

BUCKS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM
Purchase of Conservation Easements
Application Form
2023

1. General Information:

Name(s): _____

Address: (Street/Rd.) _____

City _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Telephone: _____

County: _____

Township: _____

Agricultural Security Area: _____

Street Location of Farmland Tract: _____

Directions from Nearest State Route:

Total Acreage of Farmland Tract: _____

Total Acreage Proposed for Easement Purchase: _____

Crops Grown on Farmland Tract (2022)	Acres of Each

Numbers and Kinds of Livestock on the Farm (2022)	# Head

County Tax Parcel Number of Each Parcel: _____

Date of U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service Conservation Plan, if any:

Name(s), Address and Telephone Number or Person(s) to Contact to View the Farmland Tract:

2. Production Information:

1. The applicant must provide crop production information for the most recent crop year that comparable statistics are available from the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service or information for the prior two growing seasons as part of this application. The report will be as follows:

	<u>Commodity/Crop</u>	<u>Acres Grown</u>
2022		
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

2021

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

2. The applicant must provide livestock information for the farmland tract for the most recent calendar year that comparable statistics are available from the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service, or information from the prior two production years, as follows:

	<u>Livestock</u>	<u>Average Numbers</u>	<u>Product Sold</u>
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2022

- 1.
- 2.

2021

- 1.
- 2.

3. What percentage of your total family income is derived from farming operations (not tenant income) _
____? Just on tract from application _____?

4. What percentage of farming activities are performed by landowner, family members and/or employee's
_____ %

3. **Maps:**

- The applicant is to provide the following maps as part of this application:

1. Locational Map - A United States Geographical Survey Topographical Map showing the location of the farmland tract.
2. A tax map of the farmland proposed for protection with map reference and tax parcel number clearly indicated.

Soils Plan (Please send a copy of your Soil and Water Conservation Plan, if you have one. If you are not sure if you have a soil plan, or need to get a copy, please call the Bucks County Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at (215) 453-9527.

- The applicant is required to provide a soils report and soils map for the farmland tract proposed for easement purchase, and a table showing the capability class and use of land, as follows:

	Acres of Cropland/Pasture	Other Acreage	Total Acres
Class I	_____	_____	_____
Class II	_____	_____	_____
Class III	_____	_____	_____
Class IV	_____	_____	_____
Unique Land	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____	_____

- The soils map shall color code soil types as follows:

Class I	=	Green	Class IV	=	Blue
Class II	=	Yellow	Wetlands	=	Cross-Hatch or Separate Map
Class III	=	Red			

Unique land is land other than Class I - IV that is used for the production of specific high value crop foods 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 application.

Please Note: The Bucks County Agricultural Land Preservation Program can provide these maps. Please contact John Ives if you need to have these maps prepared.

1. Do you have a soil conservation plan? ____Yes ____No
2. What percentage of your farmed ground is currently being farmed with conservation practices (no-till, strips, etc.)? _
3. Does your farm have any unique factors that the board should consider? Please list. (This would include unique site features that may be of an environmental, historic, or scenic value to the community.)

List any Mortgage
Or Lien Holder: _____

4. Signature(s):

It is necessary for all farmland owners to give their approval and consent to this application and for the release of the soil conservation plan for the farm.

I, hereby, authorize the Conservation Plan (Natural Resources and Conservation Service) preparer to release copies of the Soil Conservation Plan and Nutrient Management Plan (Act 6, if applicable), to the County Agricultural Land Preservation Board and the Bureau of Farmland Preservation as required under Act 43 criteria for easement purchase.

Signed _____ Date _____.

I hereby certify that I am _____ am not _____ a county board member.

Signature
of Landowners: _____

(Print Full Name) _____

Social Security No. (s) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Date: _____

Submit to:

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C/o Bucks County Planning Commission
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Doylestown, PA 18901
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Official Use Only:

File Number: _____

Agricultural Security Area: _____

Date Received: _____