



Alaska's Capital Move Efforts: O Ye, of Little Faith

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Captives in Lala Land...



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Once upon a time, the people of Alaska voted to move the state capital out of the backwater Southeast community of Juneau. By a vote of 46,659 to 35,683 a 1974 voter initiative *Relocating and Constructing a New Capital* called for the construction of the new capital *at one of two or three sites nominated by a selection committee appointed by the Governor...Construction must allow movement of offices to begin by October 1, 1980.* A follow-up 1976 public initiative *Capital Site Selection* resulted in selection of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough community of Willow as the chosen location of the new capital. Of 105,558 votes split three ways for choosing where the people of Alaska wanted the capital moved to, 56,219 (53%) wanted it on the road system in Willow.

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Many Alaskans had believed their elected officials would do what they were directed to do—move the capital to Willow.

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In 1970 Willow had a population of 78. [3]

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That is why the Capital never relocated, Southeast Alaska interests rallied and some elsewhere lost faith.

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In Willow, Alaska, I met many residents as I passed out turkeys at the Willow Methodist Church in 1970. Willow, Alaska



A family takes home a Thanksgiving meal in Willow, Alaska

Willow is a small town in the state of Alaska, located in the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve. It is a small town with a population of approximately 100 people. The town is known for its beautiful scenery and outdoor recreation opportunities. Willow is a small town with a population of approximately 100 people. The town is known for its beautiful scenery and outdoor recreation opportunities.

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In the 2010 census, Willow had a population of 2,102, which is an increase of 352 people over the 2000 census. Its median household income in 2010 was \$50,614, and its median age is 40.9 years. The town is located in the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve, which is a large area of public land in Alaska.

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Back then only 35% of the voters had faith that the price was worth it.

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Population of 2015, Juneau reached a population of 6,200 in 1970, 7,041 by 1980. Had 2010 the population of 9,128 in 1990. [5]

Estimated median income of Juneau households today is \$87,436—17% higher than the Alaska average. [6]

Willow, this capital has 40 years and here different Alaska would be difficult to not invest in moving

- [1]<http://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/info/capmove.htm>
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- [4]<http://www.city-data.com/city/Willow-Alaska.html>
- [5]<https://population.us/ak/juneau/>
- [6]<https://www.areavibes.com/juneau-ak/employment/>
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