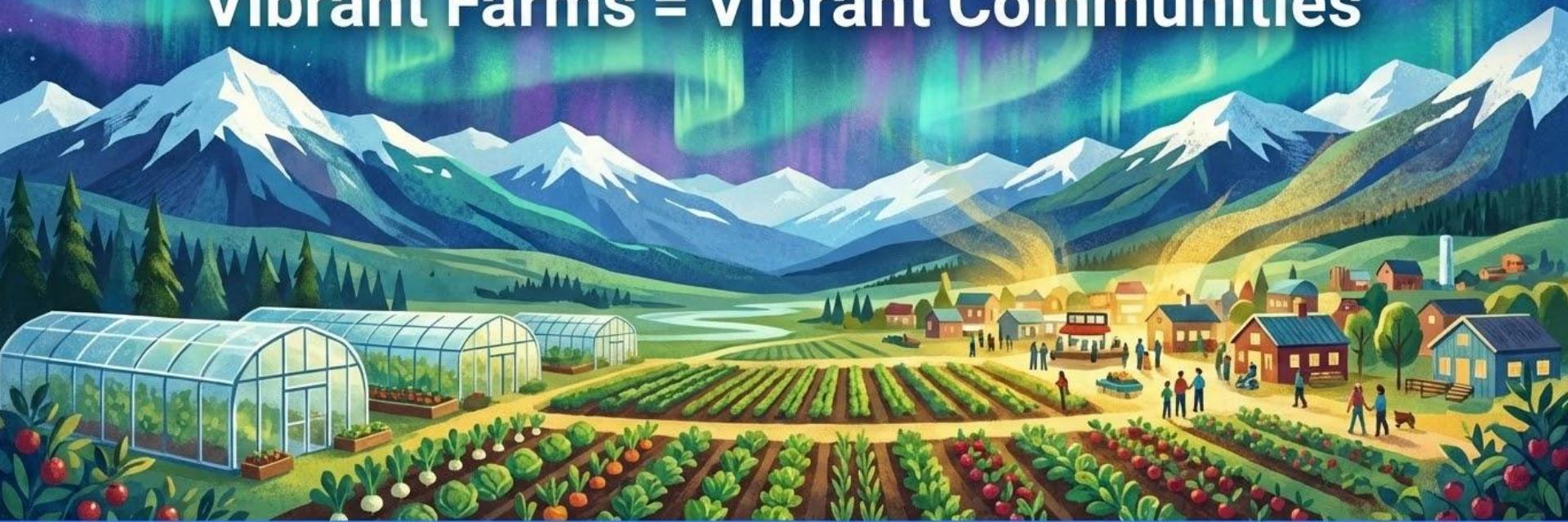


ALASKA AGRICULTURE

Vibrant Farms = Vibrant Communities





WHAT VIBRANT FARM ECONOMIES LOOK LIKE



THE FARMER

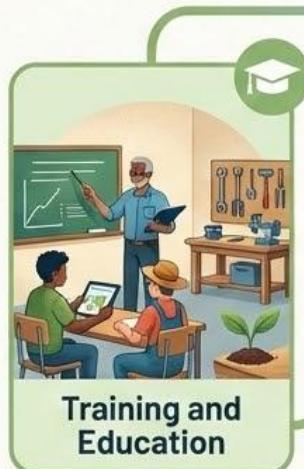


Who actually want to farm anyways?

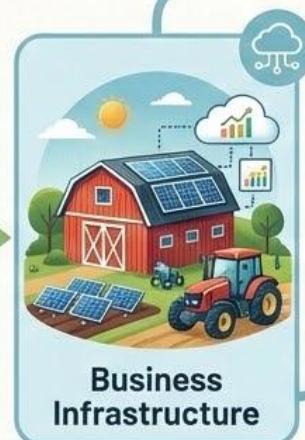


Turns Out....
A Lot of People

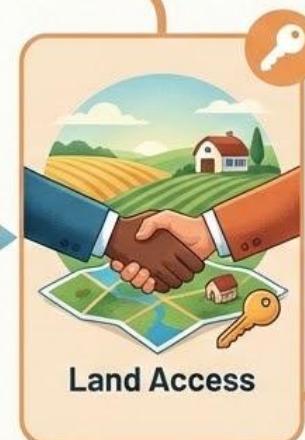
BUT They Need some things:



Training and Education



Business Infrastructure



Land Access



Markets

Emily Garrity
Twitter Creek Gardens



HARVESTED 40,000 POUNDS OF PRODUCE ON TWO ACRES OF LAND IN 2025

AVENUES OF SALE:

- HOMER FARMERS MARKET
- COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA) VEGETABLE SUBSCRIPTION
- SAVE U MORE AND COLE'S MARKET - HOMER
- RESTAURANTS IN THE HOMER AREA
- WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION TO: HOMER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AND HAVEN HOUSE

CONTRIBUTED
\$15,000 WORTH OF
PRODUCE TO FOOD ACCESS
PROGRAMS
IN 2025

ESTIMATED: 250 FAMILIES PER WEEK



COMMUNITIES REACHED :

HOMER

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SELDOVIA

NANWALEK

NINILCHIK

PORT GRAHAM

KENAI

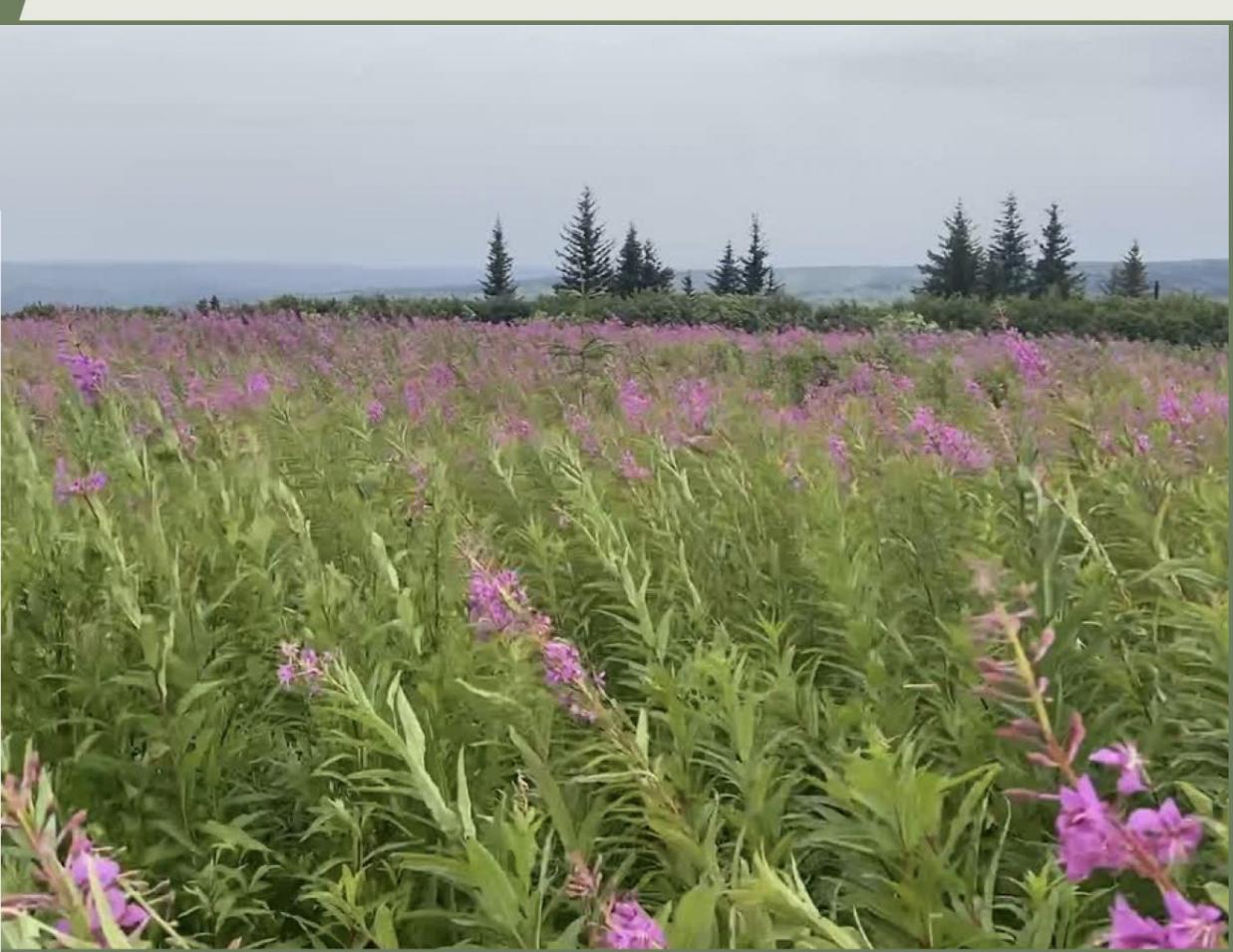
SOLDOTNA

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Alaska State Land Leasing Process - Timeline:

- **February 2022:** Start conversation with Kachemak Nordic Ski Club (KNSC) and adjacent property owners
- **March 2022:** Begin communication with DNR
- **March 2023:** Advisement from Erik Johnson on application process
- **April 2023:** Unanimous resolution of support from KNSC
- **April 28, 2023:** Application (and \$2000 app fee) submitted
- **October, 2023:** Out for agency review
- **April 2024:** Preliminary Decision out for public comment (30 days + 20 day appeal period) - **NOTE: original estimated lease fee = \$1,000 (\$222 per acre, per year)**
- **July 2024:** Email notification that appraisal was likely necessary
- **November 2024:** Phone call outlining appraisal (\$117,000) and annual fee associated: **\$9,360** (8% of appraised value)
- **July 2025:** Final Finding and Decision Completed
- **August 2025:** Final Finding and Decision appeal period ends



THERE ARE CURRENTLY ONLY FOUR ACTIVE LEASES IN ALASKA
FOR CROP PRODUCTION. THREE OF WHICH WERE
ESTABLISHED IN THE 1960's

Item	Case File	Location	Acres	Annual Lease Fees	Cost Per Acre
1.	ADL 022652	Talkeetna	280.18	\$85.34	\$0.30
2.	ADL 033716	Wasilla	80.00	\$187.86	\$2.35
3.	ADL 045586	Fairbanks	80.00	\$95.86	\$1.19
4.	ADL 231358	West Su (remote)	22.00	\$2,000.00	\$90.90

(M. Benson, Natural Resource Specialist DMLW, email communication, Jan. 25, 2025)

Pending	Twitter Creek Gardens	Homer	4.50	\$9,360.00	\$2,080.00
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NOTE: THESE DO NOT INCLUDE LEASES UTILIZED SOLELY FOR GRAZING

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL:

- Triple current production
- Employ more farmers
- Expand storage crop production to extend seasonality of AK Grown
- Reach more communities with limited access - Aleutian Air Cargo - on the road system
- Certified seed potato production - limits potato imports that bring in disease
- Keep food budget dollars in State
- SNAP recipients have more options
- Increase potential for food access programs
- Build healthy soils through responsible land management
- Set an example for viable career path in vegetable production for aspiring farmers
- **Showcase the ability to utilize State lands for its highest potential:**



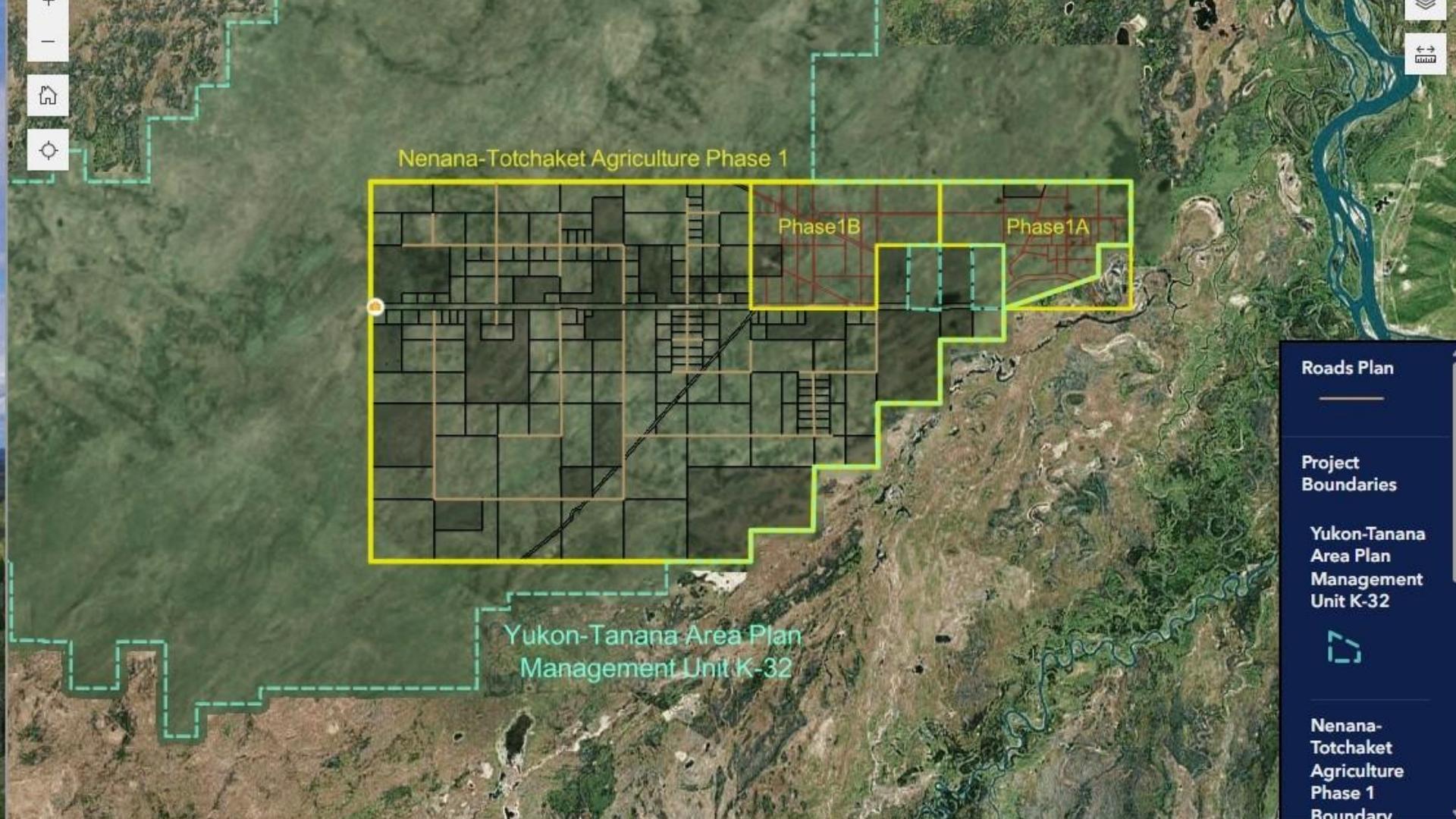
FEEDING ALASKANS

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Coffey Farm

NENANA-TOTCHAKET AG PROJECT

COFFEY FARM







Before the clearing



Clearing with the mulcher



From Clearing to Burning



Partially Cleared



CLEARED LAND READY TO PLANT 2025



2024 First Planting on 5 acres of Early Sunglow Sweet Corn



CORN SPROUTING



Early Sunglow Sweet Corn 10 Acres 2025



Early Sunglow Sweet Corn



Produce going to Charlie's Produce



From Seed, To Store



Barley Crop



Old Bridge Not Equipment Friendly



New Bridge Equipment Friendly



Road work 2024



POWERLINES



Woodland Bison made it to the fields
From the Kantishna River Herd
winter 2025



Ken Hoffman
Mat-Su Microgreens



Bold. Fresh. Local.



What's the Future Of Agriculture Look Like?



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