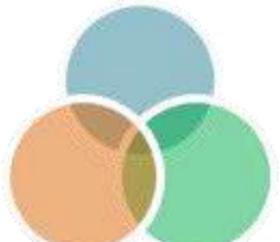


Natural	Economic/Infrastructure	Social/Cultural/Human
<p>Quality and easy access to outdoor activities including walking, hiking, kayaking, beaches, parks, playgrounds, camping, hot springs, etc</p> <p>Hydro power</p> <p>Recreational use areas in town (and out of town, accessible by boat)</p> <p>Hot springs nearby</p> <p>Weather is mild all year</p> <p>Fresh water supply and the ability to generate our own power</p> <p>Fish, fishing industry</p> <p>Unmatched beauty</p> <p>Natural resources: bulk water, fish, timber (????)</p> <p>Sustainable power</p> <p>Our natural resources including the beauty surrounding us, fresh water, fish, excess hydroelectric capacity</p> <p>Awesome beauty</p> <p>Natural resources</p> <p>Quality of life</p> <p>Access to subsistence resources and local foods</p> <p>Seafood</p> <p>Forest products</p> <p>Minerals</p> <p>Rock</p> <p>Natural beauty</p> <p>Wildlife</p> <p>Ocean</p> <p>Fresh Water</p> <p>Clean environment</p>	<p>Airport, Daily Jet Service</p> <p>Sawmill Cove Industrial Park</p> <p>GigE Bandwidth (fiber)</p> <p>2 barge lines</p> <p>UAS/SSSC</p> <p>HUB Zone</p> <p>Short drive times</p> <p>Amenities of larger community</p> <p>Education (arts, higher, cultural, secondary including MEHS)</p> <p>Walkability of community, very bike and walk friendly</p> <p>Local ownership of businesses has created year-round involvement in the community from the business sector</p> <p>Infrastructure for hosting larger events/conferences</p> <p>Accessible by boat and plane (delta now flying into Sitka in the summer)</p> <p>Deep water ocean, Deep water dock</p> <p>Existing annual events (Alaska Day, Summer Music fest, 4th of July, etc)</p> <p>Very strong local arts scene</p> <p>Sitka Fine Arts Camp</p> <p>Strong entrepreneurial population</p> <p>Diverse industries: seafood, tourism/visitor industry, SEARHC/health care, Government</p> <p>4 banks, 1 credit union; We have access to capital</p> <p>Strong local food community (Sitka local food network, Sitka food co-op, etc)</p> <p>A public transit system to help hold down cost of living</p> <p>We're a regional educational and health care powerhouse - two hospitals, MEHS, SSD, Fine Arts Camp, SSSC, SSMF</p> <p>No big-box stores means most stores have local ownership</p> <p>We're still a real community (not a show town for the cruise ship visitors).</p> <p>Medical community</p> <p>Health care, 2 hospitals</p> <p>Fishing fleet</p> <p>Tourism infrastructure</p> <p>Arts appreciation and instruction</p> <p>Our 100+ non-profits are a tremendous asset.</p> <p>Our relatively inexpensive hydroelectric power is an asset, as is the potential for selling bulk water from Blue Lake.</p> <p>Our outdoor recreation opportunities (trails, fishing, boating) are a secure, long-term asset. We will always have a tourism economy, unless access to Baranof Island goes away.</p> <p>Commercial fishing is a mainstay of our economy and will also likely always be so.</p> <p>Quality of life also means a simplified transportation network that includes non-motorized facilities (we are a silver bikeable and bronze walkable community).</p> <p>We are also a Tree City and a beautiful downtown with trees and landscaping, greenspace and parks is important.</p> <p>No big-box stores means most stores have local ownership</p>	<p>Sitka has a very strong ability to stand together in a crisis. When it comes to the mundane aspects of running city government, the interest wanes.</p> <p>Summer farmers market</p> <p>1st the people very generous and caring.</p> <p>Resilient community</p> <p>Engaged citizenry</p> <p>Rich pre and post contact history</p> <p>Willingness to include newcomers to community</p> <p>Care for the seniors and elders living here. Caring people.</p> <p>Tolerance of diversity</p> <p>Willingness to pitch in in case of an emergency – an emergency everyone can clearly “see” (Not the long term emergency fiscal situations, etc. –takes a long time to “see” those—blinded by economic self-interest.)</p> <p>Non-Profit agencies willing to work-with or without city support -- to better the community and make Sitka a safe, healthful, and culturally rich place to live—also to expand economic opportunity</p> <p>Nonprofit and health agencies that provide a tier of the services and safety nets that might otherwise be the concern of a municipal or county government</p> <p>Our creative and resourceful people, our rich cultures and history</p> <p>Lots of community-involved residents (volunteerism)</p> <p>Sitka Health Summit has helped community focus on health and wellness</p> <p>There are lots of smart, creative, talented people living in Sitka.</p> <p>It is a culturally and economically diverse community.</p> <p>People put aside political differences when faced with a crisis, i.e. the landslide.</p> <p>Sitkans are generous with their time, talents and money.</p> <p>I think that the community has a high value for recreation and quality of life and has provided for these ideals well. These are also Sitka’s key assets.</p> <p>Quality of life includes access to subsistence resources and local foods, culture and art, and a variety of healthy activities.</p> <p>A community that appreciates itself</p> <p>Autonomy, to some degree</p> <p>An intellectual and artistic outpost</p> <p>Sitka is resilient.</p> <p>Sitka is a very diverse community, and it showed its resilience after the closure of the pulp mill. I think this can be attributed to its diverse economy and many employment opportunities in fishing</p> <p>Sitka resident are here to stay and don't run off at the first sign of economic adversity.</p> <p>Citizen support, knowledge, and civility should help this process.</p> <p>History and culture</p> <p>Arts</p> <p>Community Events</p>
	<div data-bbox="1090 191 1756 393" style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>People’s Words on Sitka Assets + Strengths</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="2169 1683 2890 1925" style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Yes, there IS overlap among these categories of Sitka “capital”</p> </div>