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Project: Green Building Salvage Project

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Project Objective:

To environmentally-friendly demolish and salvage an old cleaned up and "shelled" school building. Rather than end up at the community dump, the salvaged lumber will be re-used by community for various activities (repairing smokehouses, steam-baths, making flowerboxes, etc.).

Results:

- Community meetings to educate and promote participation in project
- Providing employment for local residents (workforce capacity development).
- Dismantling, sorting and staging for community collection of materials.
- Firewood (untreated) for heating source delivered to families
- Lumber separated and staged for reuse in various construction projects in village, to include: steam-bath houses and fish smoke houses.

Benefits:

- This project demonstrated what can be done with many of the abandoned buildings that are of great concern in communities across rural Alaska.
- Recycling and reusing materials that would have ended in local EkuK dumpsite; thus saving space.
- Habitat will have chance to return to natural state.
- Abandoned building no longer "eye-sore" and dangerous place to "hang-out"

Lessons Learned:

- More wood could have been salvaged if a drying process was included.
- No need to worry about re-seeding the area. The native grasses flourished once again at the site.

EkuK Green Salvage of Old BIA School



Community outreach and education



View of old, old BIA school (1950s)



Interior view



Father and son receiving firewood



Dismantled lumber being staged for re-use