

Fairbanks North Star Borough Eielson Regional Growth Plan

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The F-35s Are Coming: How is the Community Preparing?

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Introduction

Updated Preliminary Findings

Eielson Regional Growth Plan

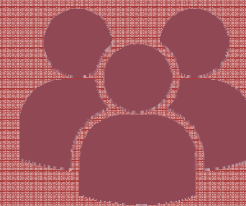
Focus Areas

- Existing Conditions
- Regional Housing
- Fiscal Impact
- Education
- Transportation
- Planning + Zoning
- Utilities + Infrastructure
- Public Safety
- Health + Social Services
- Quality of Life
- Workforce Development
- Regional Coordination
- Implementation Plan

We need input on these topics!

The Regional Growth Plan is part of a larger, longer-term effort to effectively plan and strategize for future growth.

Relevant Focus Group Results: Employment and Training



Important Notes about Focus Groups



Results:

- Provide detailed information about personal and group feelings, perceptions and opinions that are difficult to collect using other research tools.
- Can provide clarification of research results or pose new questions for exploration.
- Are one of many tools the consulting team is using to inform Regional Growth Plan recommendations and solutions.

They ARE NOT meant to be representative of all Eielson Air Force personnel and their families, or civilian employees.

Focus Group Results: Employment and Training Opportunities for Dependents

- "Anyone who has a license in a different state is required to get a new license or certification in Alaska. This is a challenge."
- "The logistics of living at Eielson and having a spouse commute to Fairbanks are so stressful that our spouses just take a time-out while here."
- "Job opportunities are plentiful but the quality of the jobs is low and the pay is low."
- "It's a challenge across all military operations to help spouses find jobs and workforce development. This is always an issue."



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