

*Jilkaat Kwaan
Cultural
Heritage Center
and
Bald Eagle
Observatory*

Facilities:

Traditional
Knowledge Camp

Hospitality
House

Museum,
Art Studio,
Gift Shop

Eagle
Observatory

Goals:

Cultural Preservation

Cultural Enrichment

Community Wellness

Economic
Development



Located in the village of Klukwan, beside the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, the **Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center** is designed to perpetuate the village's cultural heritage and preserve tribal treasures. JKCHC will address the need for economic development in the village and the region by providing a unique cultural tourism destination.

Community wellness and self-esteem for tribal members will be enhanced through this return to our cultural roots, language and subsistence foods.

Already in place, the first phase of the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage Center is the **Traditional Knowledge Camp (TKC)**. The camp has four buildings: a hand-hewn smokehouse and long house, an adzing shed, and a fish drying shed. The TKC provides the venue for instruction in subsistence skills and traditional arts for people of all ages.

The **Hospitality House** will be used for formal instruction in preparing and serving traditional foods, and as a support facility for cultural camp attendees, village ceremonies and for an authentic salmon bake for visitors. This facility will include a gift shop where Native artists will sell their artwork, kitchen, restroom, dining hall, firepit, and outdoor plaza. Construction is scheduled to begin in

Spring 2008 thanks to a \$1.8 million grant from the Economic Development Administration and a grant from the Alaska State Legislature.

A **replica of a Chilkat clan house** will display the world famous Whale House collection including the Rain-wall Screen, and four totemic house posts as well as other clan pieces such as Chilkat and Ravenstail weavings, spruce root baskets, bentwood boxes, carved hats, bowls, button blankets, and more. The building will also house a studio where visitors can observe native artists in action.

An upwelling of warm springs keeps the Chilkat River from freezing resulting in a late run of salmon that attracts the largest gathering of Bald Eagles in the world. The **Bald Eagle Observatory** will offer a heated indoor viewing area and boardwalk with spotting scopes and microphones to pick up the sounds of the eagles on the river flats. The facility will reduce stress on eagles and the pristine and valuable ecosystem.



Chilkat Flourishing...

Experience a
Unique Place
and
Traditional
Native Culture

Strategies:

Engage
Partners

Ensure
Sustainability

Be
Environmentally
Responsible

Implement a
Diverse
Funding Plan

Join us in these efforts to preserve our culture, protect the environment and enhance the economy- locally and regionally.

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Thank you!***



The Chilkat Indian Village and the JKHC 501-c-3 nonprofit are working closely with **partners** who share our goals. We are actively forming coalitions to enhance regional economic development and native cultural tourism in addition to sharing our traditional knowledge and arts with participants of all ages.



The JKCHC has been designed with **sustainability** in mind. A market based business plan, combined with the Comprehensive Site Development Plan, and the Environmental Assessment demonstrate that the project is economically feasible and environmentally sound.

The **business plan** projects 14 full-time and 40 part-time jobs. Existing businesses will expand their customer base and new entrepreneurial investment will be stimulated by the project. A gift shop will provide a market venue for regional native artists and for preserved traditional foods.



An Integrated Waste Management Plan which calls for use of recycled and recyclable materials and the generation of minimal waste will assure **environmental responsibility**.

A public/private **strategy** will fund the \$6.9 million project costs. Federal, state and tribal governments, private foundations, corporations, local businesses and individual donors will be funding partners.



A unique opportunity exists to preserve the culture of the Chilkat Tlingits through the sharing of traditional knowledge, to increase economic development in the region and to provide a venue for observing the magnificent Bald Eagles as they congregate to feed in the warm springs of the Chilkat River. We invite you to join us in this exciting project.

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