Kilkich Area Plan
Steering Committee & Tribal Council Workshop
September 9, 2026

Attendees

Project Team: Fauna Hill, Kate Strathdee, Marissa Meek, Matt Jensen
Consultant Team: Steve Faust, Ken Pirie, John Lazur, Nick Gross, Cameron Blakely, Maia Wiseman
Steering Committee: Don Garrett, Debbie Dennis, Kyle Viksnehill, Ray Doering, Scott Mickelson
Tribal Council: Chair Meade, Tony DiBenedetto, Shelley Estes, Jackie Chambers, Jen Proctor Andrews

Welcome & Timeline Activity

- Participants introduced themselves and shared something positive about the person seated next to them.
- Chair Meade welcomed the group and emphasized the importance of the Kilkich Area Plan.
- Fauna reviewed the agenda, objectives, roles, and meeting guidelines.
- Marissa and Fauna facilitated the timeline activity.
- Participants reviewed historical events, discussed placement, and identified additional events for future inclusion.

Preferred Alternative Presentation

- Ken Pirie reviewed the North and South Parcels, existing community assets, opportunities for growth, and the eleven planning areas.
- Planning criteria included housing, tribal operations, neighborhood amenities, natural areas, transportation, commercial opportunities, agriculture, and operational facilities.
- The Preferred Alternative was developed using project team input and community engagement feedback.
- Fauna noted that community feedback generally favored locating housing and services near existing housing, programs, and community facilities.
- Jen Proctor Andrews asked whether transportation access and proximity to services were considered during community engagement.
- Fauna explained transportation-specific questions were not included because planning had not yet reached that level of detail.
- Engagement feedback indicated members preferred locations connected to existing Tribal lands, services, and facilities.
- Kate Strathdee noted that safety concerns related to Cape Arago Highway and surrounding roadways were also identified during engagement activities.

Preferred Alternative Phasing

Phase	Components
Phase 1 (2027-2031)	Area 8 infrastructure improvements; Area 9 cultural programs and services; Area 11 housing (20 units, including at least 10 elder units), community amenities, recreation, programs and services, and operations facilities
Phase 2 (2032-2036)	Area 5 Tribal Government / Light Industrial uses; Area 11 approximately 60 additional housing units; Area 2 future economic development opportunities; transportation improvements
Phase 3 (2037-2039)	Area 11 20+ additional housing units; Area 10 recreation and agriculture opportunities; transportation improvements

Discussion

- Community engagement generally favored keeping housing, programs, and services near existing community assets.
- Area 10 generated discussion regarding recreation, camping, and agricultural opportunities.
- Members emphasized using broad language such as recreation rather than identifying specific facilities.
- Tony shared that members generally supported camping opportunities but not a commercial campground or KOA-style facility.
- Chair Meade recommended avoiding overly specific terminology when discussing future concepts.
- Participants discussed the importance of ensuring future development continues to serve the entire Tribal membership regardless of where members live.
- Chair Meade emphasized that Kilkich serves as the center of programs and services while supporting citizens living throughout the service area.
- Significant future investment in Kilkich infrastructure and community facilities will be needed to support long-term growth.

Transportation Discussion

- Consultants reviewed transportation alternatives, including roadway improvements and new alignments.
- Concerns were raised that additional connections could create shortcut routes and increase traffic.
- Potential solutions discussed included gates, removable bollards, speed-control measures, visual gateways, emergency vehicle access, and shared-use pathways.
- The Steering Committee and Tribal Council supported removing Option 2 and continuing evaluation of Option 1.
- Members emphasized walking paths, bicycle infrastructure, multi-use trails, and safe routes for families.

- Phase 2 transportation included connections to the North Parcel.
- Phase 3 transportation included a potential connection from Cape Arago Highway to Libby Lane via Tarheel Reservation Road.

Closing Comments

- Chair Meade emphasized the importance of maintaining roadway lighting and community safety.
- The group discussed the importance of presenting Kilkich as a resource for the entire Tribal membership regardless of where members live.
- Consultants indicated they would return with additional options and refinements for future discussion.
