



County of Chester, Pennsylvania

<u>OFFICIAL USE</u>			
Agricultural Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disapproved	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assessment Office		Date	
Recorded:	Record Book	Page	Date

**APPLICATION FOR USE VALUE ASSESSMENT OF LAND
FOR REAL ESTATE TAX PURPOSES
UNDER ACT 319 OF 1974 - "CLEAN AND GREEN"
AS AMENDED BY ACT 156 OF 1998**

1. This application must be completed and executed by all fee simple owners of the property for which application is being made. Should the property be titled in the name of a corporation, the application must be executed by the individual authorized by corporation resolution to do so. Should the property be titled to an entity other than a corporation, the application must be executed by an individual duly authorized to act on behalf of that entity. A copy of the appropriate corporate resolution or authorization must be attached to this application.
2. All signatures on this application must be notarized.
3. This application may be filed in person or by mail at the Chester County Assessment Office, 313 W. Market Street, Suite 4202, P.O. Box 2748, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380-0991. Any questions regarding the proper completion of the application are to be directed to the Assessment Office at the above address or by calling (610) 344-6105.
4. Act 319 of 1974, as amended, requires that this application be POSTMARKED by *June 1st* in order to be effective for the calendar tax year commencing the following January 1st. There is an open enrollment period each tax year between March 1 and June 1.
5. A processing fee (\$50.00) and a recording fee (\$26.50) and a Bureau of Land Records per parcel fee (\$15.00) must be remitted with this application. Attach one check in the amount of \$76.50 plus \$15.00 for each parcel payable to the "TREASURER OF CHESTER COUNTY." NOTE: Additional recording fees may be charged for applications of 5 or more pages and/or 5 or more owners' names and signatures.

Qualification for enrollment of your property into the *Act 319* preferential assessment program is determined by meeting the minimum requirements established for any one of three land use categories: Agricultural Use, Agricultural Reserve, or Forest Reserve. The specific eligibility requirements are contained on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture form number AAO-86 and Chester County's *Act 319* policy brochure. The eligibility of this parcel will be determined, utilizing your responses to the questions contained on the reverse side of this application. ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED. You may attach separate explanatory sheets should you feel your responses require additional detail.

This application complies with the uniform standards developed for preferential assessment applications by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture on form AAO-82 - May, 1975.

PARCEL NUMBER (S): _____ - _____ - _____	ACREAGE: _____
_____ - _____ - _____	ACREAGE: _____
PROPERTY LOCATION: _____	
Property Address	
Municipality (Name of City, Borough, or Township)	
OWNER'S NAME(S): _____	_____
Last	First MI
_____	_____
Last	First MI
(Other than individuals, use first line only for entity or corporation name, second for name of authorized individual.)	
MAILING ADDRESS: _____	
Number	Street
_____	_____
City	State ZIP
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____	_____
Daytime Number	Home Number

Answer all questions!

	N/A	Yes	No		N/A	Yes	No
1. Is this parcel 10 contiguous acres or more in size?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. If this parcel is found <i>not eligible under Agricultural Use or Forest Reserve</i> , do you want it considered under Agricultural Reserve Land when you understand that this category requires that the land be non-commercial, open to the public for recreation, at no charge or fee, and with no discrimination against any person using the land?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does this application represent the total acres in the parcel?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If your answer is "yes" to Question 7, do you agree to these stated conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. If this parcel is <i>less than 10 acres</i> , can you verify that the land is now devoted to Agricultural Use and that the land will be used to generate \$2,000 annual gross income? (Proof will be required.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Do you understand that if this application is approved, it will remain in effect continuously until the land owner changes the agricultural use from the approved category? At that time a roll-back tax, plus interest, must be paid for a period not to exceed seven (7) years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. If this parcel has open tillable land, is it now devoted to Agricultural Use, and has it been so for the preceding three years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Please check each that applies:			
5. If this parcel has Forest Land, is the land stocked with trees of any size, and is it capable of producing wood products in excess of 25 cubic feet per acre each year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Do you have an approved Conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Do you or anyone else currently conduct a non-agricultural commercial business on this land parcel that exceeds two acres?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Is this parcel now approved under Act 515?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If the answer is "yes", list or describe those activities below: _____				C. Do you lease any minerals on this parcel?			
_____				Inactive _____ Active _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
_____				D. Is this parcel located next to environmentally significant areas such as parks, historic areas, lakes, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

NOTE: Questions #3, #4, #5 or #7 and #8 MUST be answered "YES" to qualify.

The applicant for preferential assessment hereby agrees, if his/her application is approved for preferential assessment, to submit 30 days notice to the county assessor of a proposed change in use of the land, a change in ownership of a portion of the land or of any type of division or conveyance of the land. Failure to file this notification 30 days prior to conveyance is subject to a \$100.00 civil penalty. The applicant for preferential assessment hereby acknowledges that, if this application is approved for preferential assessment, roll-back taxes under section 5.1 of the Act may be due for a change in use of the land, a change in ownership of any portion of the land, or any type of division or conveyance of the land. The undersigned declares that this application, including all accompanying schedules and statements, has been examined by him/her, and to the best of his/her knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Signature Date Signature Date

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :
COUNTY OF CHESTER : SS.

On this, the _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, a Notary Public, the herein signed, did personally appear _____ known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed and executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires:
(SEAL)