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**Tanana River Floodplain
Acquisition Project at
Salcha, Alaska**

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Dept of Land Management
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April 29, 2005

Dear Salcha Property Owner:

We are pleased to inform you of the current status of the Tanana River Acquisition Project and the commencement of the application period. On April 14, 2005, the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) Assembly passed the ordinance authorizing the appropriation of funds from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to implement the Tanana River Floodplain Acquisition Project at Salcha. This project requires a 15-day public notice followed by a 30-day application period. The 15-day public notice will start on May 2 and extend through May 16, 2005. The 30-day application period will begin on May 17 and extend through June 15, 2005.

In the enclosed application packet you will find the Application to Voluntarily Sell Floodplain Property, ranking criteria, and a project map. This will serve as your application to participate in the Project but does not commit you in any way to future action. Submitting an application keeps you on the list as an interested party and we encourage you to apply. The application form is fairly easy to complete. The application period will end on June 15, 2005. All applications postmarked by June 15 will be ranked; applications postmarked after that date will be accepted, kept on file and ranked if additional funding becomes available. All interested landowners in the project area have been sent the application packets.

Soon after the end of the application period, the properties will be ranked for priority status based on the established ranking criteria. All of the properties will be ranked according to the general ranking criteria. An appointment will then be made, at your convenience, for an on the ground inspection and interview. The information gathered will be used to further prioritize the properties based on the secondary ranking criteria.

You will be notified of the priority ranking of your property when the ranking is completed. The highest priority properties will be processed for acquisition first. The number of properties to be acquired will be based on funding available at that time. Future properties will be processed as further funding becomes available. Future funding for this project will be based on a showing of need. The more applications we receive, the greater the need, therefore, the higher the potential for future funding. If you have any interest at all in this project, we encourage you to complete the application and participate in the program.

Filling out and returning this application does not obligate you in any way to a course of action. This project is completely voluntary and you may back out at any time. If you choose not to take advantage of this project, you will be removed from the project mailing list and will receive no further communication from us regarding this project. If you have any questions about the application, ranking process, ranking criteria, or the project in general, please contact Rod Everett of the NRCS at (907) 479-2657 ext.113.

Mr. Everett of the NRCS and Karrie Shaw of the FNSB will be available at the Salcha Senior Center on May 9th, 11th, and 13th, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm to answer questions about the project, the application, ranking criteria, and what happens next. These meetings will be conducted on an informal "walk in" basis and should be very informative. You are encouraged to drop by, at your convenience, with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Karrie Shaw, Land Officer
Department of Land Management

Rodney Everett, Reality Specialist
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**APPLICATION TO VOLUNTARILY SELL FLOODPLAIN PROPERTY
 Tanana River Floodplain Acquisition Project at Salcha, Alaska**

1a. Applicant Name and Address:	1b. Applicant Name and Address
Phone:	Phone:
Email (optional):	Email (optional):

2. Describe location of property (also please mark approximate location on the attached Project Map):
2a. Property Tax Parcel Number (s):
2b. Date you acquired this property:

3. Is the property currently used as a primary residence by you or anyone else?	Yes No	If yes, provide date of occupancy	Date:
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4. Is this property currently occupied for businesses purposes 3 or more days per week?	Yes No	If yes, provide date the business began being occupied 3 or more days per week	Date:
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5. I (We) hereby apply for consideration for participation in the Tanana River Floodplain Acquisition Project to voluntarily offer the above described property for sell to Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) at Fair Market Value. Fair Market Value will be determined by a state certified real estate appraiser contracted by FNSB. I (We) understand that this application does not obligate us in any way, but is a formal expression of interest to be considered for participation in the voluntary program. I (We) further understand that all applications received will be evaluated for eligibility and ranked. Formal offers to buy real property will be extended to the highest ranked applicant relative to the available funds. Ranking may require access to the property on one or more occasions by Fairbanks North Star Borough representatives or their assigns. All reasonable efforts will be made to arrange appointments for access. Failure to permit access to the property or to allow access in a specified time frame will result in the withdrawal of the application from further consideration. I (We) hereby attest that the name(s) listed above in Item 1 own and have complete control of the property described in Item 2.

6a. Signature:	6b. Signature:
6a. Date:	6b. Date:

NOTE

This application will remain active until the project is terminated, unless withdrawn by the applicant upon written request to FNSB.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The above statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522a). Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to furnish correct, complete information will result in the withholding or withdrawal of such technical or financial assistance. The information may be furnished to other USDA agencies, the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Justice, or other State or Federal law enforcement agencies, or in response to orders of a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal.

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