Overview
Hardened trails benefit tundra and wildlife by controlling all-terrain vehicle (ATV) damage. When ATVs stay on hardened trails, the tundra has an opportunity to heal previously-made ruts, waterfowl nests are protected from crushing wheels, and access to traditional hunting and gathering areas is maintained.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service can provide communities technical and financial assistance for trails through the Farm Bill’s Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Assistance
Contact your local NRCS office to learn how financial assistance contracts can benefit you and your community. Alaska Natives may receive greater financial assistance and are not subject to payment limitations.

Eligibility
Land eligible for financial assistance contracts must be privately owned; tribal or Corporation property is eligible. The land must be suitable for fish or wildlife habitat development and improvements, for example traditional subsistence areas and non-industrial private forestland.