

2016 RurAL CAP Weatherization Program



RurAL CAP provides weatherization services to homes in northern and western Alaska, Juneau and Anchorage. Weatherization is the Division's longest-standing program. The focus of weatherization is to increase the energy-efficiency, safety, comfort and life expectancy of the homes. A customized assessment is made of each home to determine what improvements will best meet these goals.

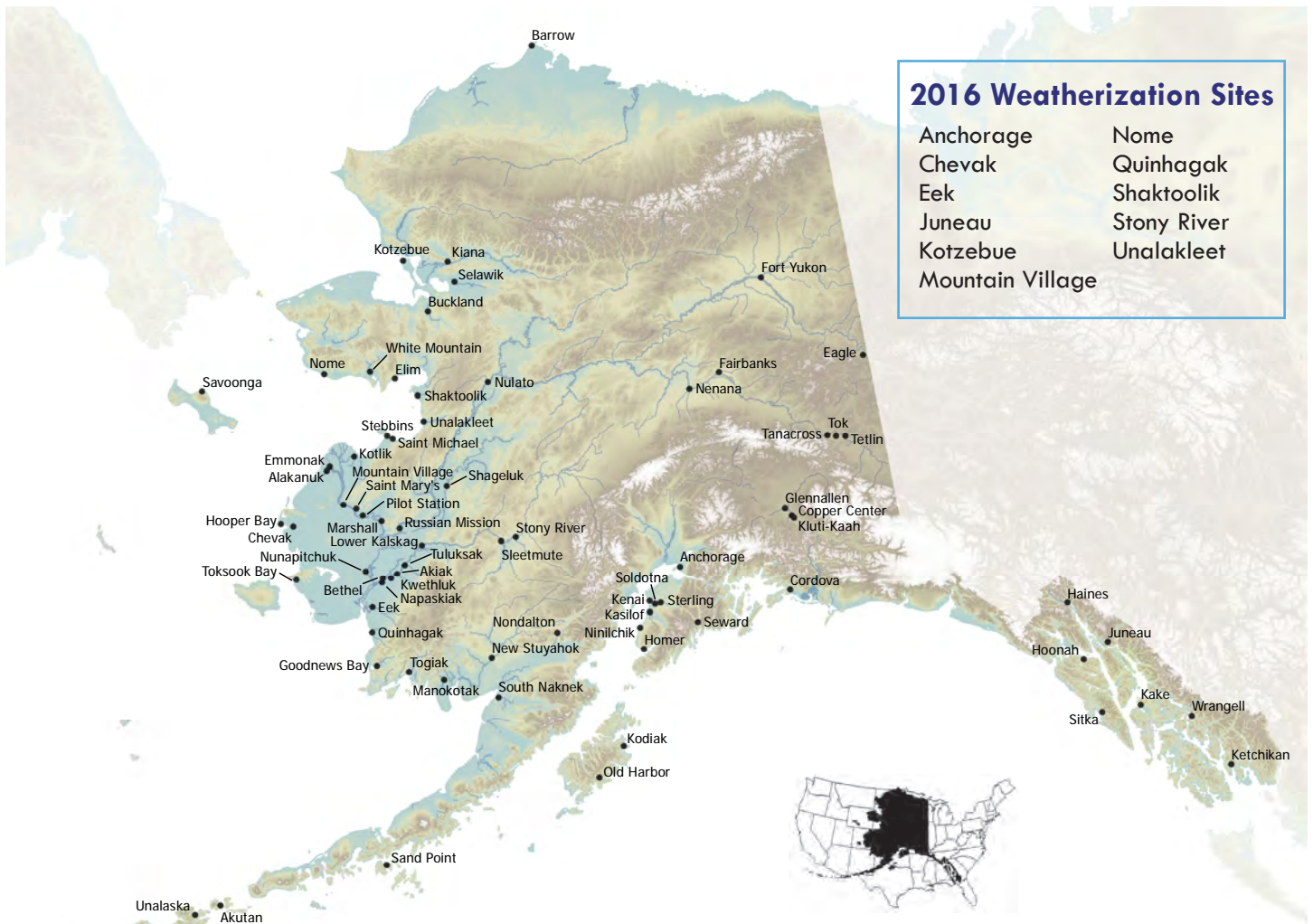
Typical improvements include the caulking and sealing of windows and doors, adding insulation to walls, floors and ceilings, and improving the efficiency of heating systems. By making homes more energy-efficient, families spend less for heating, freeing up more household income for other basic necessities.

2015 Results

- Weatherized 496 homes in 8 communities
 - 154 homes weatherized in 6 rural communities
 - 58 units weatherized in Juneau
 - 284 units weatherized in Anchorage
- 288 homes served by the weatherization program increased their energy rating by at least two stars.
- 496 weatherization customers received client education on energy conservation, awareness of energy-wasters in the home.
- 68 seniors and Alaskans who experience disabilities were assisted through the Senior Access and the DHSS Home Modifications programs.
- Due to the rapidly-growing proportion of seniors in Alaska, coupled with deteriorating housing conditions in rural communities, RurAL CAP has layered four separate programs – Weatherization, Senior Access, Home Modifications and USDA 504 grants – in communities where Weatherization services were already underway.



A home in Quinagak is weatherized. Before at left and after is at right.



A handicapped-accessible shower was installed in Kotzebue through the Home Modification Program. This program works in conjunction with the Weatherization Program.