts continued with a 3-day meeting to discuss solid waste logistics in Alaska. A targeted group of representatives from communities, regions, non-profits, state and federal agencies, the transportation industry and end-destination recyclers were invited.
- Actionable tasks and recommendations have been identified and are detailed in a report that will be available to the public next month.



Solid Waste Alaska Taskforce Guide to Solid Waste Management in Alaska

Recommendations from the Solid Waste Logistics Stakeholder Workshop
January 27-29, 2016

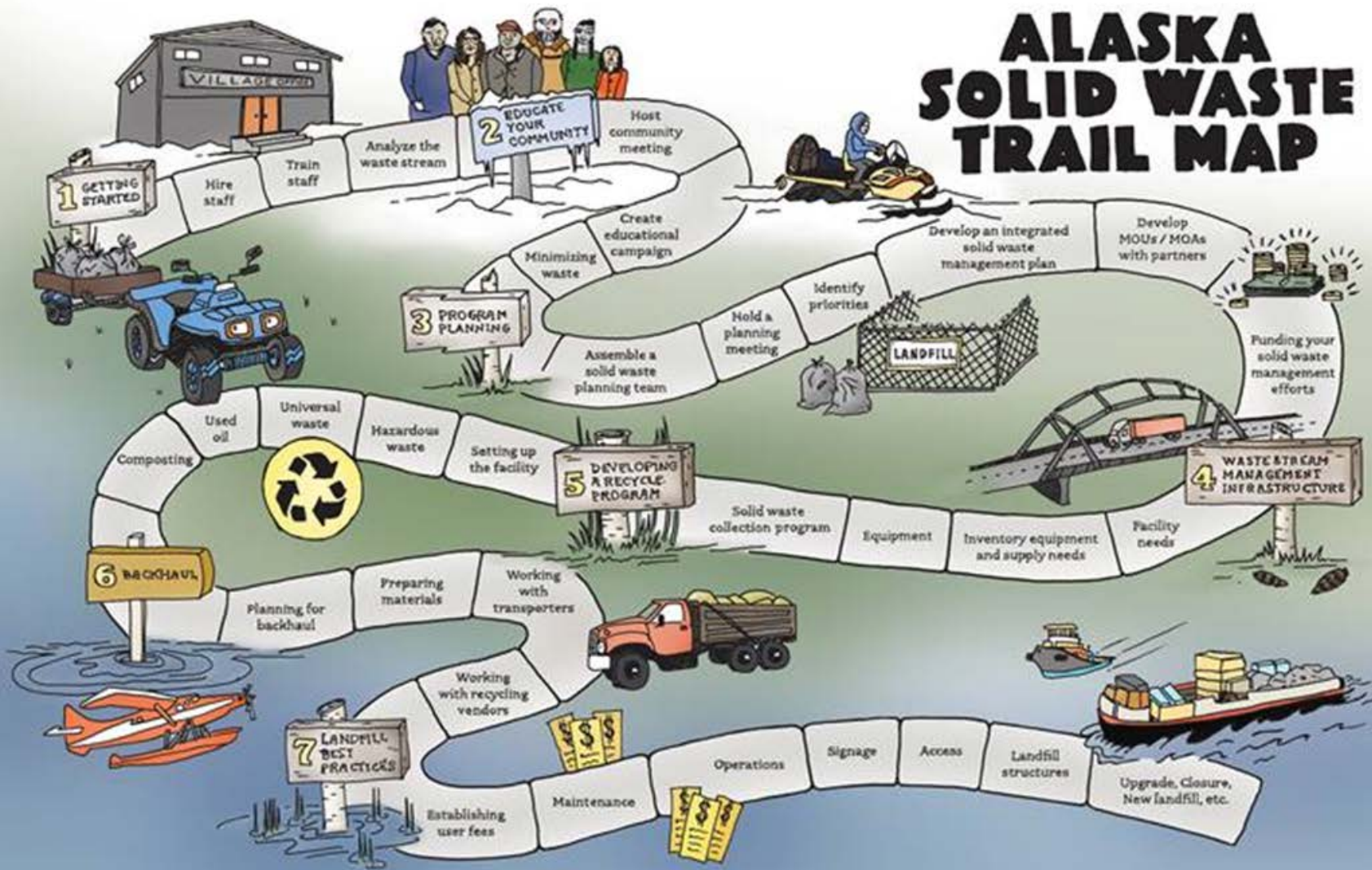
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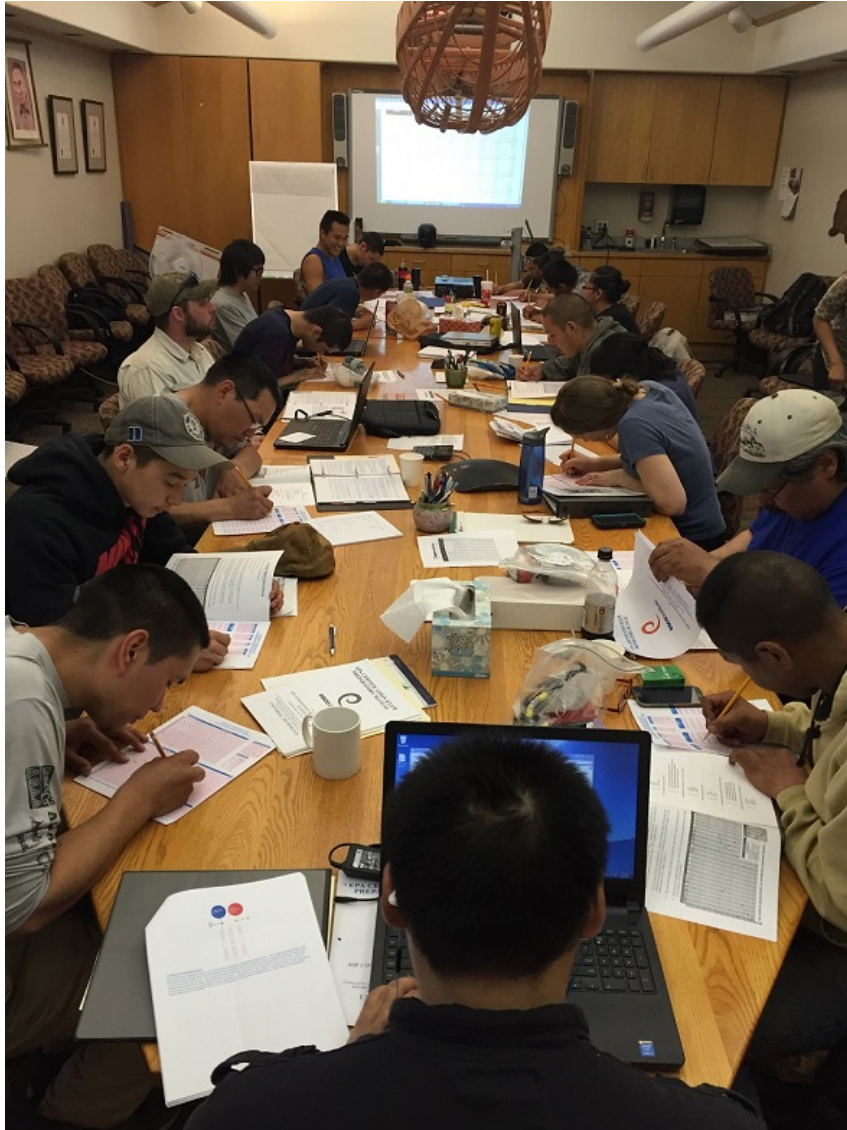
Areas of Focus...

- Coordination and Collaboration
- Local Best Practices, Innovation and Technology
- Training and Retention
- Funding
- Public Awareness

ALASKA SOLID WASTE TRAIL MAP



Kawerak Backhaul Workshop 2016



Share with SWAT...

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