



Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program Application – 2009
Due June 30, 2009

Entity Information

(An entity or combination of entities submitting multiple parcels for consideration are only required to submit entity information once)

Primary Entity Information

(The entity that will be accepting the federal contribution)

*Check if
information
is attached*

Information Required *(Required attachments in bold letters)*

EVIDENCE OF AN ESTABLISHED FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM
- **State, Tribal, or local government statute**
- **Ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement**

EVIDENCE OF THE COMMITMENT, AUTHORITY AND DEMONSTRATED CAPABILITY TO HOLD, MANAGE, OR ENFORCE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS OR THEIR EQUIVALENT
- **State, Tribal, or local government statute or ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement**
- **List of easements held, managed, and enforced by the cooperating entity**

EVIDENCE OF TITLE AND APPRAISAL POLICIES OR STANDARDS
- **Appraisal summary** *(kind of appraisal, evaluation date, value summary)* if available for parcel(s)

EVIDENCE OF STAFF CAPABILITY DEDICATED TO EASEMENT MONITORING AND STEWARDSHIP
- Number of easements held and managed
- Current staff available

Information Required *(Required attachments in bold letters)*

EVIDENCE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS EQUAL TO AT LEAST 50% OF THE ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT *(including landowner donation)*

- State, Tribal, or local government appropriation or statement from non-government organization that funds are available

Parcel (Farm) Information

National Data Required

ENTITY OR ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PROTECTING THE PARCEL

MAP OF PARCEL SHOWING PROPOSED PROTECTED AREA *(attach map)*

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARCEL LANDOWNERS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FARM OPERATOR, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER

PARCEL ADDRESS

LOCATION MAP OF PARCEL *(attach map)*

National Data Required

TRACT AND FARM NUMBER ASSIGNED BY USDA SERVICE CENTER *(if available)*

SIZE OF PARCEL *(in acres)*

PENDING OFFER FOR PARCEL *(attach signed, written offer)*

MAP, ACRES, AND TABLE OF PRIME, UNIQUE, OR STATEWIDE OR LOCALLY IMPORTANT SOILS FOR PARCEL *(attach map and table)*

HISTORICAL OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROPOSED TO BE PROTECTED *(National or State Registered)*

- **Brief description of site’s significance**
- **Documentation of site’s listing on federal, Tribal, or state register**
- **Listing document that describes significance of site** *(must be included to compare with cooperating entity’s ability to manage and enforce easement for historic preservation of site) – one of three eligibility criteria (attach listing document)*

MANNER THAT EACH PARCEL SUPPORTS A STATE OR LOCAL FARM LAND PROTECTION PROGRAM *(if applicable)* – one of three eligibility criteria

- **Evidence of how parcel supports the policy such as location within a focus area of statement from unit of government indicating that parcel supports the unit of government’s policy** *(attach map or statement)*
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ACRES OF CROPLAND

ACRES OF PASTURELAND

National Data Required

ACRES OF HAYLAND

ACRES OF FOREST *(sum of wetland and non-wetland forest)*

ACRES OF INCIDENTAL LAND *(including farmstead and non-forested wetland)*



**MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF OTHER PROTECTED PARCELS IN
RELATION TO LAND PARCELS PROPOSED TO BE PROTECTED**
(attach map)

ESTIMATED VALUE OF EASEMENT OF PARCEL *(should equal sum of
estimated cooperating entity, contribution, landowner donation, and federal
contribution)*

ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTION BY COOPERATING ENTITY (dollars) *(must be
at least 25% of purchase price)*

ESTIMATED LANDOWNER DONATION *(appraised fair market value minus
amount landowner will accept for easement – not a cash donation)* (dollars)

EXPECTED FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION *(cannot be more than 50% of appraised
fair market value of land)* (dollars)

National Data Required

ESTIMATED COOPERATING ENTITY'S RECOMMENDED STEWARDSHIP FEE (*if any*) TO BE PAID BY LANDOWNER (dollars)

INDICATION OF EXISTING AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE, ON- AND OFF-FARM

STATEMENT REGARDING LEVEL OF THREAT FROM URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR PARCEL

PERCENT IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

PERCENT IMPERVIOUS SURFACE REQUESTED (*limited to 2% of easement area without an approved waiver procedure*)

National Data Required

DESIRE OF LANDOWNERS TO SUBDIVIDE EACH PARCEL (*subdivision in FRPP is generally prohibited*)

- Parcels for which landowners know the exact locations and dimensions of subdivided parcels should submit parcels as separate parcels to be ranked at subdivided size
- If landowner wants option to subdivide at a date after application is submitted, permission must be written into conservation easement deed
- Size of subdivided parcels must be economically viable size for a farm

Information Required by NRCS State Office for Ranking Factors

EVIDENCE OF NRCS CONSERVATION PLAN AND/OR FOREST STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT PLAN

SPECIAL SCENIC, SOCIAL, OR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITIES OF THE FARM (*describe*)

EVIDENCE OF TOWN COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURE (*planning and zoning regulations, letter of support from elected official, etc.*)

EVIDENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD REVIEW OR CLEAN TITLE (*if completed*)

ESTIMATE OF CLOSING DATE (*must be completed in 18 months or less*)
