

Agricultural Conservation Easement Application Form

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I. General Information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____
(Street/R.D.) (City) (State) (Zip)

Social Security # (optional): _____

Telephone #(s): _____
(please include best times to contact)

Township: _____

Is your farm in an Agricultural Security Area? _____ If Yes, give I.D. # _____

Street location of farmland tract: _____

Directions from nearest State Route: _____

Total acreage of farmland tract: _____

Total acreage offered: _____

Crops grown on farmland tract: _____

Number and kinds of livestock: _____

Tax Map No: _____ Deed Reference: Book _____ Volume _____ Page _____

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Tax Map Number can be obtained from Wayne County Tax Assessment office. Deed Reference can be obtained from Wayne County Register & Recorder's office.

Date of USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Plan, if any: _____

Date of Nutrient Management Plan, if any: _____

Name(s), Address, and Telephone of Person(s) to contact to view the farmland tract:

II. Maps

1. Locational Map – A USGS Topographic Map showing the location of the farmland tract.

This map can be obtained through Wayne County Planning Department for a nominal fee.

2. Soils Map – The soils map of the farmland tract must be color-coded as follows:

- Class I - Green
- Class II - Yellow
- Class III - Red
- Class IV - Blue
- Wetlands - cross hatch or include on separate map

3. Tax Map – A map of the farmland tract with map reference and tax parcel no.'s clearly indicated.

III. Soils Report

A soils report for the farmland tract is required and can be obtained by visiting

<https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/> as part of this application.

IV. Land Capability Class Table A table showing capability classes is required and can be obtained through the Wayne County Planning Department.

	Acres of Cropland/Pasture	Acres of Other Land	Total Acres
Class I	_____	_____	_____
Class II	_____	_____	_____
Class III	_____	_____	_____
Class IV	_____	_____	_____
*Unique Land	_____	_____	_____
TOTALS:	_____	_____	_____

* Unique Land is land other than Class I – IV that is used for the production of specific high value food crops such as fruits and vegetables. To be evaluated for easement purchase, the unique land must be used for its unique purpose at the time of the application.

V. Crop Production Information

The applicant must provide crop production information for the most recent crop year for which comparable statistics are available from the PA Agricultural Statistics Service:

	Commodity	Acres Grown	Yield/Acres
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

VI. Livestock Report

The applicant shall provide a livestock report for the farmland tract for the most recent calendar year for which comparable statistics are available from the PA Agricultural Statistics Service:

	Livestock	Average Numbers	Product Sold	Amount Sold
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: If the applicant grows crops or produces livestock that are of a type not reported by PASS, the county board shall obtain two years of production data from the applicant in order to determine if the application meets the minimum criteria.

VII. Selling Price

I/We would consider selling an Agricultural Conservation Easement to the Wayne County Agricultural Land Preservation Board and/or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for not less than:

1. \$ _____ For the entire farm, or
2. \$ _____ Per acre, or
3. _____ An amount to be determined by appraisal and acceptable to buyer and seller

VIII. Type of Easement

Easements are purchased for perpetuity only.

By signing and submitting this application, the applicant realizes that they would be extinguishing their development rights on the property if approved. If the application is approved and selected for funding, the Agricultural Land Preservation Board will purchase the development rights from the applicant. Agricultural Conservation Easements purchased through this Program will apply to the property forever.

IX. Signature(s)

It is necessary for all owners of the farmland tract to give their approval and consent to this application.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please submit this application with \$100 non-refundable application fee, via mail or in person to:

Wayne County Agricultural Land Preservation Board
c/o Wayne County Commissioners Office
925 Court Street
3rd Floor
Honesdale, PA 18431

Please contact the Wayne County Commissioners Office (570) 253-5970 ext 1311 if you have any questions or require assistance in completing this application.