

Aid for Clearing Land for Gardens Is Available

Would your village like to clear a large area for a vegetable garden? Would you like to get help in clearing the ground?

If so, villagers, either on an individual basis or through their village council, should make their request known to Darrell Baird, chairman of the Alaska Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Board, 954 Cowles St., Rm. 145, Fairbanks.

Baird told Tundra Times this week that he is very desirous of extending the service throughout the state, not only in the areas where farming is most popular but also in the remote villages.

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He indicates that if village councils and others will write him requiring the service that it will assist Alaska in getting a larger appropriation for this worthwhile purpose. The federal government finances 50 per cent of such projects and villages or villagers can use labor to count for their 50 per cent.

Not only is land clearing involved in the project, but also land conservation practices, land leveling, terracing, or anything that would be of benefit to making the land more producing.

Some states get very large appropriations for land conservation purposes. \$250 million is allocated nationally. Texas, for instance, gets \$20 million. Alaska, on the other hand, get a mere \$64,000.

Anyone who would like to engage in a project to clear or conserve land is urged to write Baird at the address given at the beginning of this article.