

Bargain Sale Donation

By checking this box, I, the farmland owner, acknowledge and understand that applicants who agree to participate in the Federal Farmland Preservation Program, offer to donate more than 10% of the easement value, or if a township partners with the County to fund preservation of the farm may be offered the chance to participate in this program ahead of other applicants who score higher.

The sale of an agricultural easement for a price that is less than the appraised value of the easement (i.e. bargain sale) has been included in the Numerical Ranking System.

Please indicate if you are interested in a bargain sale.

Yes No

If yes, indicate specific percentage of the bargain sale you are offering _____%.

Minimum donation for ranking points is 10%. Higher donations will be given priority consideration. Please refer to the Ranking System in Addendum I – 2 and the preceding paragraph.

Are you willing to participate in the Federal Farmland Preservation Program and accept federal funds if the County is able to secure them to help us stretch our limited funds?

Yes No

Subdivision Activity

Do you have a subdivision plan or other matter before the township for consideration?

Yes No

Please note: Subdivision of land between the time of easement sale application and easement sale settlement is PROHIBITED. Please contact staff with questions or for clarification.

List any Mortgage(s), Lien Holder(s), Lines of Credit or owners of mineral rights:

Please include contact information for the holder(s) of mortgages, liens, lines of credit

Title issues such as mortgages, liens, judgments, etc. must be resolved prior to the agricultural conservation easement proceeding to settlement. Should discovery be made that any of the issues pertaining to title prohibits the sale of an agricultural conservation easement, the property owner is responsible for the incidental cost (title, survey, etc.) incurred by the County.

Overview of Farm Operation:

Crop & Livestock Report For Recent Calendar Year on Land Proposed for Easement (Please fill in with as much information as possible. If more space is needed – please attach a separate sheet).

Crops	Acres Grown

Livestock	Average Number

Land Use (Please fill in the blank).

Percent of farm used for Harvested Cropland, Pasture and Grazing Land: ____%

Is timber harvested from woodlands? Yes No

Commercial Equine Activity

Are you engaged in any commercial equine activities on the proposed eased land?

Yes No

Stewardship Practices:

NOTE: *An approved conservation plan and implementation agreement is required before settlement on the sale of an agricultural conservation easement through this program. After settlement, participating farms will be visited annually to make sure the conservation plan is up to date, that the conservation practices are working and implementation is on schedule.*

Does you have a Conservation Plan? Yes No

If yes, attach a copy of the full plan.

Plan Date: _____

Plan Writer: _____

Please describe the conservation practices currently used on the farm:

Do you have a Nutrient Management Plan? Yes No

If yes, attach a copy of the plan.

Plan Date: _____

Plan Writer: _____

Is your farm leased to another farmer? Yes No

If yes, who farms it? Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

The Agricultural Land Preservation Board and the County of Chester make no representations regarding the applicant's ability to receive favorable tax treatment as a result of this transaction. *All applicants are advised to consult their own attorney or tax consultant for advice in this regard.*

Yes No **Will the proceeds be used in a Like Kind Exchange?**

Yes No **Is there a signed agreement?**

If yes, is the exchange property a Chester County Farm? Yes No

Historic, Scenic and Environmentally Sensitive Qualities

Yes No Is farm adjacent to a park*, protected natural area** or a National Historic Resource or District***?

If yes, please identify: _____

* Park = passive, low intensity recreational use by individuals or small groups in natural surroundings.

**Protected Natural Area = Land, other than farmland, owned in fee by or under easement with a private conservation organization or public entity for conservation purposes.

***National Historic Resource or District = Must be on or have potential to be on the National Register. Please provide a non-returnable photograph of the historic building.

Yes No Have any development rights been transferred from your land or any land use restrictions, including deed restrictions, subdivision restrictions, or any other covenants, exist on your property?

Each item below is required for the application to be complete. Please use the list of check boxes below to make sure you have included all required items:

- Make sure all parcels that are a part of this application are in the recorded Agricultural Security Area (ASA) of your township (if you are not sure or if you know they are not – please contact us at the County Department of Open Space Preservation to let us know and so we can help).
- A tax map, soils map, or USDA topographic map with the proposed easement area outlined/drawn.
- Printed name(s) of all applicants on Page 1
- Completed and signed Release of Records on Page 6

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION is the first Friday in August by 4:00 P.M.

Submit to: Agricultural Preservation Application
Chester County Department of Open Space Preservation
Government Services Center, Suite 390
601 Westtown Road, P.O. Box 2747
West Chester, PA 19380-0990,

Telephone: 610-344-5656
Fax: 610-344-4012,
Email: openspace@chesco.org

If your property is approved for an appraisal by the CCALPB, a \$750 deposit will be required at that time if the landowner wishes to proceed. A current conservation plan or a commitment and timeline for obtaining a plan will also be required. For additional information, please see the Program Guideline Appendix for the Deposit and Conservation Plan Policy.

No data from application is available pursuant to the Right to Know Act until an Agreement of Sale for agricultural conservation easement purchase is fully executed. Townships will be notified of applications within their jurisdiction in order to determine appropriate match funding. Applications will remain active for two funding rounds unless they are withdrawn by the applicant. Updates to the application will only be accepted if they are permitted by the Policies and Procedures as stated in these regulations. If they are not submitted prior to the annual deadline and are not otherwise permitted by the Policies and Procedures, then the modifications will be incorporated into the application the following (and subsequent) rounds as offered by the County Commissioners.

Authorization for Release of Records

To: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

From (Individual and/or Farm Name): _____

Mailing Address:

Farm Address (if different than mailing):

Municipality of Farm: _____

I hereby authorize the release of my individual records that are in the custody of the USDA, NRCS.

I authorize release of records to the following named individual(s) or representative(s) of the following organizations(s):

List name(s) or organization(s): The Chester County Department of Parks and Preservation

I authorize release of the following information (initial the appropriate block):

ANY information in my files

ONLY the following information as noted below:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Beginning date _____ for release of record. Ending date _____ for release of record.

I understand and acknowledge that NRCS cannot be responsible for ensuring the confidentiality of released records.

Name (please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____