

The common elements of a good quality of life in Sitka:

Sense of Place	Sustainable Equitable Diverse Economy	Participatory Responsive Leadership	Healthy Natural Environment	Safe and tolerant community	Community Support Services and Infrastructure	Subsistence Lifestyle	Diverse Lifestyle Choices	Community wellness	Cultural and Civic Institutions
Distinct city identity	Economic and financial security	Participatory, visionary, representative government	High quality of natural environment	Safe environment	Cheap electricity and water	Subsistence hunting, fishing, food gathering	Opportunities for recreation and exercise	Healthy population – mental, physical, social	Advocates, programs for youth
	Meaningful employment opportunities	Participatory civil government	Healthy natural environment	Safe, just, non-violent community	Transportation options – airport, ferry, bus, etc.	Economic benefits/ contribution of subsistence hunting/ fishing/ gathering	Maintain small town feel – population stability		Lots of volunteers
	Affordable housing	Community support for/ recognition of non-governmental leaders	Pristine environment – water, air, ocean, trails	Tolerant and accepting – no bigotry	Local availability of affordable goods and services	Natural environment sustains subsistence	Lots of time		Rich cultural and social environment
	Sustainable, stable, just, diversified economy	People/ community friendly and responsible	Close to uncrowded wild areas	Valued as an individual person	Quality medical care	Cultural legacy/ values of subsistence	Simple lifestyle		Plenty of entertainment options
					Harbors		Ability to walk or bike anywhere in town		High quality education
							Creative energetic residents		Care and programs for elders and elderly
							Spiritual and cultural diversity		
							Outdoor recreation opportunities		
							Low traffic		

The Stakeholder group was asked the question: What are the common elements of a good quality of life in Sitka? The Stakeholders brainstormed and grouped the items in the boxes. Next they named each of the groups. Those names, in bold, are the answer to the question.