

ASSEMBLY MEMBERS CROSS, JOHNSON & SULTE

**A0 2024-5  
AREAWIDE  
CEMETERY CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS**



# BACKGROUND

Anchorage Cemetery is running desperately low on space

- Approximately 12 burial sites remain
- Providing for burial space is an essential service

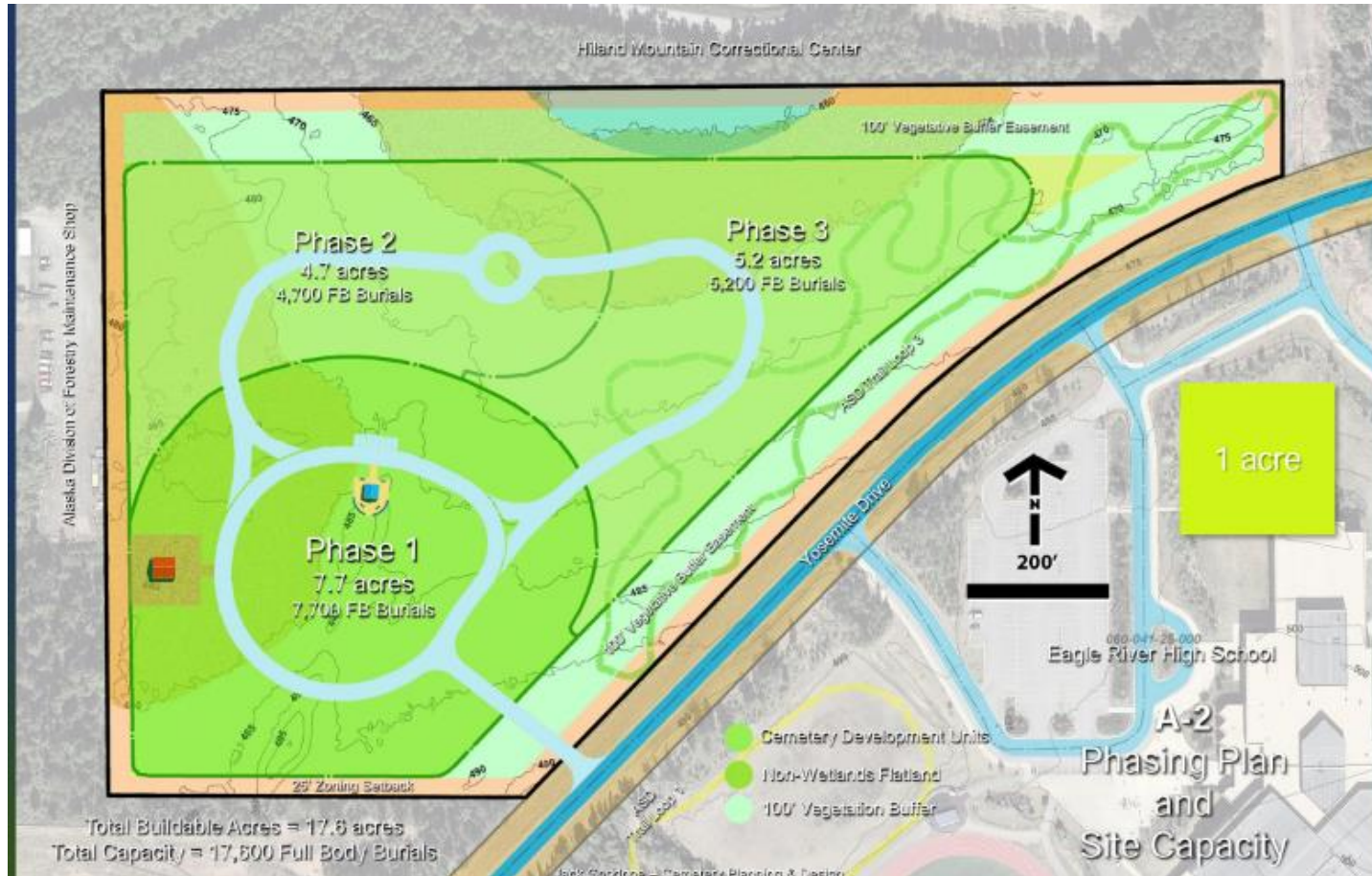


# BACKGROUND

- Both Girdwood and Eagle River have been planning and working towards this for more than a decade
- Projects are well along, with extensive scope and design work completed
- New cemeteries would be on land owned by the MOA and designated as public-use lands



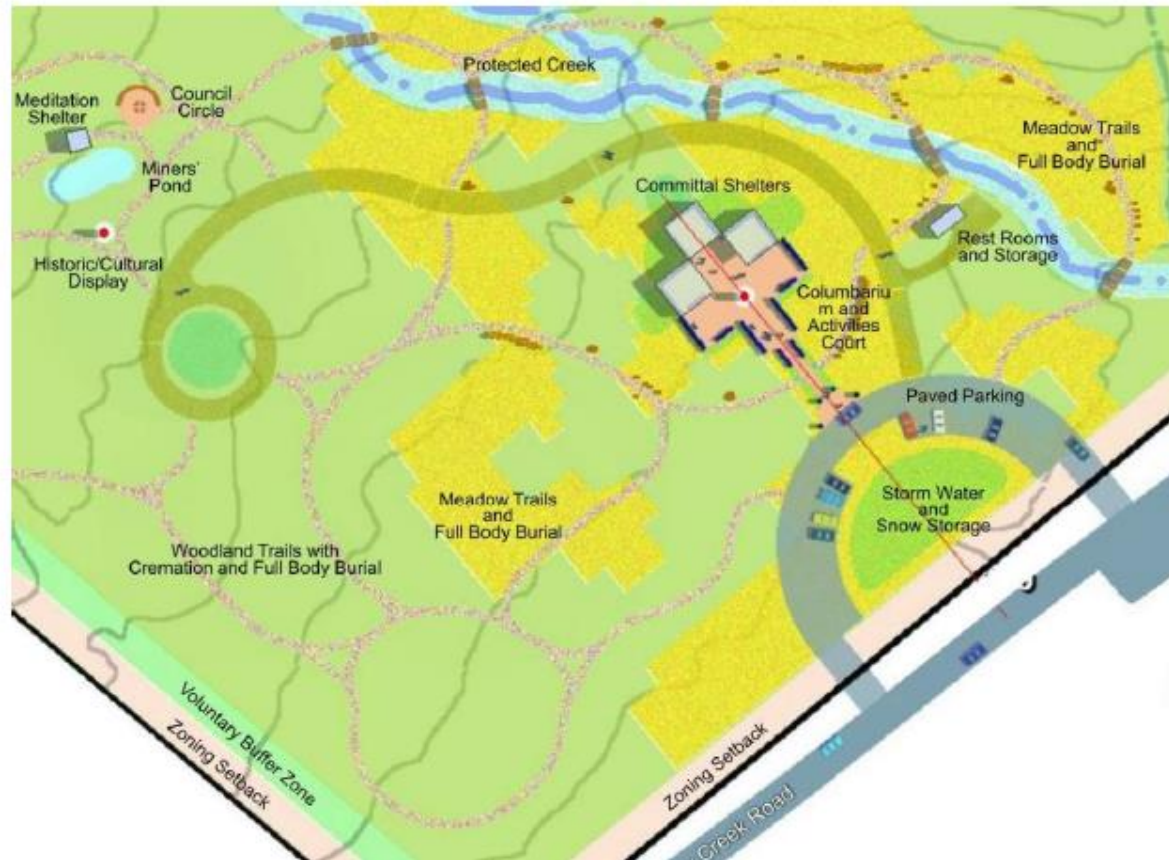
# BACKGROUND – Eagle River



- The most recent Chugiak Eagle River Comp Plan identifies development of a Community Cemetery as a public facility priority

# BACKGROUND - Girdwood

Figure 8 – Girdwood Cemetery Master Plan – Central Area and Parking



- The Girdwood Cemetery Committee held a series of meetings and an open house in 2018/2019
- A schematic report, a geotechnical investigation, and an environmental investigation have all been performed for the Girdwood site

# BACKGROUND

Other funding mechanisms have been attempted

- The Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for the Eagle River cemetery last year, but it was vetoed by the Governor.

The Assembly has, through **AO 2023-58(S)**, already established its policy position regarding these projects.

# BACKGROUND, AO 2023-58(S)

- WHEREAS, this ordinance would permit the municipality to submit to voters the question of whether to bond for the expense of constructing any new municipal cemetery; and
- WHEREAS, this ordinance would permit the municipality to levy an areawide tax to fund the operations and maintenance of existing and future cemeteries at the same level on an areawide basis; and ...

# BACKGROUND, AO 2023-58(S)

- WHEREAS, the Assembly desires to support the construction and maintenance of municipal cemeteries in the **Girdwood** and **Eagle River** areas in the near future, and provide for future cemetery needs in the **Anchorage Bowl**...



# DETAILS OF AO 2024-5

**Ballot Proposition** would ask voters whether or not the MOA should issue bonds for the purpose of financing Areawide Cemetery Capital Improvements



# AO 2024-5 PROVISIONS

Estimated cost of projects is **\$8.1 million**. The Areawide 2023 General Government CIB would be altered to include these projects:

- Anchorage Memorial Cemetery Equipment - \$100,000
- Anchorage Memorial Park - \$1 million
- Girdwood Cemetery - \$3.5 million
- Eagle River Cemetery - \$3.5 million

# THANK YOU.

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