

Earn Your Green Star Today! Why the Green Star Communities Program and P2 Are Right For You.

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Green Star for Communities

The **Green Star Communities Program** supports rural Alaskan villages that want to practice waste reduction, energy conservation, and pollution prevention.

Communities that meet the Green Star Community Standards are recognized for their accomplishments!



What is Green Star?

- **Green Star** is a non-profit program operated under the Alaska Forum
- Non-Regulatory, funded through the USDA, with some components supported by the EPA
- Supports Communities in *Rural Alaska* that wish to practice waste reduction, energy conservation, and pollution prevention
- Recognition for Green Star Community awardees at the Alaska Forum on the Environment
- **FREE** Technical Assistance for Solid Waste, Backhaul, Energy Conservation, Pollution Prevention, and Water Projects



Green Star Communities Program Goals



IMPROVE
LANDFILL
OPERATIONS



REDUCE
HAZARDOUS
WASTE DISPOSAL



IMPROVE
ENERGY
CONSERVATION



REDUCE
WASTEWATER



IMPROVE
DRINKING WATER

+ Prevent Pollution at it's source!





On-Site Assessment

- On-site walk through of the Community
- 2- 6 hours depending on Community size
- Discussion of Green Star Award Standards
- Photo documentation
- Assessment Feedback Report provided to community which helps in work plan development





Assessment Report and Work Plan

- Assessment report is the “report card” for your community
- Recognizes “standards” achievements
- Helps community set realistic goals
- Work plan priorities are driven and completed with Green Star staff assistance, at the time of assessment
- Assessment report and final work plan document is completed by Green Star staff and provided to community two weeks after assessment





Technical Assistance / Outreach

- Solid Waste Assistance
- Backhaul Assistance
- Site assessment support documents
- Public Meetings
- Energy audit – recommendations
- Member workshops/ trainings (ALOT, water operator trainings)



Long Term– Short Term Goals

Short-term goals - are objectives to complete the Green Star standards and achieve the Green Star® Community award. These goals may have an immediate need from the community to complete or be achievable through community education and/or technical assistance by the Green Star staff.

Long-term goals - are often achieved after the Green Star Community award has been presented. Long-term goals afford strategic planning for the community and agree upon deadlines for completion. Long-term projects can be large capital projects or projects that require one or more barge seasons. Long-term goals can also take the form of a regional program where collaboration with neighboring communities is recommended.



Green Star Community Program Award

The *Green Star Community Award* is provided to a community that demonstrates meeting specific health and environmental standards. The Green Star Community Standards were designed with flexibility to apply to any community regardless of size or location.



Why enroll in the Green Star Community Program?

1. Environmental Stewardship
2. Reduced Environmental Impact
3. Improved Community Health
4. Recognition
5. Technical Assistance (free!)



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Why enroll in the Green Star Community Program - **Technical Assistance**



- UAV/ Drone Images
- Answers to any questions you may have
- Proposal reviews
- 5-years of support

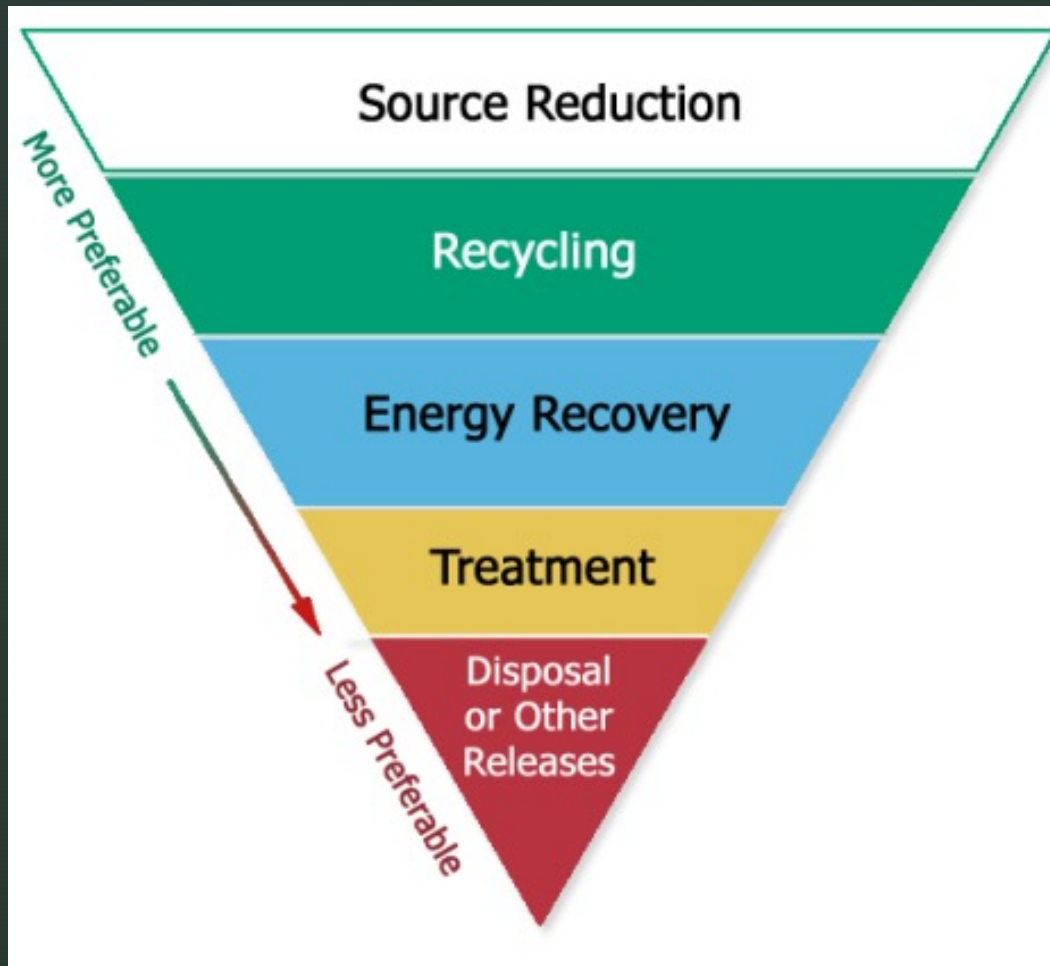


GSC Awardees 2017-2022

Community	Year Awarded
1. Aniak	2017
2. Chuathbaluk	2017
3. Tyonek	2018
4. Crooked Creek	2018
4. Yakutat	2018
5. Akiak	2018
6. Akiachak	2018
7. Napaimute	2018
8. Lower Kalskag	2018
9. Upper Kalskag	2018
10. Akutan	2019
11. Chignik Lake	2019
12. Ekuk	2019
13. King Cove	2019
14. Ugashik	2019
15. Atka	2020
16. Kokhanok	2020
17. Napakiak	2020
18. Port Alsworth	2020
19. Sand Point	2020
20. Togiak	2020
21. Kongiganak	2021
22. Koyukuk	2021
23. Kwigillingok	2021
24. Minto	2021
25. Nulato	2021
26. Tanacross	2021
27. Chitina	2022
28. Gakona	2022
29. Gulkana	2022
30. Kivalina	2022
31. Tazlina	2022
32. Kipnuk	2022



What is the Pollution Prevention (P2)?



Any practice that reduces, eliminates, or prevents pollution at its source ***before it is created.***



What P2 is not...



- Recycling, composting, landfill diversion
- Disposal activities
- Green stormwater infrastructure
- Waste/pollution management
- Waste/pollution processing
- Waste/pollution clean-up
- Altering the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics, or volume of a pollutant



P2 in Rural Alaska



NEA #6: Supporting Pollution Prevention in Indian Country -

Projects under this NEA should facilitate and encourage businesses and their facilities in Indian country to identify, develop and adopt P2 practices



Case Study – Chignik Lake



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