

**AP/AL: Appropriation**  
**Category: Development**  
**Location: Nenana**

**Project Type: Life / Health / Safety**

**House District: Eielson/Denali/Upper Yukon/Border (HD 6)**

**Impact House District: Eielson/Denali/Upper Yukon/Border (HD 6)**

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**Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2026**    **Contact Phone: (907)745-7200**

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project is the development of a 100,000+ acre agricultural development project in the Nenana-Totchaket region in interior Alaska, increasing both the availability of land and local food security. This project will provide land for agricultural use which has been surveyed and basic access roads installed. This will support the local and regional production of foodstuffs necessary to support the citizens of Alaska now and into the future and will diversify and strengthen the state's economy.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>FY2027</b>	<b>Total</b>
1004 Gen Fund	\$5,000,000						\$5,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

**Project Description/Justification:**

This project is the development of a 100,000+ acre agricultural development project in the Nenana-Totchaket Region in Interior Alaska, increasing the availability of land and increasing local food security.

This project will provide a reserve of land for agricultural use to support the local and regional production of foodstuffs necessary to support the citizens of Alaska now and into the future, and will diversify and strengthen the state's economy.

**Background**

Providing suitable lands for agricultural development has been the goal of DNR, Division of Agriculture since the mid 1970's. When an abundance of oil revenues came available in the late 1970's, DNR made large investments in the development of Point MacKenzie (focused on dairy) and Delta Junction (focused on barley). Timelines for project development were short. Between 1978 and

1984 approximately 173,000 acres of agricultural lands were sold. Individual owners were contractually obligated to clear 60% of their parcel in 5 years. Interest rates were at historical highs, farmers often had loans of more than a million dollars with 12% interest payments. Economic forecasts for the projects were optimistic and efficiencies in shipping unaccounted for. Large and small farms struggled to meet production goals while also meeting the required development.