

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEB, 4<sup>TH</sup> 2021 7 P.M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**231 W. EVERGREEN AVENUE, PALMER**  
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CHAIR  
BOARD MEMBER  
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Shannon Connelly  
Lisa Albert-Konecky  
Jo Ehmann  
Penny Mosher  
Joseph Parreira  
Marilyn Bennett  
Ryan Richard

## **AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Approval of Agenda
- E. Welcome of New Members
- F. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- G. Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - 1. Regular mtg 05Nov20
- H. Audience Participation
- I. Reports
  - 1. UWMS grant funds for Tennis Courts (Chris)
- J. Unfinished Business
  - 1. UWMS Art Trail Update (Marylin)
  - 2. Electrical Utility Box potential project discussion
- K. New Business
- L. Board Member Comments
- M. Adjournment

**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA**

**REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020  
7:00 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Palmer Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Connelly at 7:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL:**

Present and constituting a quorum were Board Members:

Shannon Connelly, Chair (via teleconference)	Heather Kelley, Vice Chair (via teleconference)
Stephanie Allen	George Hoden (via teleconference)
Marilyn Bennett	Ryan Richard

Absence(s):

Jo Ehmann (Excused without objection)

Also present were:

Chris Nall, Public Works Director  
Pam Whitehead, Recording Secretary (via teleconference).

**MOVED Connelly, SECONDED Kelley**, to appoint **Board Member Allen** as the in-person Chair for the balance of tonight's meeting. There were objections.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Main Motion: For approval of the agenda as presented.**

Moved by:	Bennett
Seconded by:	Richard
Vote:	6 Yes / 0 No / 1 Absent (Ehmann)
Action:	Motion Carried by all members present.

**E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Main Motion: For approval of the July 2, 2020 Regular Meeting, as amended, to reflect that Board Member Allen was not present (unexcused).**

Moved by:	Hoden
Seconded by:	Kelley
Vote:	6 Yes / 0 No / 1 Absent (Ehmann)
Action:	Motion Carried by all members present.

**F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Director Nall, at the request of Michele Harmeling, United Way of Mat-Su, read into the record information describing a project on which United Way of Mat-Su is working. UWMS was awarded one of three *AARP Community Challenge Grants for Alaska* and is participating to create vibrant public places by improving open spaces, parks, and activating main streets. The project is based in the City of Palmer's Parks & Recreation Master Plan for Trails, Parks, and Recreational Fields priorities. An Art Advisory Board has been convened to seek support from PRAB as well as City Council to identify ideal locations



whereupon to place permanent art pieces to reflect our area's history, culture, and uniqueness. Suggestions included the Skate Park, Babb Arboretum, Palmer Railroad Trailhead and near the Pavilion and Train Depot, as examples. UWMS will be gathering input from local seniors and elders, artists and community members as they fine-tune the process for soliciting submissions for Mat-Su Valley Artists. That will then be reviewed with a select number of artists receiving a stipend to complete the pieces of art. The total number at this time is around 5 to 6 art installations that can be funded using the existing grant. They hope to have art pieces selected and on their way to installation by spring.

UWMS is seeking one person from PRAB to be part of the Art Advisory Council for this project. Board Member Bennett volunteered.

Following brief discussion regarding the shortness of time for this project to move forward:

**Main Motion:** To Amend the Agenda to add UWMS AARP Art Grant and Art Trail Discussion under New Business.

Moved by:	Kelley
Seconded by:	Connelly
Vote:	6 Yes / 0 No / 1 Absent (Ehmann)
Action:	Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote of all members present.

## G. REPORTS:

Director Nall:

### 1. Adopt-A-Park:

- Reported current status, noting that Board Member Kelley has volunteered to take over Hagen Park;
- Solicited board members to have others they may know of to contact him to sign up.

### 2. Palmer Little League (Busbey Ballfields)

- Reported the work is pretty much completed for this year by the Palmer Little League;
- Spoke to the City's appreciation for the huge improvement to the ballfields;

### 3. Mat-Su United Way (Hagen Park)

- Updated regarding the playground equipment for Hagen Park – City took delivery this week and it will be stored in Public Works' yard for installation in the spring.

### 4. Work Plan:

- Electrical Box Coverings – Board Member Hoden updated status reporting that he and Board Member Connelly met with representatives from the Palmer Arts Council regarding how they could assist with soliciting artwork; noted they seemed interested but are nonresponsive as of yet;
- Open discussion ensued concerning development of a theme and the best way to move forward, or whether to move forward at all (3 yeses, 2 noes, 1 undecided).
- Director Nall recommended waiting until the next meeting in 2021, noting there will be three new board members to help determine whether to move forward with the project.

**H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

## I. NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. United Way of Mat-Su AARP Art Grant and Art Trail Discussion:

- Board Member Allen expounded on the information previously reported by Director Nall;
- Reported the Committee has met and started the process of determining how the process will work

- for ideas to be submitted as well as identifying locations for the art installations;
- Open discussion followed regarding the process and how to move forward;
- Board Member Bennett voiced interest in being the member from this Board to join the UWMS Art Advisory Board for the Elders City of Palmer Outdoor Art Installation Project; there were no other board members expressing interest, nor were there any objections to Board Member Bennett serving.

## **J. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Director Nall, on behalf of the City, expressed gratitude to Board Members Stephanie Allen, George Hoden, and Heather Kelly for their hard work and dedication to the City that it is very much appreciated. Thank you very much.

### **Board Member Bennett:**

- Commented on the articles she is writing and pictures she has taken of all the parks; expects to have them done before spring;
- Question: How do you ask people to volunteer when no one can go to the park because of COVID? Expressed positive outlook – We will get through winter and we'll get through COVID and in the spring all the kids can go to the playgrounds again and it will be wonderful!
- Expressed excitement about the United Way project.

### **Board Member Richard:**

- Had no comments.

### **Board Member Hoden:**

- Commented that although he is stepping down, he has appreciated the opportunity to have served with everyone; that he is proud to have been a part of this Board;
- Expressed this Board is doing good work and there are opportunities to continue to make Palmer a better city and improve our parks and trails infrastructure as well as art installations around our city.

### **Board Member Kelley:**

- Commented a big thank you to Public Works for the work done on the paved trails around town already cleared one day after a big snow;
- Expressed thank you to United Way of Mat-Su regarding the AARP Grant; thank you to Board Member Bennett for stepping up to attend the meetings; one word of advice – think about the wind in any of these installations;
- Adopt-a-Park, encourage everyone to review the list to help find people to adopt; she will continue to work to find adoptees;
- Has enjoyed walking through Hagen Park; appreciates Public Works addressing some of the issues there;
- Recommended the Board work on a recommendation to the City Council to create a half-time or fulltime position for someone dedicated to manage the Parks and Trails and Cultural Resource efforts for the City;
- Commented that she has enjoyed being this Board, has learned a lot, has enjoyed getting to know everyone, and has appreciated the efforts everyone has put into the different projects;
- Feel free to reach out to her anytime on special projects.

[Board Member Ryan Richard left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.]



**Board Member Connelly:**

- Thanked Board Member Allen for chairing the meeting;
- Expressed appreciation for each of the outgoing board members;
- Is excited seeing who will be appointed to fill the positions;
- Is looking forward to what new directions will be happening with the board starting next year.

[Board Member Connelly left the meeting at 8:31 p.m.]

**Board Member/Chair Allen:**

- Commented in appreciation of her time on the Board; she has learned so much and it has been a rewarding experience;
- Relayed that Palmer Rotary has secured a grant through Rotary International through their district opportunities for grants to be able to secure funding to resurface the tennis courts; will follow-up with Director Nall;
- Expressed appreciation for Director Nall, that is has been great working with him.

Following discussion, next meeting is February 4, 2021.

**K. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned without objection at 8:45 p.m.

**APPROVED BY the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board this 4th day of February, 2021.**

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Stephanie Allen, In-Person Chair

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Chris Nall, Public Works Director



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**2020 Annual Work Plan – Feb’21 Meeting**

2020 Activity/Project	Date Added to Work Plan	Budget Required	Staff Support Required	Project Team	Council Action Required	Status
<b>Digital (GIS) trails &amp; parks maps</b>	12/3/15					
<b>Parks Assessment and New Park Recommendations</b>	12/18/17					2020 Top 10 CIP developed, based on assessments
1. Cedar Hills subdivision playground		\$65k Property Purchase as needed	Yes		Yes, Recommendation to City Council on site locations	Development
2. Veteran & 1st Responder Walk			Yes	RR	Yes, Recommendation to City Council on routes	Discussion/Way Ahead
3. Hidden Ranch	10/04/18	TBD	Yes		Yes	
<b>Utility Box Shrink Wrap</b>	12/6/18		Yes		Yes, Need to present plan to Council	Must develop a plan and present it to the Council
<b>Trail Connectivity</b>	01/09/2020					

**Ongoing Responsibilities:**

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was created to develop, support and advise the city council on all matters pertaining to city parks, recreation and cultural programs and projects, to provide input and recommendations on issues relating to placement of memorials and plaques on city property and on the annual budget for city parks, recreation and cultural programs and projects.

**Other Work Plan ideas considered for current year or future years:**

**Communication:**



# CALLING ALL ARTISTS

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## DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Submissions will be accepted until May 1st, 2021.

Learn more at

[www.facebook.com/palmerakartrail](https://www.facebook.com/palmerakartrail). Email us at [admin@unitedwaymatsu.org](mailto:admin@unitedwaymatsu.org)

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United Way of Mat-Su  
Arts & Cultural Trail Project  
c/o Michele Harmeling, Outreach Coordinator  
550 S. Alaska St., Suite 205  
Palmer, AK 99645



United Way of Mat-Su

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS PALMER ARTS & CULTURAL TRAIL

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### Artists must be:

- Must be Alaska state residents; preference will be given to artists who reside in the Mat-Su.
- Must be able to attend meetings virtually and/or by phone conference.
- Artists unable to entirely complete their own pieces are expected to work in collaboration with another individual to successfully produce a final result for installation.
- Able to attend an installation site visit as scheduled by the Board, in and around the City of Palmer.
- Amenable to the final installation being partially or wholly in a medium other than as it was originally presented.
- Willing and able to transfer submitted work into a multimedia format, or onto a medium other than that upon which they might generally display work (for example, transfer of 2D media such as painting or drawing onto a 3D sculptural medium).

### Entry requirements:

- Include a letter of interest no longer than one page, and a resume. If your work is permanently displayed elsewhere in the Mat-Su, please list where, and what types of art.
- Be original to the submitting artist.
- Artists must submit an abstract (1-2 pages) detailing their creative approach to determining alternative mediums which suit their original work and a process by which suitable collaboration will occur. Please also list existing partnerships and resources available to you.
- Artists MAY submit multiple entries.
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United Way of Mat-Su  
Arts & Cultural Trail Project  
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550 S. Alaska St., Suite 205  
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United Way of Mat-Su

- Submissions by a group of artists are acceptable; list a primary contact and the names of your group's members in your letter of interest.
- (3) 11x17 horizontal format pages that contain the artist's conceptual illustrations of the proposed completed sculpture, any associated images and references to clarify artistic design intent and means of construction, and any images of previously completed works that qualify the artists sculptural entry.
- Be Creative! Entries showing innovation, ingenuity and a unique approach to telling the story of our community are encouraged.
- Arrive in digital form, either via the online submission portal, email, or on a thumb drive mailed to United Way of Mat-Su.

**Compensation:**

**\$1,000.00 stipend will be awarded to each of five (5) finished pieces.**

To submit your work, email the required materials to: [admin@unitedwaymatsu.org](mailto:admin@unitedwaymatsu.org).

**Deadline: May 1, 2021 at 5pm AKST.**

**Questions? Call 745-5824.**



# EXAMPLE ONLY

## Rusty Carrot

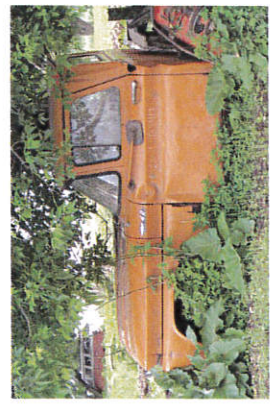
My proposal for this installation is a 10 foot tall carrot made of welded together scrap metal. The location of this sculpture is along the Shane Woods Memorial trail near the intersection of Blueberry Avenue and South Valley Way. The significance of this proposed location is that it is close to the Palmer food bank and relates to theme of agriculture in the Mat-Su valley. The sculpture is made of reclaimed metal and assembled in the abstract shape of a carrot with geometric patterns of overlaid metal pieces on a metal frame attached to a concrete base. The green leaf top of the carrot spins around when it is windy which adds a kinetic element to the stationary sculpture.



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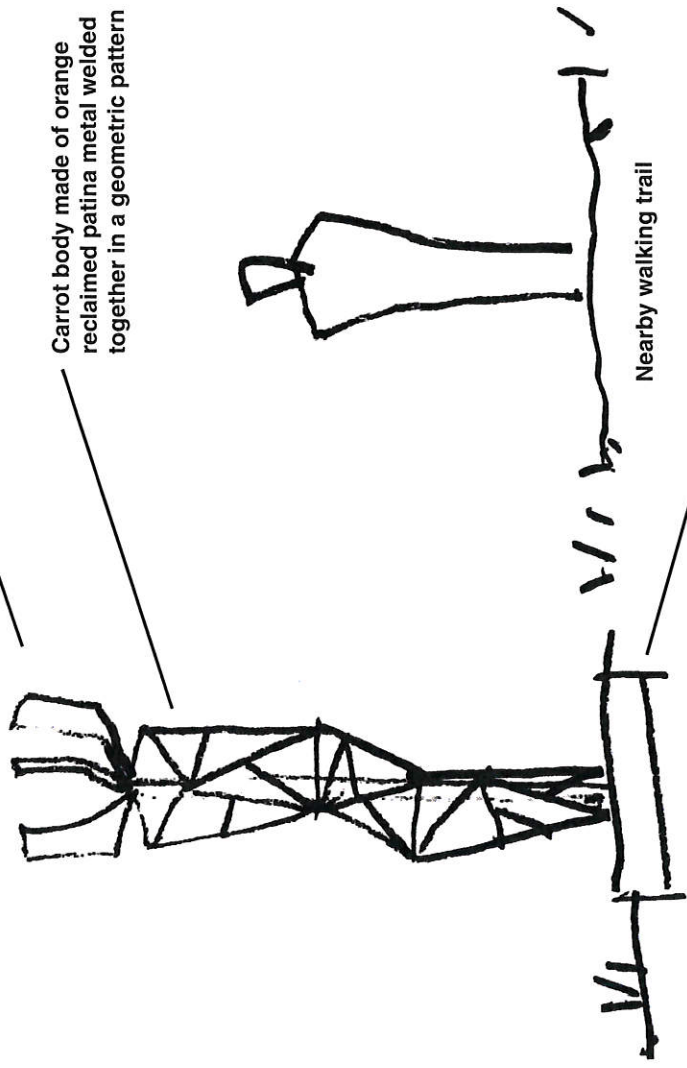
## Rusty Carrot

Example images of proposed use of scrap metal showing colors with aged patina



Green Leaf top that spins in the wind

Carrot body made of orange reclaimed patina metal welded together in a geometric pattern



Nearby walking trail

Concrete base

Concept Sketch

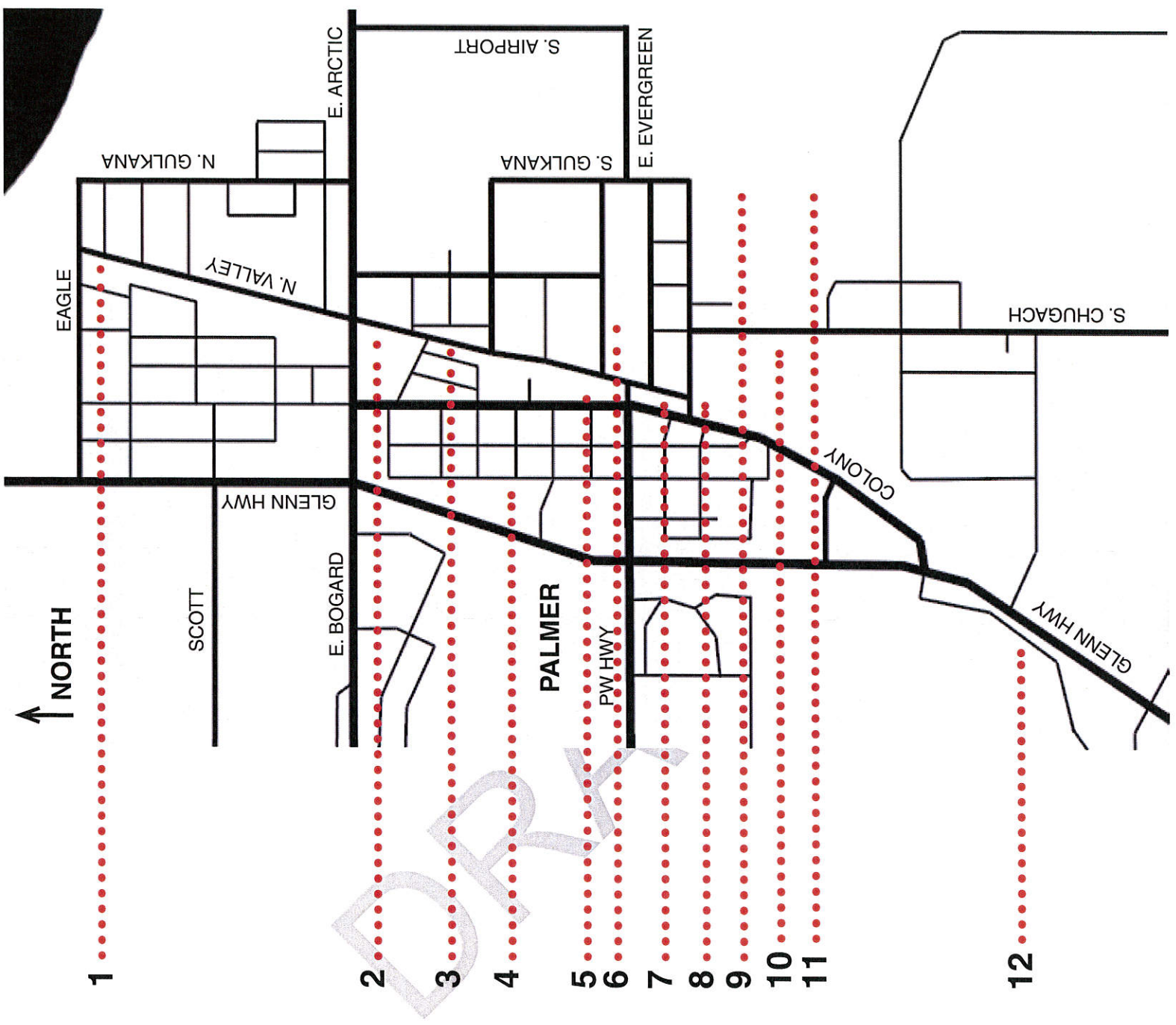
**EXAMPLE ONLY**

**Rusty Carrot**



# **PROPOSED LOCATIONS OF SCULPTURE INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF PALMER**

**A GUIDE TO APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS**



1. TRAIL HEAD AREA AT PALMER RAIL TRAIL
2. PALMER SKATE PARK
3. GREEN SPACE ALONG SHANE WOODS TRAIL CLOSE TO BLUEBERRY AVE. CROSSING
4. ABANDONED DRIVE-THRU LANE AT PALMER POST OFFICE
5. PALMER TRAIN DEPOT
6. GREEN SPACE EAST OF PALMER LIBRARY
7. PALMER PAVILION AREA
8. PIONEER HOME AREA
9. BABB ARBORETUM
10. MAT-SU SENIOR SERVICES RAIN GARDEN AREA
11. PAVED TRAIL AREA ALONG AIRPORT FENCE
12. PAVED TRAIL AREA ALONG S. MARGARET DRIVE



## TRAIL HEAD AREA AT PALMER RAIL TRAIL

### SITE LOCATION:

GREEN SPACE ADJACENT TO PARKING LOT AT SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WEST EAGLE AVENUE AND NORTH VALLEY WAY

### SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

THIS SITE IS AT THE PARKING LOT OF THE PALMER RAIL TRAIL WHICH IS A POPULAR HIKING AND BIKING TRAIL ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PALMER. THE PALMER RAIL TRAIL FOLLOWS THE ABANDONED ALASKA RAILROAD GRADE AS IT DESCENDS ALONG THE MATANUSKA RIVER TO SUTTON. THIS LOCATION LENDS ITSELF TO SCULPTURAL ART THAT IS SUGGESTIVE OF RAILROAD HISTORY, OUTDOOR ACTIVITY, KINETIC MOVEMENT, ALASKAN WILDLIFE AND NATURAL HISTORY. THIS LOCATION ALLOWS FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF LARGER SCULPTURES THAT WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH DOWNTOWN VIEW SHEDS OR TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS.





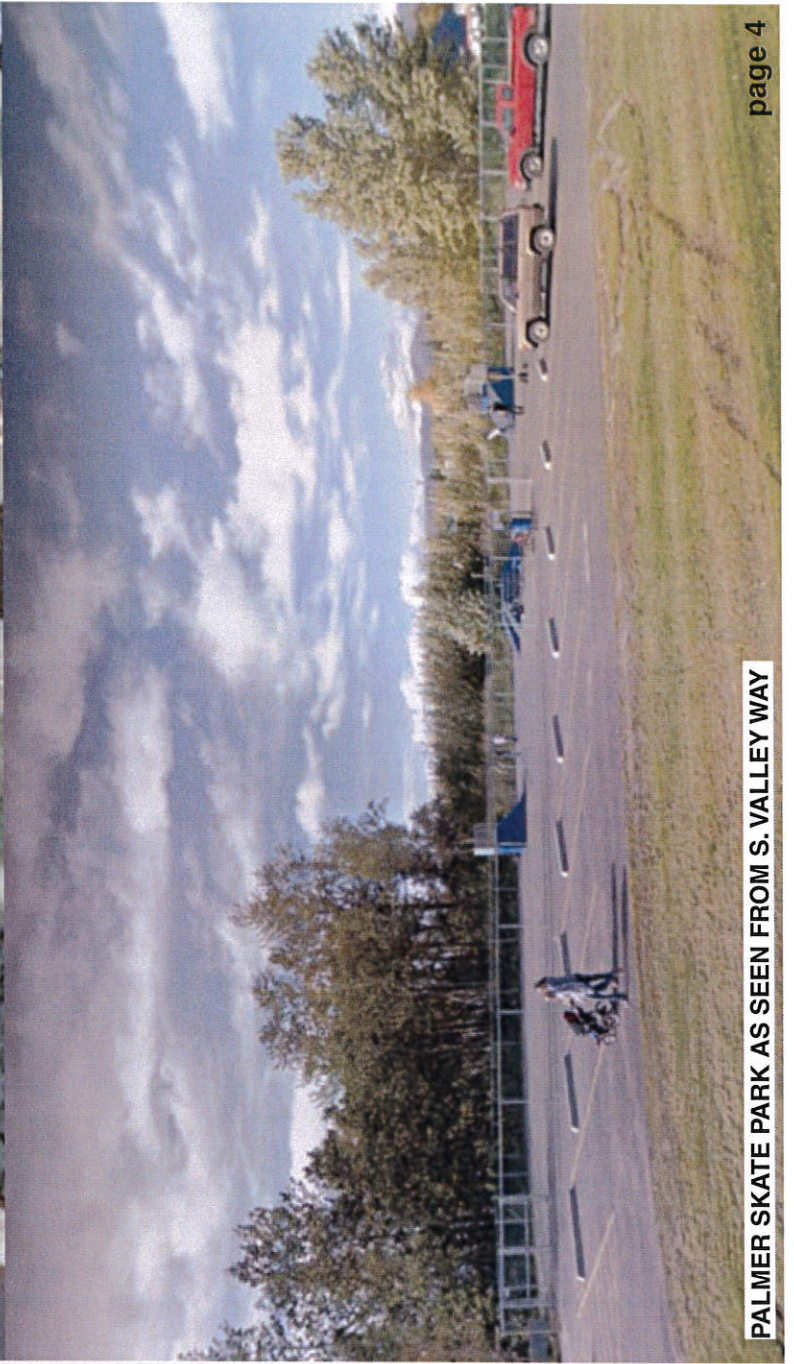
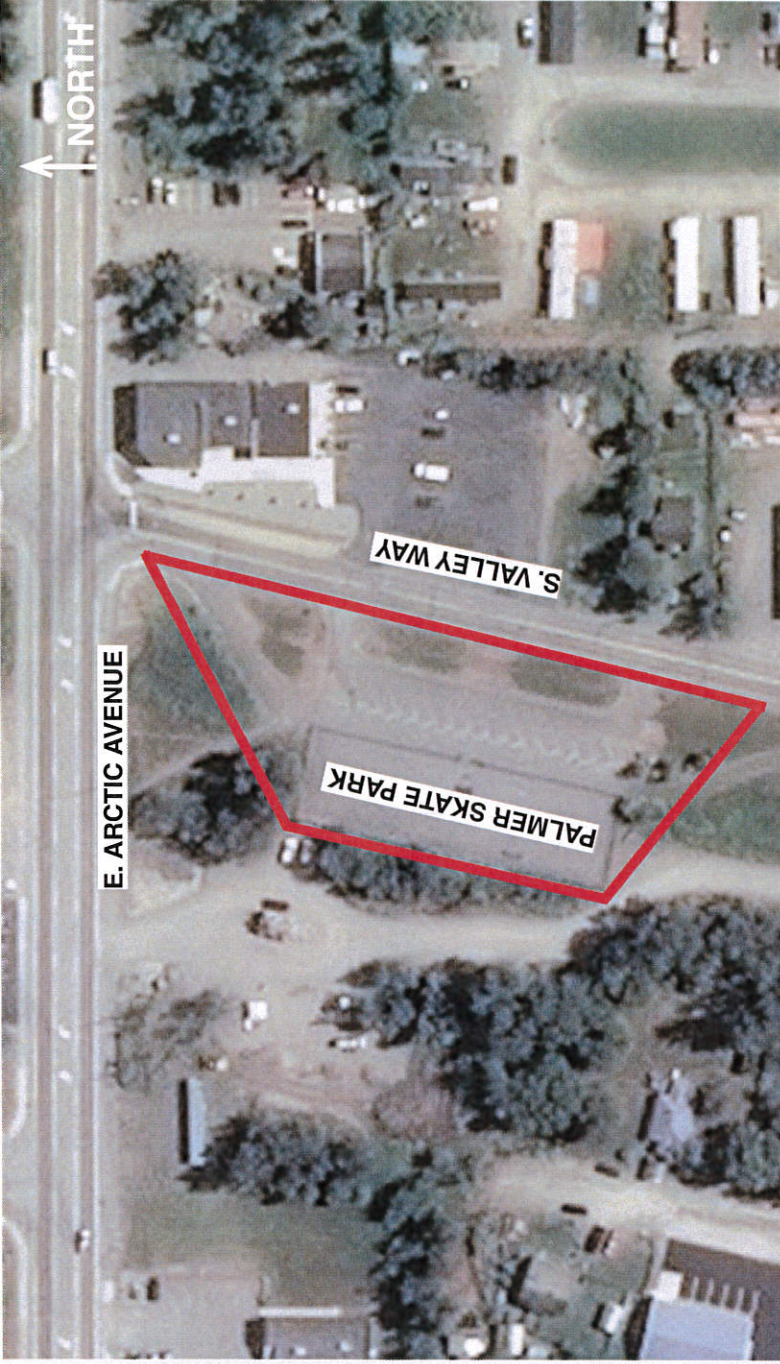
## PALMER SKATE PARK

### SITE LOCATION:

AREA OF PALMER SKATE PARK LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF EAST ARCTIC AVENUE AND SOUTH VALLEY WAY

### SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

THIS SITE IS PROPOSED TO BE SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PALMER SKATE PARK. THE PALMER SKATE PARK IS A WELL USED SEASONAL SKATE PARK AT THE NORTHERN END OF PALMER'S PRIMARY DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT. THIS LOCATION SUGGESTS THAT AN ART INSTALLATION COULD BE FREESTANDING, ATTACHED TO EXISTING FENCING, OR APPLIED TO VERTICAL UNUSED SURFACES OF SKATEBOARD RAMPS. THE NATURE OF THIS LOCATION IMPLIES AN URBAN CONTEXT OF YOUTH INTERACTION, MOVEMENT, ATHLETICS, AND SEASONALITY. SPECIAL DESIGN CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO DURABILITY, PHYSICAL INTERACTION, AND SAFETY IN CONTEXT OF THIS SITE LOCATION.



PALMER SKATE PARK AS SEEN FROM S. VALLEY WAY



**GREEN SPACE ALONG SHANE WOODS TRAIL CLOSE TO BLUEBERRY AVE. CROSSING**

**SITE LOCATION:**

OPEN SPACE ALONG SIDE OF PAVED WALKING PATH THAT IS SOUTH OF BLUEBERRY AVENUE NEXT TO SOUTH VALLEY WAY

**SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

THIS SITE IS INTENDED TO BE ALONG SIDE THE POPULAR SHANE WOODS MEMORIAL TRAIL THAT PARALLELS SOUTH VALLEY WAY AND RELATIVELY CLOSE TO BLUEBERRY AVENUE. THE INTENTION OF THIS SCULPTURE LOCATION IS TO ENGAGE THE PEDESTRIANS ALONG THE PAVED TRAIL WHILE UTILIZING AN EXISTING ACCESSIBLE CONNECTION TO OTHER SCULPTURE LOCATIONS. THIS SITE IS WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE PALMER FOOD BANK WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION WHEN UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSED SCULPTURE.





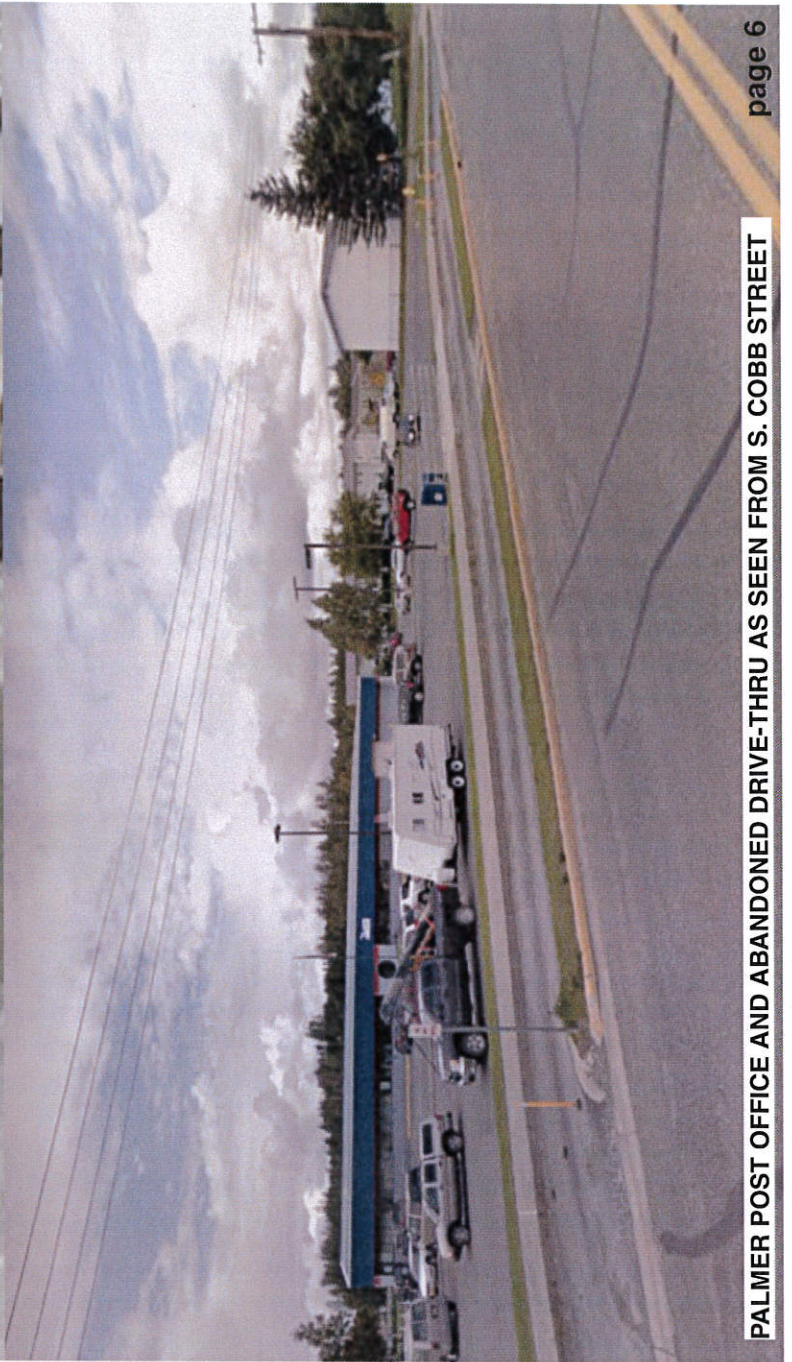
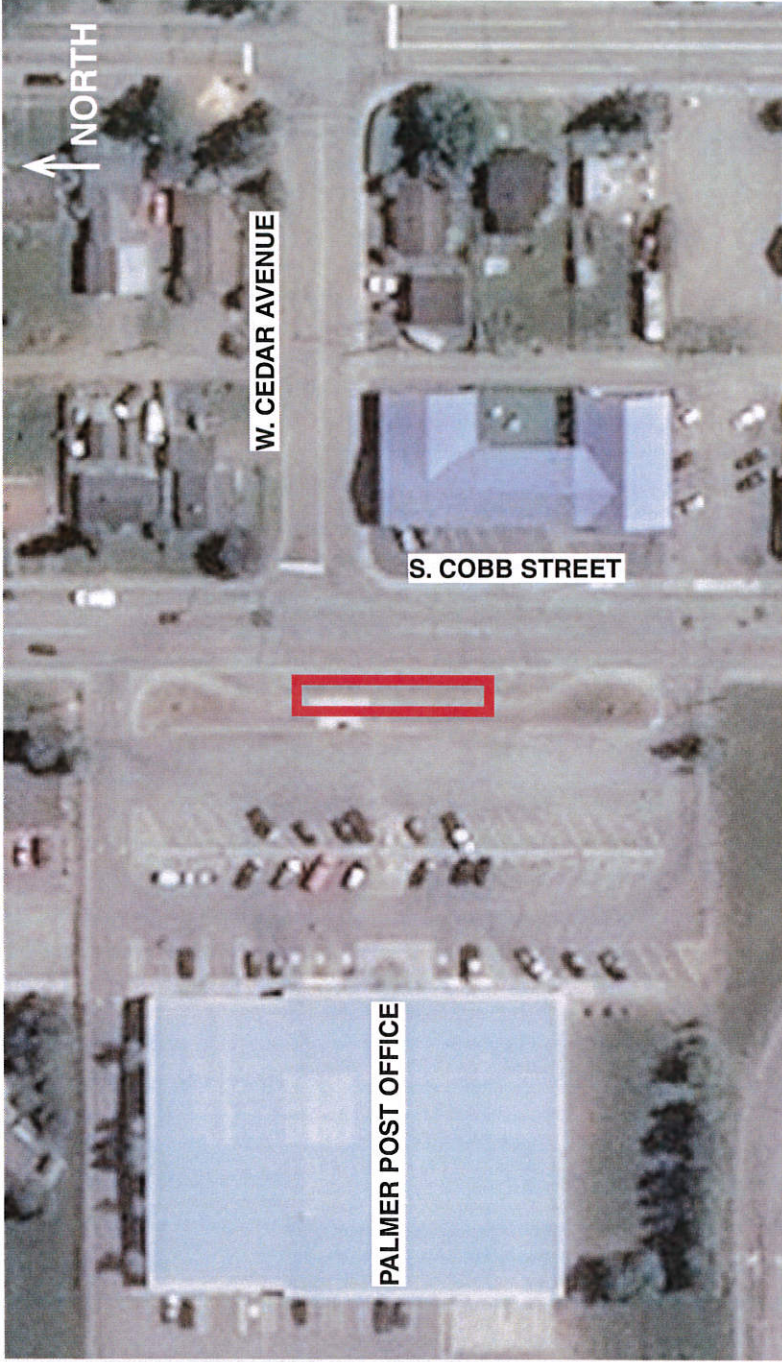
**ABANDONED DRIVE-THRU LANE  
AT PALMER POST OFFICE**

**SITE LOCATION:**

PAVED ABANDONED DRIVE-THRU  
LANE AT PALMER POST OFFICE  
ALONG SOUTH COBB STREET

**SITE ANALYSIS AND  
CONSIDERATIONS:**

THE LOCATION OF THIS  
SITE PRESENTS A UNIQUE  
OPPORTUNITY TO BRING  
NEW ENERGY AND ARTISTIC  
EXPRESSION TO AN URBAN AREA  
THAT IS DEFINED BY CONCRETE  
AND PAVEMENT. THIS SITE IS  
HIGHLY VISIBLE AND IS LOCATED IN  
A CORE AREA OF PALMER THAT IS  
HEAVILY TRAFFICKED. THE NATURE  
OF THIS LOCATION SUGGESTS  
THAT PARTS OF THE SCULPTURE  
PARK CAN BE ACCESSIBLE TO  
PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE TO  
LEAVE THEIR VEHICLES OR HAVE  
LIMITED ACCESS TO REACHING  
OTHER LOCATIONS. SPECIAL  
CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE  
GIVEN TO NOT IMPEDING TRAFFIC  
VISIBILITY OR CREATING A  
SCULPTURE THAT IS VISUALLY  
DISTRACTING IN DESIGN.





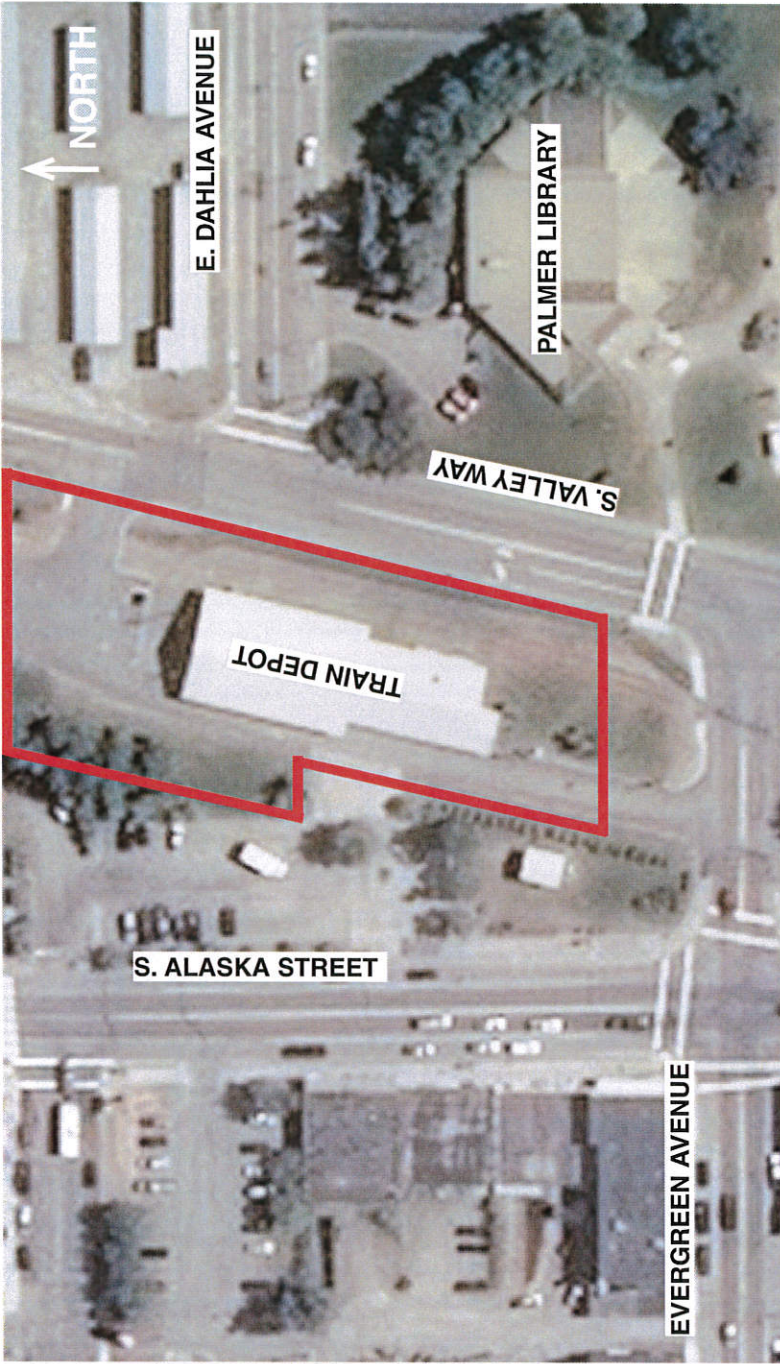
## **PALMER TRAIN DEPOT**

### **SITE LOCATION:**

AREA OF PALMER TRAIN DEPOT  
LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN

### **SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

THIS LOCATION IS AT THE CORE  
OF PALMER'S BUSINESS AND  
TOURIST DISTRICT. THE PALMER  
TRAIN DEPOT IS A HEAVILY USED  
VENUE FOR ALL THINGS PALMER,  
WEDDINGS, COMMUNITY EVENTS  
AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS. THE  
DESIGN OF THIS SCULPTURE  
WOULD BENEFIT FROM ITS  
LOCATION IN DOWNTOWN PALMER  
IN RELATION TO HISTORICAL  
CONTEXT AND IMMEDIATE  
ARCHITECTURAL SURROUNDINGS.  
DESIGN CONSIDERATION  
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SIZE,  
JUXTAPOSITION, DURABILITY,  
SAFETY, AND VISIBILITY.



**PALMER TRAIN DEPOT AS SEEN FROM EVERGREEN AVENUE**



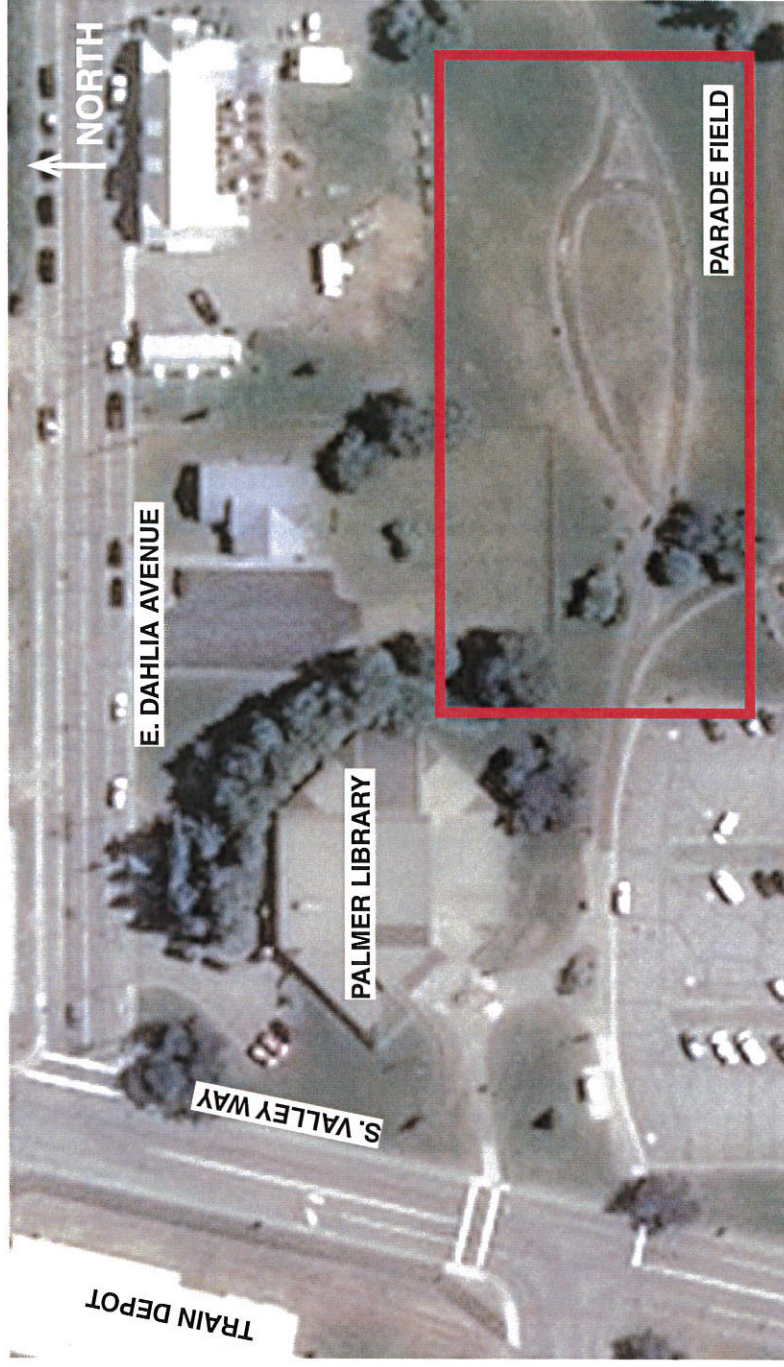
## GREEN SPACE EAST OF PALMER LIBRARY

### SITE LOCATION:

AREA EAST OF PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSE TO PAVED TRAIL THROUGH PARADE FIELD

### SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN THE MATANUSKA COLONY HISTORIC DISTRICT IN AN AREA THAT IS USED FREQUENTLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE LOCATION OF THE PALMER PARADE FIELD IS HOST TO MANY SUMMER EVENTS THAT INCLUDE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, ART FAIRS, OUTDOOR CLASSES, AND IS ALSO A POPULAR AREA FOR SUMMERTIME LEISURE. THE IMMEDIATE AREA PROVIDES A SIGNIFICANT BACKDROP OF COLONY ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY WITH VIEWS TO THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAIN RANGES. SCULPTURE DESIGN SHOULD CONSIDER SCALE, LOCAL HISTORY, AND APPROPRIATE USE OF COLOR AND MATERIAL PALETTE IN REGARDS TO ARCHITECTURAL SURROUNDINGS.





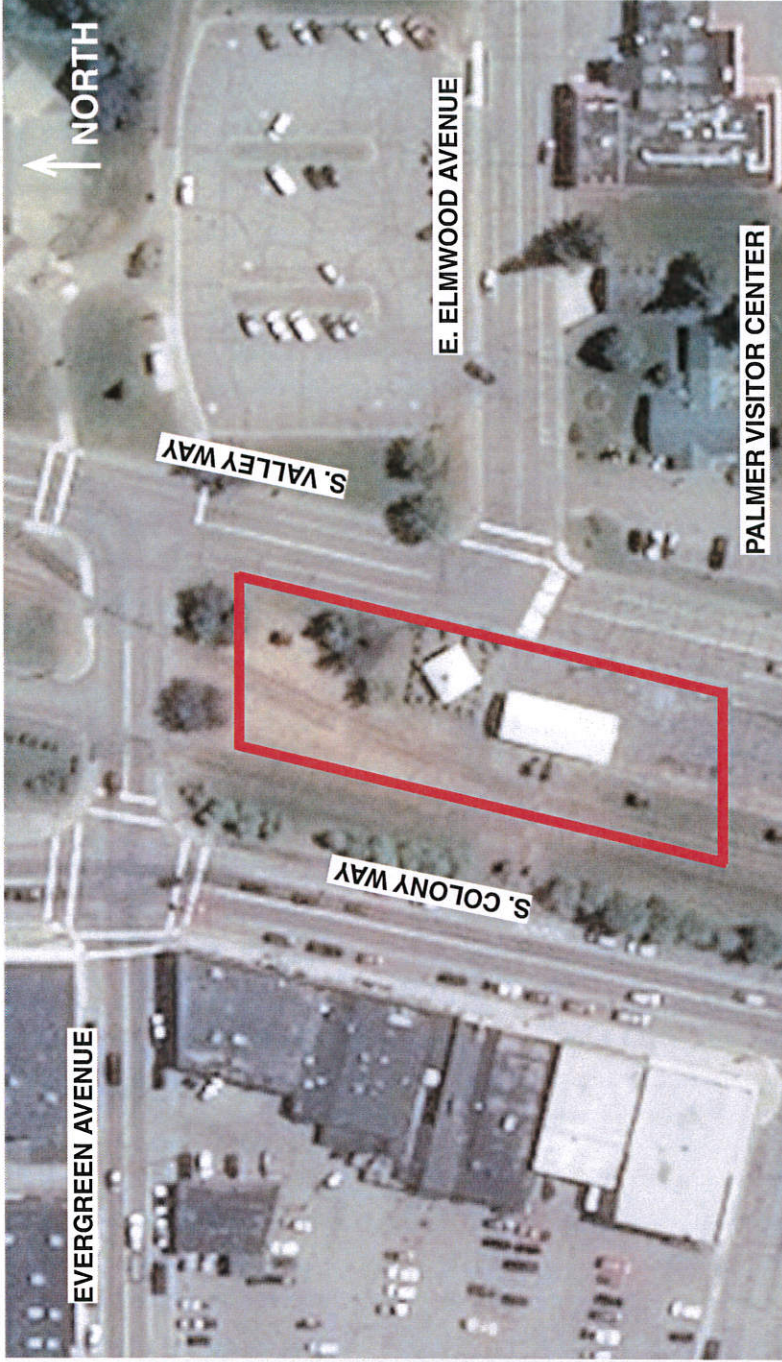
## PALMER PAVILION AREA

### SITE LOCATION:

AREA AROUND DOWNTOWN PALMER PAVILIONS BETWEEN SOUTH COLONY WAY AND SOUTH VALLEY WAY

### SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

THE LOCATION OF THIS SITE IS AT THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN PALMER'S TOURIST DISTRICT AND A SHORT DISTANCE FROM PALMER'S VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER. THE PALMER PAVILIONS ARE USED FOR EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND ARE POPULATED BY SEASONAL VENDORS DURING PALMER SUMMER MARKETS AS WELL AS TOURISTS WHO ARE VISITING DOWNTOWN PALMER. THE ADJACENCY TO PALMER VISITOR CENTER AND PALMER MUSEUM SUGGEST A STRONG CONNECTION TO LOCAL HISTORY. DESIGN CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO HISTORICAL CONTEXT, SIZE, AND VISIBILITY.



PAVILIONS AS SEEN FROM INTERSECTION AT E. ELMWOOD AND S. VALLEY WAY



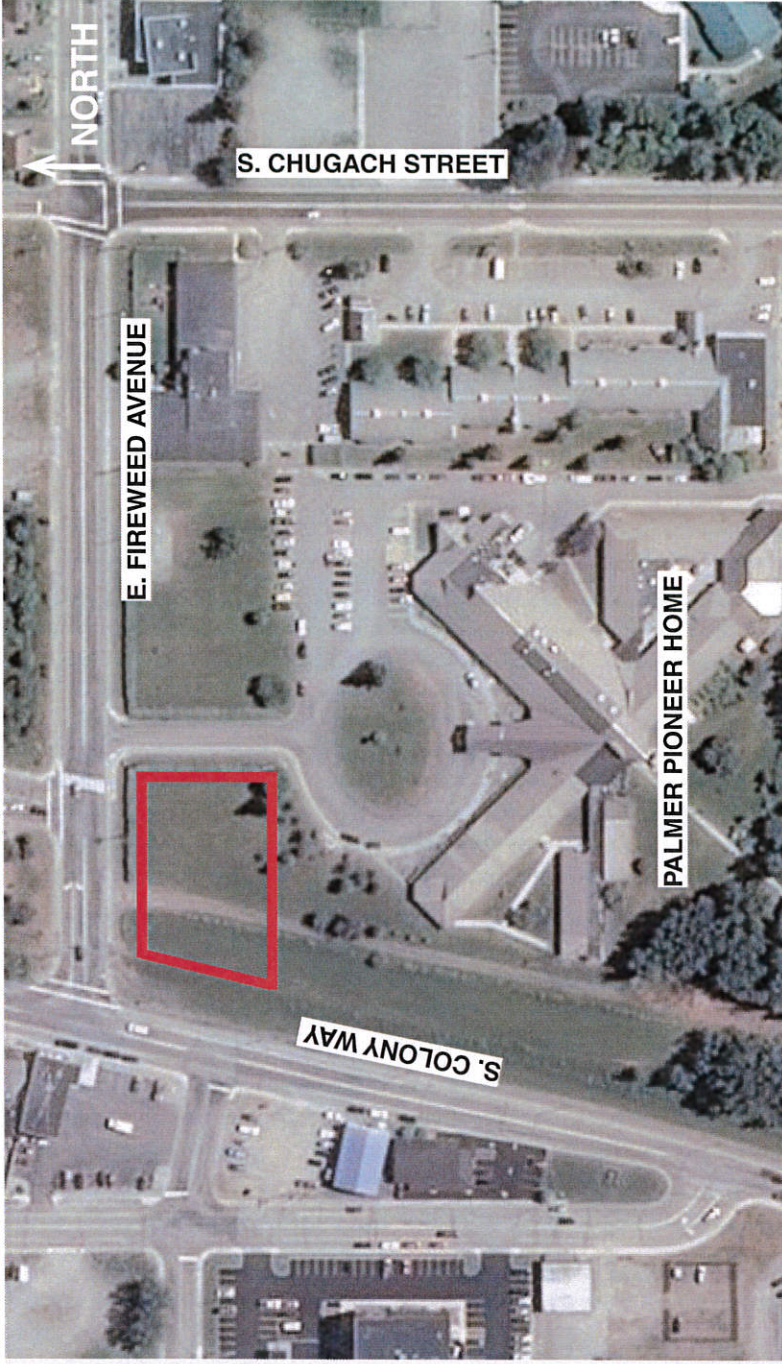
## PIONEER HOME AREA

### SITE LOCATION:

AREA AROUND PALMER PIONEER HOME CLOSE TO EAST FIREWEED AVENUE AND SOUTH VALLEY WAY

### SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

THE INTENTION OF THIS SCULPTURE LOCATION IS TO VISIBLY INTERACT WITH THE PALMER PIONEER HOME THROUGH IMPLIED CONTEXT, SUBJECT, OR VISIBILITY FROM INSIDE THE PIONEER HOME. THE CONCEPT OF VISUAL INTERACTION SUGGESTS A SCULPTURE THAT IS POSSIBLY KINETIC OR SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH VARIABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS. DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE MATERIAL USE, KINETIC MOTION, DURABILITY, SIGHT LINES, AND IMPLIED ASSOCIATION TO PALMER SENIOR CITIZENS.



PALMER PIONEER HOME AS SEEN FROM E FIREWEED AVENUE



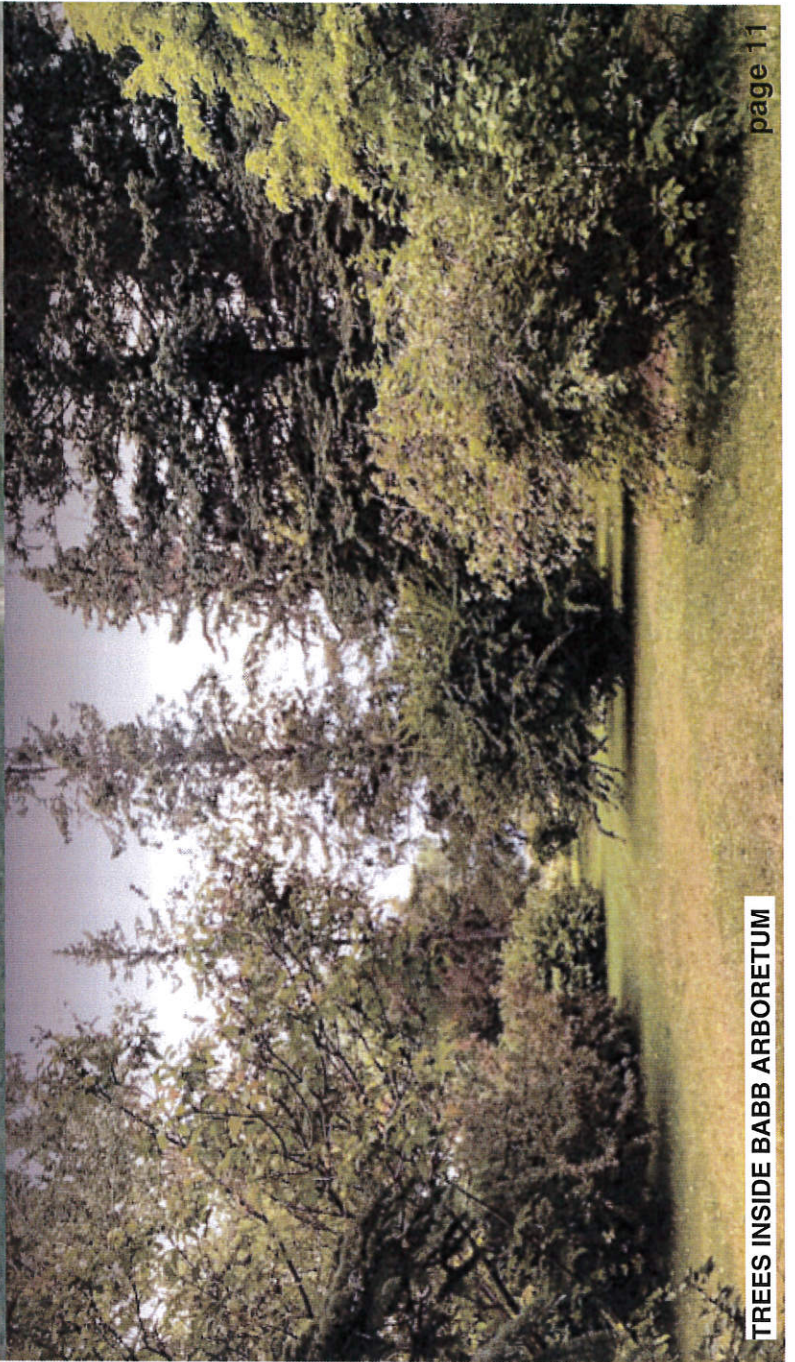
## BABB ARBORETUM

### SITE LOCATION:

AREA WITHIN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BABB ARBORETUM LOCATED WEST OF SOUTH GULKANA STREET

### SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

THIS SCULPTURE LOCATION IS AT THE WESTERN SIDE OF DOWNTOWN PALMER AT THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED BABB ARBORETUM. THE INTENTION OF ADDING THIS SITE LOCATION TO THE SCULPTURE PARK IS TO UTILIZE THE EXISTING PARK WHILE EXPANDING THE PERIMETER OF SCULPTURE INSTALLATIONS BEYOND THE PERCEIVED DOWNTOWN PALMER AREA. THE PHYSICAL CONTEXT OF A SCULPTURE BEING LOCATED WITHIN AN ARBORETUM SUGGESTS A THEME OF NATURE, WILDLIFE, PLANTS, AND GROWTH. SPECIAL DESIGN CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO APPROPRIATENESS IN CONTEXT OF THE ARBORETUM, SIZE, AND USE OF MATERIALS.





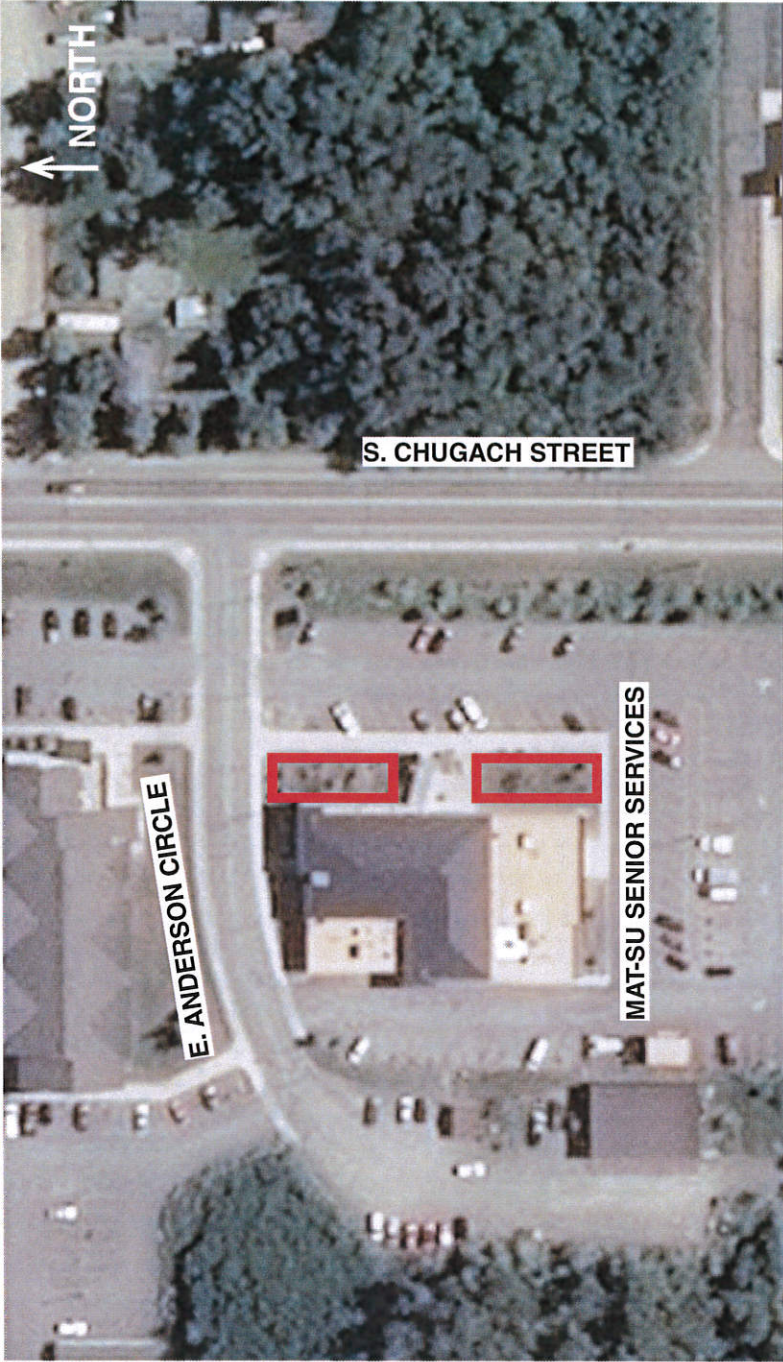
**MAT-SU SENIOR SERVICES  
RAIN GARDEN AREA**

**SITE LOCATION:**

AREA WITHIN THE RAIN GARDEN AT MATSU SENIOR SERVICES CENTER ALONG SOUTH CHUGACH STREET

**SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

THIS SCULPTURE LOCATION IS ALONG SOUTH CHUGACH STREET IN FRONT THE MATSU SENIOR SERVICES CENTER IN WHAT IS CURRENTLY A RAIN GARDEN AT THE STREET SIDE OF THE BUILDING ENTRY. THE INTENTION OF INCLUDING THIS SITE WITHIN THE SCULPTURE PARK IS TO CONNECT WITH SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE PALMER AND MATSU COMMUNITY. THE LOCATION OF A SCULPTURE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A SENIOR CITIZEN HUB PRESENTS AND OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE AGING MEMBERS OF THE MATSU COMMUNITY IN A WAY THAT FOSTERS JOY, COMMUNITY PRIDE, AND PROMOTES MULTI GENERATIONAL CONNECTIVITY.



**MAT-SU SENIOR SERVICES AS SEEN FROM S. CHUGACH STREET**



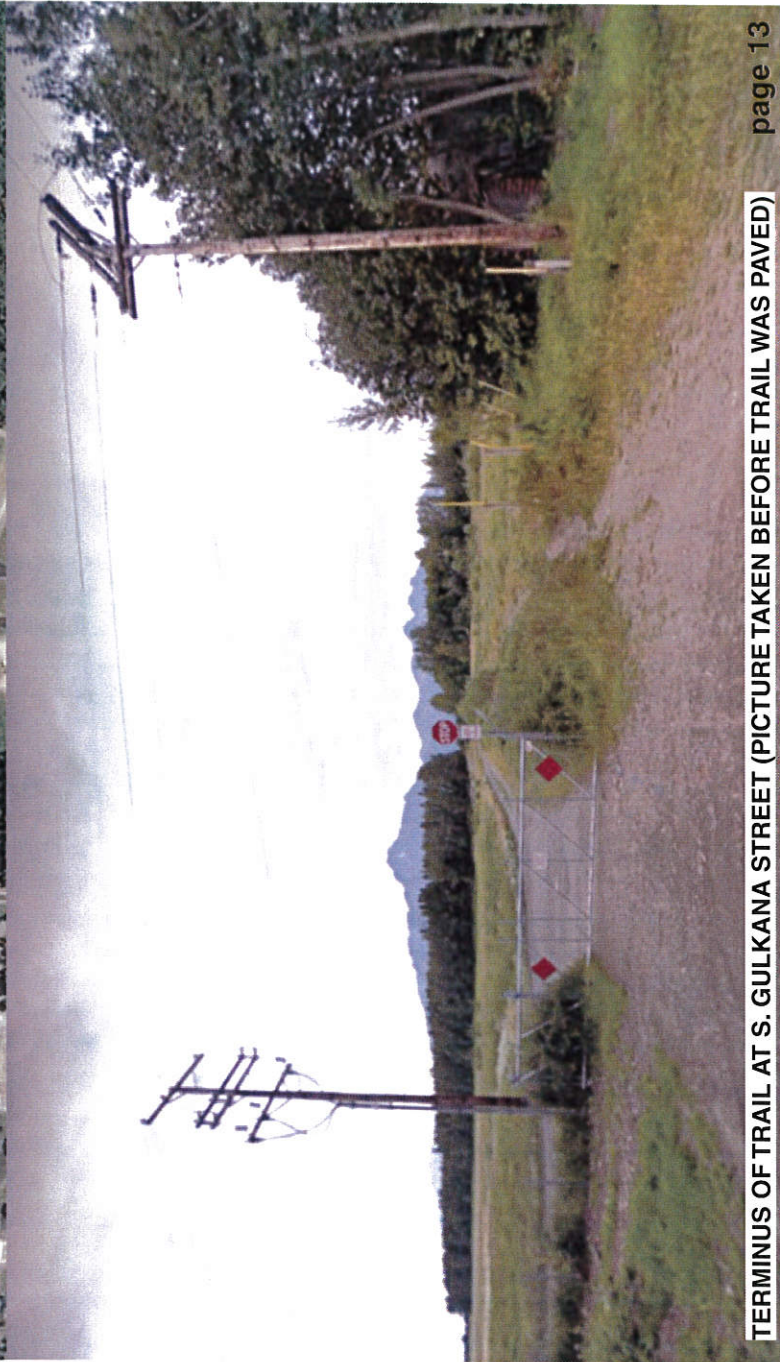
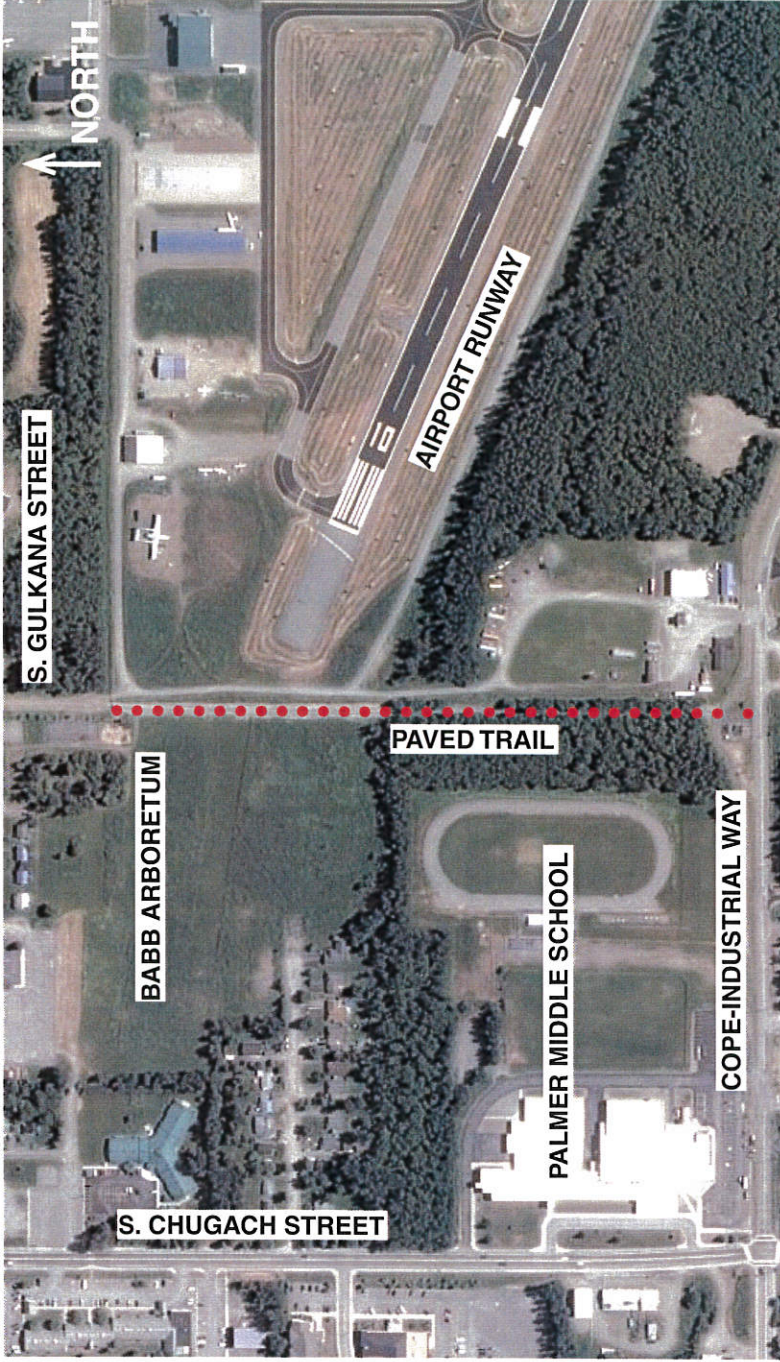
**PAVED TRAIL AREA ALONG AIRPORT FENCE**

**SITE LOCATION:**

AREA ADJACENT TO PAVED TRAIL ALONG AIRPORT FENCE BETWEEN SOUTH GULKANA STREET AND COPE-INDUSTRIAL WAY

**SITE ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATIONS:**

THIS SCULPTURE LOCATION IS INTENDED TO ENGAGE WITH A RECENTLY ESTABLISHED PEDESTRIAN AND BIKING CORRIDOR CONNECTING TO THE PERIPHERAL AREA OF DOWNTOWN PALMER. THE SITE IS ADJACENT TO THE PALMER AIRPORT, PALMER MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND SEVERAL PALMER PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDINGS. DESIGN CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PROXIMITY HEAVY AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC, VISIBILITY, AND PEDESTRIAN INTERACTION.



TERMINUS OF TRAIL AT S. GULKANA STREET (PICTURE TAKEN BEFORE TRAIL WAS PAVED)



**PAVED TRAIL AREA ALONG  
S. MARGARET DRIVE**

**SITE LOCATION:**

AREA ALONG THE PAVED WALKING  
AND BIKING TRAIL FOLLOWING  
SOUTH MARGARET DRIVE WEST  
OF THE GLENN HIGHWAY

**SITE ANALYSIS AND  
CONSIDERATIONS:**

THIS SCULPTURE LOCATION IS  
SUGGESTED TO BE ALONG THE  
PAVED BIKING AND WALKING TRAIL  
THAT FOLLOWS SOUTH MARGARET  
DRIVE CONNECTING DOWNTOWN  
PALMER TO BUSINESSES AND  
RESIDENCES SOUTH OF PALMER.  
THIS AREA COULD BE CONCEIVED  
AS A SOUTHERN GATEWAY  
CORRIDOR TO PALMER GIVEN ITS  
CONNECTION TO THE ALASKA  
STATE FAIRGROUNDS AND RECENT  
CONTRIBUTION TO MAKING  
PALMER A MORE PEDESTRIAN  
ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY. THIS  
LOCATION IS HIGHLY VISIBLE BY  
TRAFFIC TRAVELING ALONG THE  
GLENN HIGHWAY AND VISUALLY  
ENGAGES TRAVELERS WITH  
THE SCULPTURE PARK WHO  
DON'T INTEND TO VENTURE INTO  
DOWNTOWN PALMER.

