



Jesse Lee Home, Seward

Founded in 1923, this property was home for displaced children throughout Alaska, including many affected by tuberculosis. When opened, Reverend Dunlap proclaimed that all would be treated equality at the facility, regardless of race, a first for the nation. In 1927, a 13-year-old resident, Benny Benson, designed the Alaska state flag.

4th Avenue Theatre

A prominent Deco style landmark located in the heart of downtown Anchorage, this theater was completed in 1947. It is significant for its association with Austin "Cap" Lathrop and as the best example of Art Deco style in Alaska.



Coastal Archaeological Sites, Statewide

Although great efforts have been recently made to save sites, still, many Alaska

coastal sites are being actively destroyed by erosion, a result of sea level rise, storm surges, and increased wave energy due to climate change. Erosion may expose archaeological remains, resulting in damage to the materials as well as increased chances of looting.

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Leonhard Seppala House

This is the house that Leonhard Seppala lived in while he was in Nome Alaska during the 1925 Diptheria Epidemic that threated the population of Nome. It was also the house that Leonhard lived in while he owned Balto, Togo and Fritz; the dogs that ran the famed Serum Race to Nome. The building itself is fully intact but in need of total repair.



Stevenson Hall, Sheldon Jackson School Campus, Sitka

One of six buildings designed in 1910 by the New York architecture firm of Ludlow and Peabody. Constructed in 1911, Stevenson Hall contributes to the Sheldon Jackson School National Historic Landmark, which is recognized as the oldest educational institution in Alaska. The National Park Service is an active partner and consultant in the preservation work. In 2016 and 2017 held “Vanishing Treasures” workshops.



Pioneer School House, Anchorage

After Anchorage Woman’s Club formed in 1914, it built the first schoolhouse within two months. The building was outgrown and became Pioneer Hall. After the 1964 earthquake, it was saved from demolition and moved to its current location on donated property. Recent earthquakes in December 2018 caused new damage. Costs to repair are being developed.



**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 the period of time.



Government Hill, Anchorage

The building was constructed in 1952 by

the Alaska Railroad Engineering Department (Probably) as a social club for employees and youth. In 1964 the 4 acre lot and two buildings were leased to the City of Anchorage for recreational purposes. It was restored and brought to code in 1981. The club has had a lease with the MOA since 1988. The Council maintained and used the building until spring of 2018.



**Bristol Bay Wooden Fishing Boats
Naknek, King Salmon, & Egegik**

The collection at the Bristol Bay Museum ranges from two 1930's sailboat, 1940's “conversions” (first sailboats with engines), first conversions with stand up cabin, the first conversions with the closed in cabin, on up to the last of the 1972 American Commercial, and a large collection of Bryants. Funds are needed to house these boats.

**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 still needed.