

# ABG Overview

- Alaska Botanical Garden is a 501c3 nonprofit
- ABG opened in July 1993 in East Anchorage on 80 acres of Heritage Land Bank land
- 55-Year Muni lease, 2003-2058
- Site partnership (parking) with Benny Benson Secondary School



# Current Board of Directors

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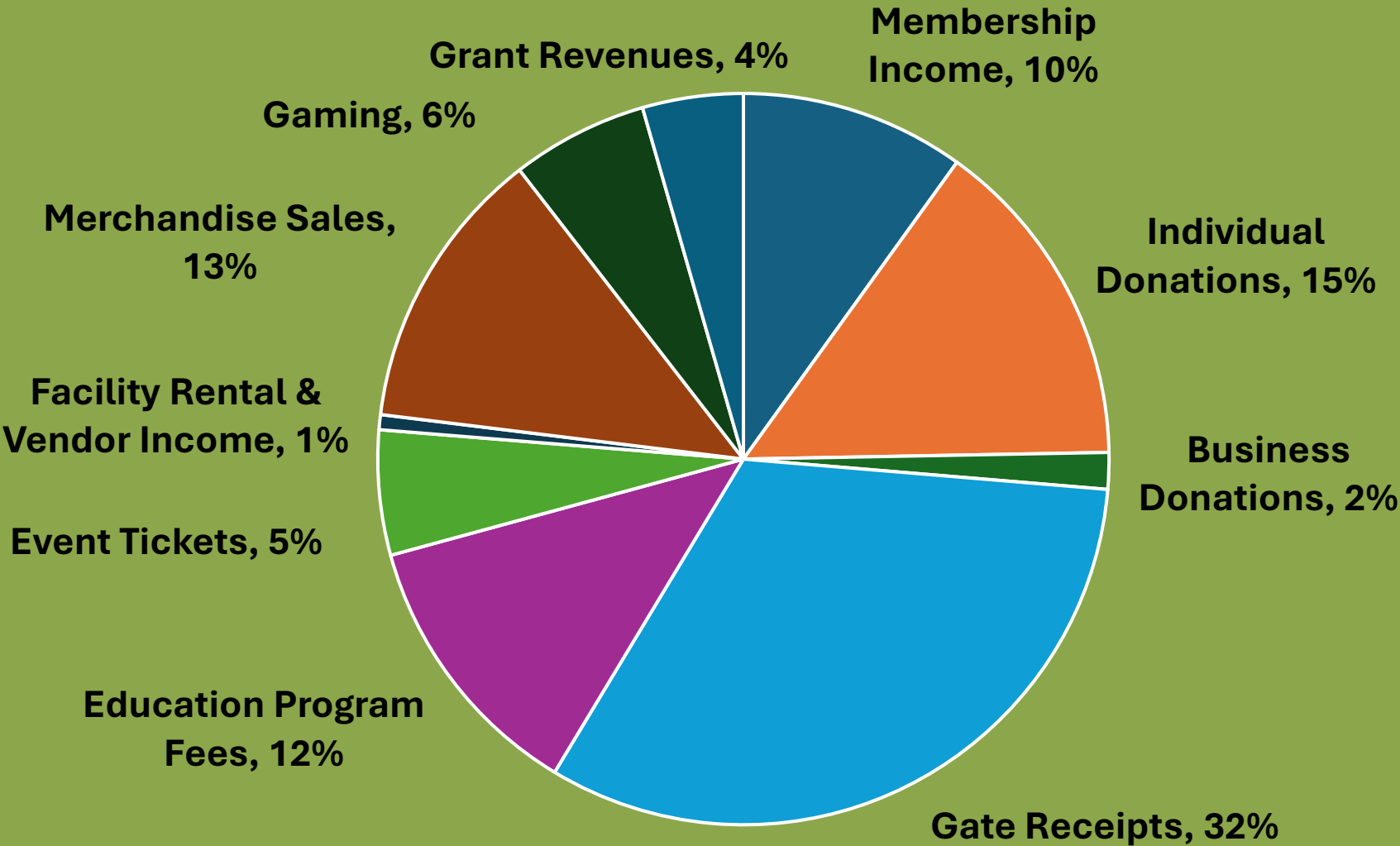
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# Current Staff

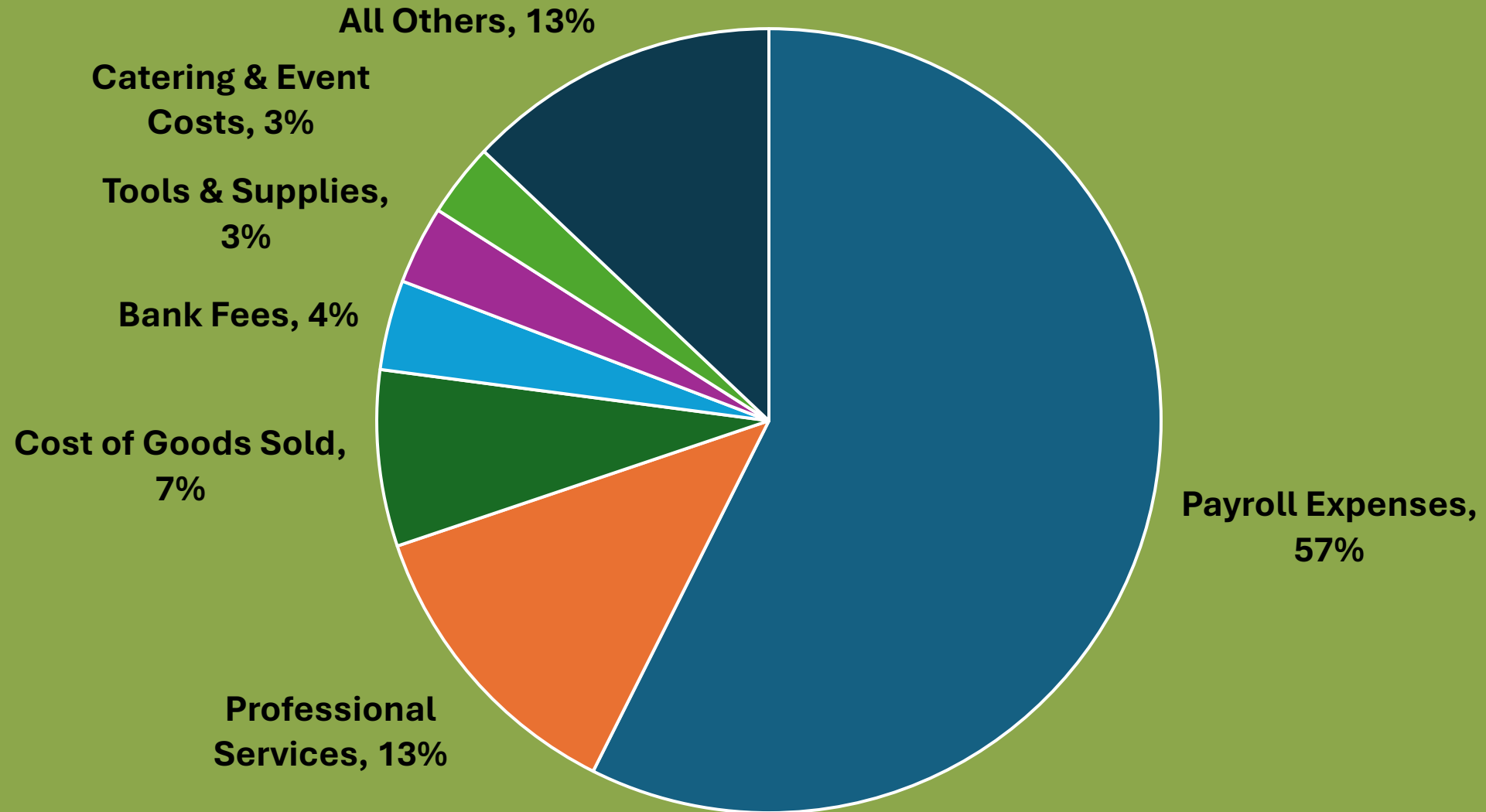
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5-10 Seasonal Staff

# 2024 REVENUE \$1.23M

80% Earned



# 2024 EXPENSES \$1.23M



# HORTICULTURE

Rock Garden

Perennial Gardens

Herb Garden

Food & Propagation Area

Verna Pratt Wildflower Trail

\* National *Meconopsis* Collection

Guided Gardening CSA

Retail Nursery

# EVENTS & THEMES

Winter Holiday Lights  
Ice Sculpture Competition  
Mother's Day  
Plant Sale Season  
Wine in the Woods  
Beer in the Garden  
BOOtanical  
Mud/Fossil Days  
Limited Private Events

# EDUCATION

Summer Camp

Garden in the Schools

Schools in the Garden

Horticulture Therapy

Fossil Day

Mud Day

Storytime

Spring Conference

Workshops





**SUMMER  
CAMP  
150 kids**







# SUMMER CAMP





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**HORT THERAPY**



# GUIDED GARDENING CSA

## 41 Families







# WORKSHOPS

## 1-2 / Month





# WINE IN THE WOODS





**BEER IN THE GARDEN  
TODAY, SEPT 4!**





# MOTHER'S DAY





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# ICE SCULPTURE COMPETITION





# WINTER LIGHTS





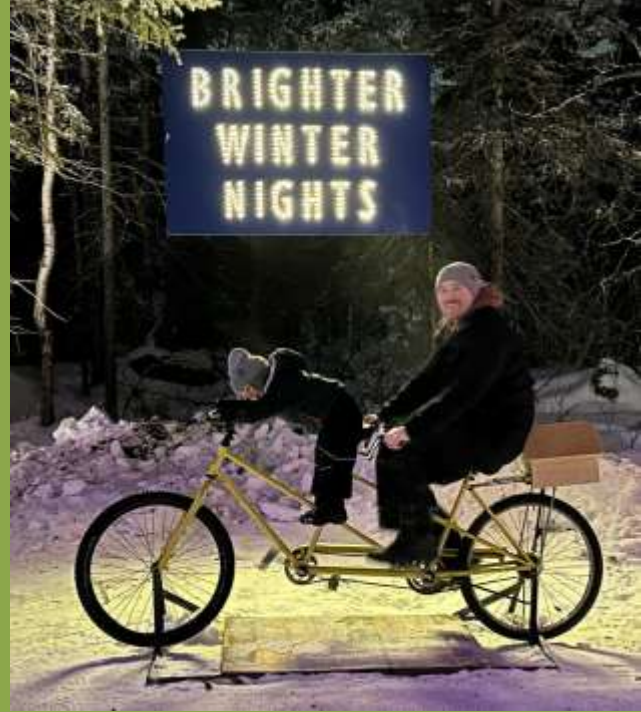


## WINTER LIGHTS





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# VOLUNTEERS





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GCI Gives  
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Paul's Tree Service  
Rasmuson Foundation  
Republic Ntnl Distribution Co

# Need for Expansion

- Current facilities and infrastructure are not designed or sufficient for year-round operations
  - Overcrowded staff space (codes)
- No fire suppression
  - Prevents additional structures of any size
- Temporary tents and shelters
- Parking lot fills for events – no overflow option





# Expansion Plan

2024 – Agnew::Beck conducted a feasibility study for expansion options

- Demonstrates that ABG can operate an expansion of either size
- \$10M Education Center (smaller facility)
- \$16M Visitor Center (larger, maximizes rentals)



# Expansion Plan – Education Center (\$10M)

- Parking
- Fire Suppression + Utilities
- Children's Garden
  - Would double local memberships & tourist visits
- Education Center – 7,000 sqft, limited programs + rentals



# Expansion Plan – Full Visitor Center (\$16M)

- Parking
- Fire Suppression + Utilities
- Children's Garden
  - Would double local membership & tourist visits
- Visitor Center – 12,000 sqft, full programs + rentals



# Funding Options

- Public
  - Municipal Bond?
  - State?
  - Federal?
- Corporate
- Foundations
- Private businesses and individuals



## REFERENCE PROJECT

# Green Bay BG Children's Garden

- \$13M

- Metro Green Bay population = 329,000







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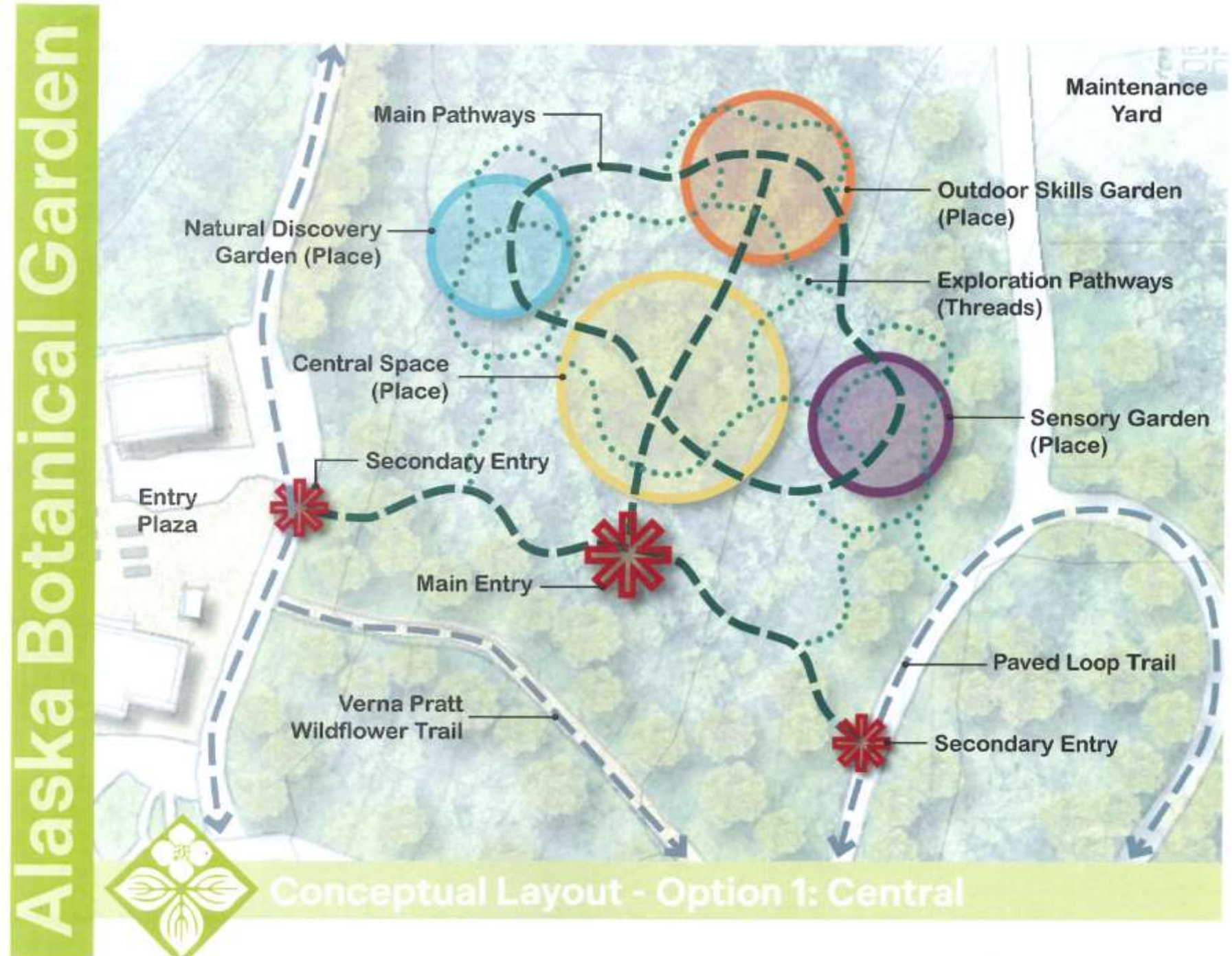
### **Cheyenne BG + Children's Garden**

- \$16M
- Cheyenne pop = 100,000
- 6<sup>th</sup> Penny Tax



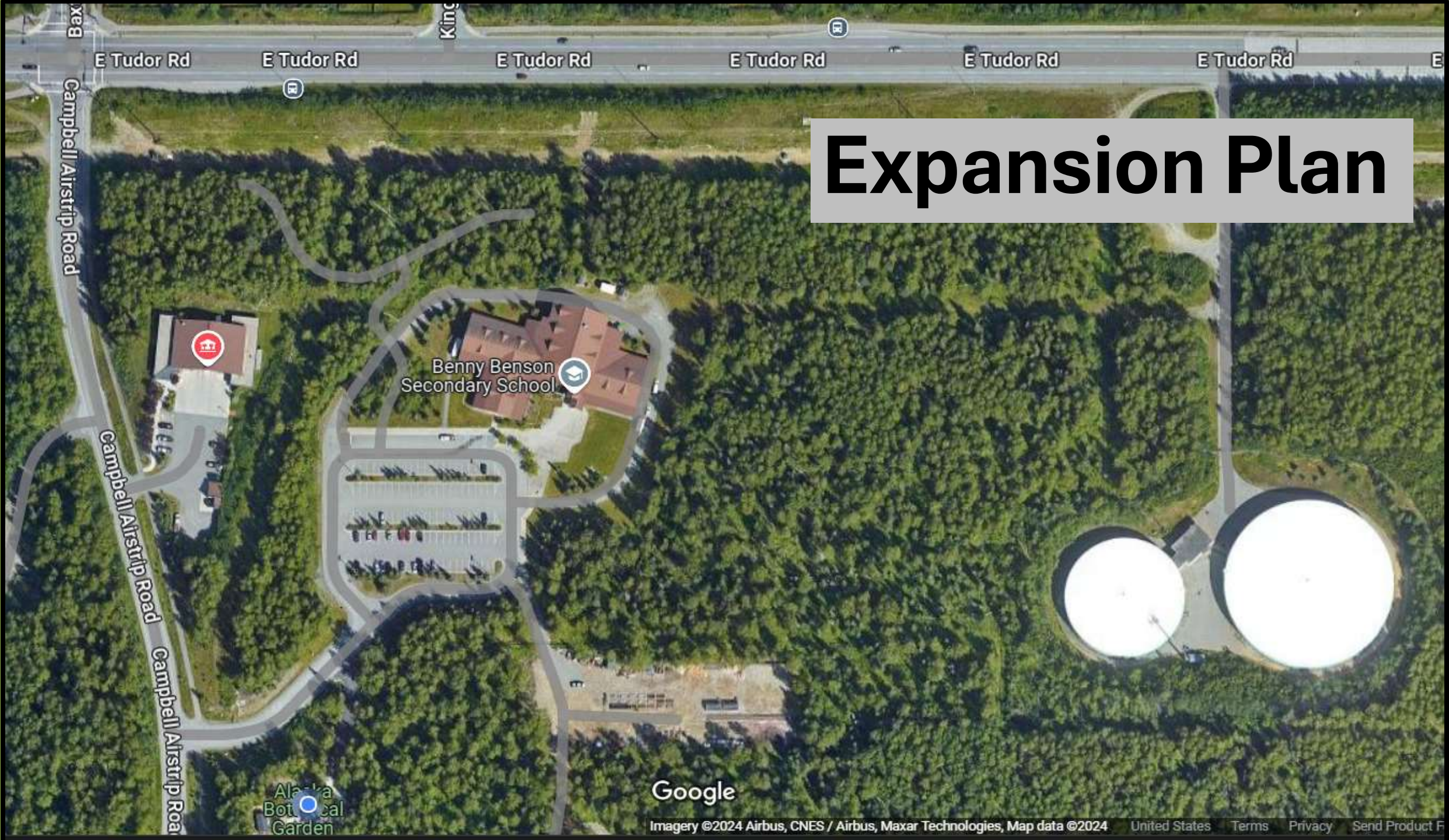


# Early stage of Children's Garden design





# Expansion Plan



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WATER LINE**

**EXTEND EXISTING  
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**NEW GARDEN  
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**CHILDREN'S  
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### **Program Partners**

- Bird TLC (site partner)
- Children's Museum
- Cooperative Extension

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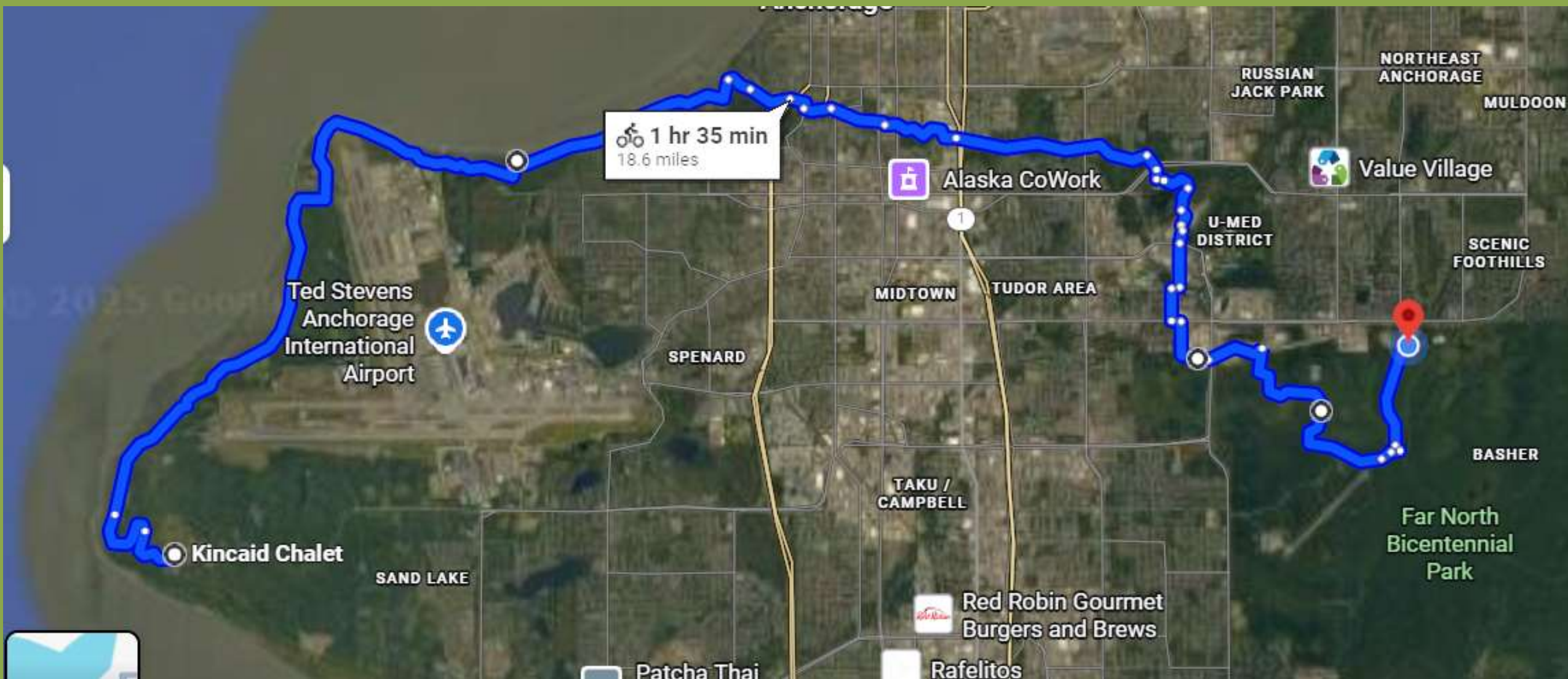


# **Project Anchorage – Four Season Trailside Facility**

“Chalet East”

Feasibility Study suggests ABG could operate this type of facility







# QUESTIONS?

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