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Preserve Your Farm! Learn How at Community Meetings in Cumberland County

Carlisle, PA – Cumberland County is inviting local farmers to attend one of two community meetings on Tuesday, Aug. 19 to learn how they can protect their land through the Farmland Preservation Program, explore the benefits of preservation, and find out what steps are needed to safeguard their acreage for future generations.

“Since 1989, the county has preserved 229 farms covering 24,889 acres,” said Stephanie Williams, senior planning manager. “These community meetings are designed to give farmers the opportunity to learn more about the process and benefits of farmland preservation, so that they can make a well-informed decision.”

Both community meetings will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the Allen Road Building, 310 Allen Road, Carlisle.

Attendees can choose between two available times:

- Morning Session: 10 a.m.
- Evening Session: 6 p.m.

RSVPs are requested by Friday, Aug. 15. To register, contact Jessica Cohick, jcohick@cumberlandcountypa.gov, or call 717.240.5362.

At the meetings, farmers will hear firsthand from a local landowner who has successfully preserved their farm. County staff will also explain how the Farmland Preservation Program works, including eligibility requirements, the application process, and key deadlines.

Important update: The deadline to submit a completed application for the 2026 round of farm selections has been changed to Friday, Oct. 31, 2025.

For more information, visit: cumberlandcountypa.gov/farmland.

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