







For our region, responsible resource development has meant survival in many ways.







We start with the people of our region.







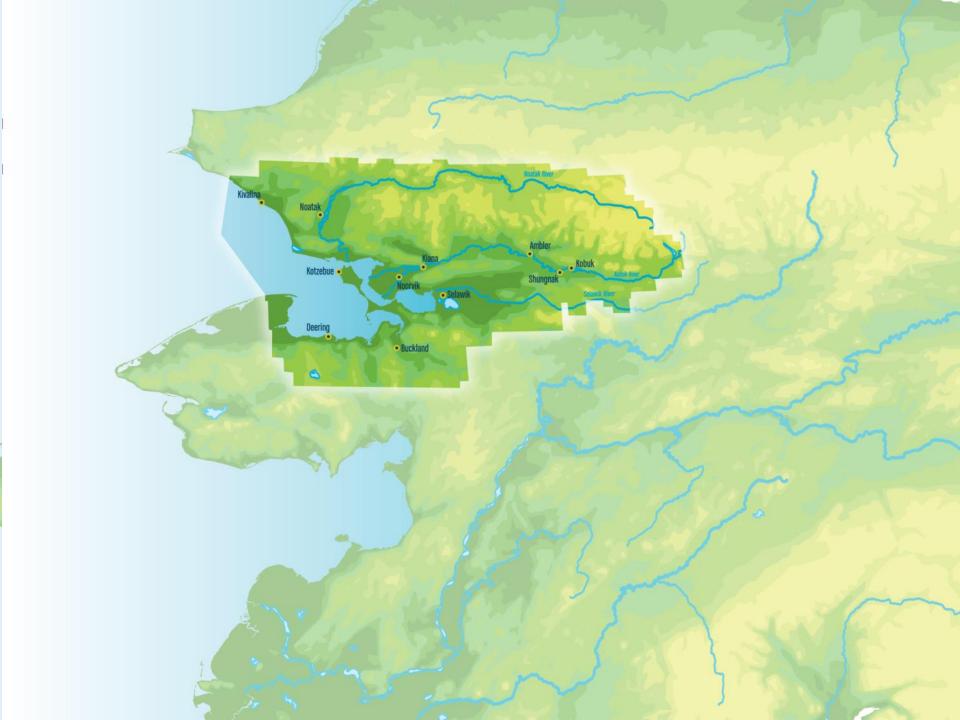








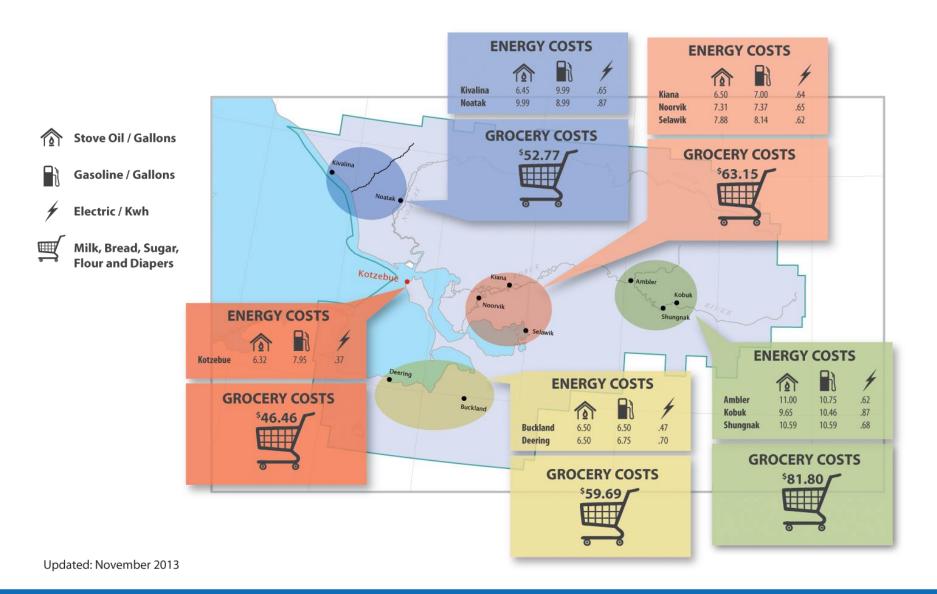














Grocery Costs

Milk, bread, sugar, flour, diapers

Ambler

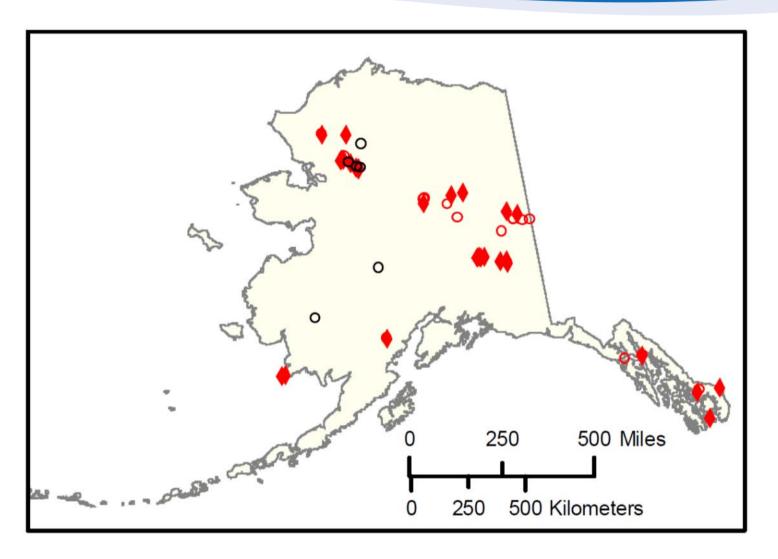
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\$81.81





Many of the community's projects where on hold because the local source of gravel was considered contaminated by Naturally Occurring Asbestos or NOA.







Gravel is the essential construction material in rural Alaska.





2003

2004

2005 - 2009

- Working with community and regional partners
- Inspect site and conduct community outreach

- Active exploration
- Multi-agency meetings, community outreach, and geological evaluation of gravel pit
- Projects on hold

- Evaluate safety and risks
 - Sampling of road dust
 - Evaluate results of gravel exploration
 - Evaluation for new sources of construction in Ambler









2009

- The City of Ambler, along with NANA, Maniilaq (the local health non-profit for our region), ANTHC, and DOT met with then Representative Reggie Joule to discuss possible legislation to help Ambler out of its predicament.
- Rep. Joule introduced
 House Bill 333 which
 grants immunity to land
 owners who sell gravel
 containing NOA if they
 follow state approved
 standards and operating
 procedures.

 While HB 333 did not pass, it jumpstarted the efforts to find a legislative solution to the issue.











HOUSE BILL NO. 258

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOULE

Introduced: 1/17/12

Referred: Transportation, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

- "An Act directing the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to develop
- and implement standards and operating procedures allowing for the use in the
- construction and maintenance of transportation projects and public facilities and in the
- construction of projects by public and private entities of gravel or aggregate materials
- 5 that contain a limited amount of naturally occurring asbestos, and authorizing use on an
- 6 interim basis of those materials for certain transportation projects and public facilities;
- 7 relating to certain claims arising out of or in connection with the use of gravel or
- 8 aggregate materials containing a limited amount of naturally occurring asbestos; and
- 9 providing for an effective date."
- 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
- 11 * Section 1. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section



































