

PROJECT

Clean Energy Restoration for Rural Alaskan Villages

PARTNERS

Tebughna Foundation, Native Village of Tyonek, Tyonek Native Corporation, Community and College Partners Program, Cold Climate Housing Research Center, University Programs/Students, Thriving Earth Exchange



Obstacle: Indigenous communities have struggled to maintain a symbiotic relationship with for-profit fossil fuel companies because those companies tend to disturb lands with no consideration for barriers and dependence of rural living. Alaska is unique in that rural communities are only accessible by plane or boat, and a majority still depend on land resources and practice subsistence living.

Goal: Return Alaskan indigenous communities to clean and affordable resources to support improvements in daily lives of rural community members.

Solution: Identify traditional principles of land stewardship for Alaskan Native communities and use those principles to guide the team in identifying appropriate resources (planning, implementing, and financial). These resources will be used to pilot a planning project which will then be used to create handbook for equitable clean energy deployment in Alaskan Native Villages. The handbook will be accessible to other Alaskan Native Villages on paper and digitally at no cost.