



Eldred Rock Lighthouse Lynn Canal

This iconic lighthouse, located about 17 miles south

of Haines, is seen by more than a million passengers annually. Built in 1905, it is the oldest lighthouse in Alaska and the only remaining example of the octagonal frame structures from that period.

Pioneer Hall Ketchikan



The building needs considerable rehabilitation to meet health and safety standards that would enable the Pioneers to continue to use the property. The building needs immediate attention to its foundation and structural deficiencies as well as extensive upgrades to its mechanical and electrical systems.

Sitka Indian Village Sitka



The Sitka Indian Village continues to display distinctive Tlingit cultural patterns, particularly as they existed through

the Russian and early decades of American rule, when all clan houses were actively used. The Sitka Indian Village displays the history of the community through its unique lot sizes and the architectural styles which are distinct from the entire community of Sitka. It is their deepest wish that the historic built fabric of the village is saved.

This list is intended to bring public awareness to Alaska's architectural and cultural treasures that are threatened by destruction or irreversible damage. Heightened awareness often leads to increased support for the conservation of endangered historic properties, which are state assets important to tourism, economic development, and the heritage of Alaska.

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Wolf Creek Boatworks Prince of Wales Island

Originally called Twelve Mile Arm Boat Shop, this beautiful landmark started out in 1939, building boats out of local SE Alaska timber. For years, Isreal Stevens built and sold skiffs using the same belt driven tools that still operate inside the boat house today. The facility is in danger of being lost forever due to a land transfer between the US Forest Service and the Alaska Mental Health Land Trust which requires the entire facility to be removed.



Pilgrim Hot Springs—Nome

All of the buildings in the immediate vicinity of the Mission were constructed between 1910-1930. The church and the nun's quarters are still structurally stable and retain most of their original architectural attributes, though they have been diminished through weathering and some vandalism. Other structures at the mission have not fared as well. Stabilization of the buildings and the development of interpretive signage would add greatly to that experience and would preserve the ambiance and history of this important place in Alaska's history.

Ascension Church of Our Lord Karluk

The church is located on the far side of Kodiak Island and is the oldest existing Russian Orthodox church in Alaska. It is also one of the most professionally designed. Built in 1888, the church is in danger of sliding off into the Karluk River due to erosion. It was moved inland about 80 feet pending moving to a new location. It is in dire need of restoration.



Chitina Emporium Building Chitina

Original Building 1912, Current building was built on the site in 1922. The building has a long history of being an anchor to the community, including a hotel, bar, retail store, and power/heating source for the community. (Originally it had a Copper River and NW Rail Road steer wheeler's boiler used to heat the building with lines to other buildings. Currently, the building is uninhabitable, and the foundation wood posts are collapsing.

Hi Yu Stamp Mill Fairbanks

The Hi-yu mine property is situated relatively out of the way, however in recent years the Kinross Fort Knox projects planned expansions loom dangerously close to the historic mine. Although it is the biggest threat, Fort Knox is not the only danger to Hi-yu, since it closed vandalism has been rampant at the mine.

*Full Descriptions and photographs of each property can be found online at:
www.AlaskaPreservation.org*



Bishop Rowe Chapel Arctic Village

The log Bishop Rowe Chapel in Arctic Village is an iconic structure, renowned not only in the sub-Arctic region bordering the East Fork of the Chandalar but indeed, across the state of Alaska. In the past several years local villagers have done their best to maintain the property. It is the Number one tourist attraction in the village

Bristol Bay Boats Naknek

This historic collection of Bristol Bay fishing boats are all constructed with wood—in order to preserve and maintain them, they must be stored under cover and out of the elements. A number of our boats are stored under cover in warehouses, but others are stored outside in the elements and thus are subject to deterioration that comes with exposure to wind, rain, and snow.



SS Nenana Sternwheeler Riverboat Fairbanks

Built in 1932 in service to the Alaska Railroad, the boat was in operation until 1954. She once burned a cord of wood an hour, with storage space for 230 cords of wood. The boat rests in Pioneer Park in a state of massive wood decay. The last structural repair was completed in 2011. Extensive repairs are needed. It is on the National Register and is an Alaska Landmark.