Newtok's current village site on the Bering Sea coast is threatened by flooding and erosion. The community will be relocating to the Mertarvik site on a high hill farther from the water's edge. The MERTARVIK COMMUNITY LAYOUT PLAN will guide the new village site's development.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES
A community meeting was held on December 13, 2006 to identify the community's goals for the Mertarvik Community Layout Plan. The community's wishes are summarized below.

Goal 1: Provide access to the natural environment
Create connectors to the setting and provide access to subsistence resources, including hunting and berry picking areas.

Goal 2: Preserve traditional culture
Maintain Newtok's traditional way of life including dancing and learning from the elders.

Goal 3: Use reliable, affordable and sustainable infrastructure
Provide connections to subsistence resources such as caribou and berry patches and provide access to marine and terrestrial environments.

Planning Level Cost Planning

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Cost Estimate

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