

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

GENERAL INFORMATION *(Please Print)*

Landowner Name(s):

Farm Address:

Mailing Address(s):

Telephone #(s):

Email Address(s):

Farm operator name & telephone number if different than landowner:

Name & telephone number of person to contact to view farmland tract if different than landowner:

FARMLAND TRACT INFORMATION

Township: _____

Is the farmland tract enrolled in an official township agricultural security area (ASA) (Check box)?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, list where ASA is recorded. Deed Book/Page or Instrument #: _____

If no, contact your municipality for information on joining the ASA.

The farm is not eligible for the easement program until the farm is enrolled in the ASA.

Total acreage of farmland tract: _____

Acreage offered for agricultural easement purchase: _____

Acreage excluded from agricultural easement purchase: _____

Reason for exclusion:

Any acreage not to be included in the agricultural easement must be identified at the time of application. If withholding land from the easement, please attach a sketch showing the location of the excluded area.

List tax parcel number(s), acreage and deed reference(s), for the farmland tract(s) to be preserved:

Parcel #: _____ Acreage: _____ Deed Reference: _____

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Amount of Road Frontage (Check appropriate box):

- ☐ More than 1/2 mile
- ☐ 1/4 mile – 1/2 mile
- ☐ 1/8 mile – 1/4 mile
- ☐ Less than 1/8 mile

Availability of Public Sewer and Public Water (Check appropriate box):

- ☐ Tract has Public Sewer and Public Water
- ☐ Tract has Public Sewer OR Public Water
- ☐ Tract does not have Public Sewer or Public Water

Family Farm (Check appropriate box):

- ☐ Property is operated by the owner or immediate family member
- ☐ Portion of property is operated by the owner or immediate family member
- ☐ Property is NOT operated by the owner or immediate family member

Historic, Scenic and Environmental Qualities (Check any that apply):

- ☐ Farm is adjacent to land preserved via the National Park Service, State Game Commission, State Forest, State Park, State Fish & Boat Commission, a local government unit or other land conservation organization.
- ☐ Tract is identified in an "Above Average" or "High" Critical Aquifer Recharge Area as identified by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. Tract must have at least 50% coverage to qualify.
- ☐ Farm is listed on the National Register of Historic Places or identified in the County or Municipal Comprehensive Plan for its historical significance.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION INFORMATION

Acres of cropland: _____ Acres of pasture: _____

Acres of woodlands: _____ Acres of headquarters/farmstead: _____

Is any land enrolled in NRCS programs such as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), etc.? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please list the acreage enrolled these programs: _____

If yes, when will the contract for the program expire? _____

Percent of tract in agricultural production: _____

Percent of the property is used for agricultural production (i.e. cropland, pasture or grazing):

Example: 100 acre farm with 85 acres cropland and pasture, 13 acres woodland and 2 acre homestead
= 85% of tract in agricultural production

List Crops Grown:

List Numbers and Type of Livestock:

CONSERVATION PLAN

Submission of a conservation plan and/or nutrient management plan/manure management plan with application is required in order for farm to be eligible. Conservation plan requirements are listed in Section 103.B of the Program Guidelines.

Date of Conservation Plan: _____

Describe conservation practices currently in use: _____

Is manure applied to the farmland? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Date of Nutrient Management Plan, if required: _____

Date of Manure Management Plan, if required: _____

MORTGAGES, LIENS, MINERAL RIGHTS, LAND USE RESTRICTIONS, ETC

List all mortgages, liens, options, owners of mineral rights, right-of-ways, easements, land use restrictions, land leases, billboards, cellular towers, cemeteries, or other interests on the farmland tract.

BUSINESSES OR RURAL ENTERPRISES

List any agriculture-related or non-agriculture-related businesses on the farm including energy production (solar, wind, methane, etc), traditional trades, home occupations, etc.

MAPS & SOILS REPORT

The following items **shall be prepared by the county board**, in cooperation with the applicant:

1. Locational Map – A United States Geographical Survey topographical map showing the location and boundaries of the farmland tract. The map shall show the location of any acreage being withheld from the easement.
2. Tax Map – A tax map of the farmland tract with map reference and tax parcel numbers clearly indicated.
3. Soils Map – A soils map of the farmland tract, color coded.
4. Soils Report Form “C” – A soil report detailing quality of soils (total acres in land capability classes I-IV) and the extent of agricultural use (total acres of farm in agricultural use) on the farmland tract (See Appendix F).

SIGNATURES(S)

Signatures of all property owners are required to submit an application. Only completed applications will be considered.

All acreage to be withheld must be identified at the time of application. Changes in the application made following selection will nullify any offer made by the board and will require re-application.

The undersigned do hereby acknowledge that they understand that all information supplied to the Cumberland County Agricultural Land Preservation Board in connection with their application will be kept on file with the County Coordinator and also with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. As such, all information will be treated as public records available to the general public for review and copying. No information submitted as a part of an application will be treated as confidential or not available to the public. Specifically, the information in connection with an application that will be treated as public records will include, without limitation, the conservation plan, production reports and appraisals.

By signature hereto, the undersigned do authorize the release of all information in connection with their application and will hold the Cumberland County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, Cumberland County, and their employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability for the release of said information or making of said information available to the public.

Signed _____

Date _____

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Are you interested in learning more about out of ranking order bargain sale easements? A landowner may be selected out of ranking order if they are willing to accept 50% of the appraised easement value. Checking yes does not obligate a landowner to consider a bargain sale.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you interested in learning more about federal easements available through USDA-NRCS? Landowners accepting federal funding may be taken out of ranking order. Federal funding availability varies from year to year. Checking yes does not obligate a landowner to consider a federal easement.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Submit completed application by October 31 to qualify for upcoming calendar year ranking:

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