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I. General Information

Name(s) (all names on the deed of the farm):

Name: _____

Social Security # _____

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Address

(Street/R.D.) (City)
(State) (Zip Code)

Telephone #(s)

(please list contact person and best times to reach)

Please don't transmit this page (above) with Social Security Numbers via email. It can be submitted at a later date, when requested. If mailing the application through US First Class Postal Mail, please include this page.

The following may be submitted to the Clinton County Agriculture Preservation Board and to the State Farmland Preservation Board

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Address of farm: _____

Phone of contact person: _____

II. Farm Information

County _____ Township _____

Name of Agricultural Security Area _____ *This is a requirement and will be verified before this application is deemed valid.*

Street or 911 location of farmland tract

Directions from nearest state route

Total acreage of farmland tract _____

Deed reference:

Book _____ Volume _____ Page _____

Tax parcel numbers:

number and acreage _____

number and acreage _____

III. Signature(s)

It is necessary for all farmland owners to give their approval and consent to this application. Signatures are also necessary at the end of the application.

Signed _____ Date _____

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IV. Conservation Plan

Date of USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Plan _____

Date of any Nutrient Management Plan _____

Conservation Practices in use currently -

V. Mortgages, Liens and Mineral Rights

Please list all mortgages, lienholders, or owners of mineral rights for the farmland tract(s).

Mortgage _____

Mortgage _____

Lienholders _____

Lienholders _____

Mineral Rights: _____

VI. Maps

Applicants are required to provide the following maps as part of their applications:

1. Locational map - A United States Geographical Survey topographic map showing the boundaries of the farmland tract. (available from County Planning Commission or County Conservation District)

2. Tax map - Tax map(s) of the farmland tract with map reference and tax parcel numbers clearly indicated. (available from County Assessor)

**3. Soils map - The soils map of the farmland tract. This must be color-coded according to the colors in use by USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. (available from Natural Resource Conservation Service or County Conservation District)

Class I	Green
Class II	Yellow
Class III	Red
Class IV	Blue
Wetlands	Cross Hatch or include on separate map

** Conservation District can provide soils information

**** VII. Soils Report**

The applicant is required to provide a soils report for the farmland tract as part of the application. This soils report must include a soils narrative for each of the soils on the farm. The applicant is also required to provide a table showing the capability class of each soil type and use of the land as part of this application (below).

SOILS REPORT

Name: _____
 Township: _____

Acres Offered: _____

Capability Classes I-IV

Capability Class	Cropland Acres	Pasture Acres	Other Acres	Total Acres
I				
II				
III				
IV				
Sub Total I-IV				

Capability Classes V-VIII

Capability Class	Cropland Acres	Pasture Acres	Other Acres	Total Acres
V				
VI				
VII				
VIII				
Sub Total V-VIII				

TOTALS

Capability Class	Cropland Acres	Hay/Pasture Acres	Other Acres	Total Acres
I-IV				
V-VIII				
TOTAL				

Soils Report Continued

Percent of Total Acres in Land Capability Classes I-IV

Step 1.

Total Acres Cropland and Pasture in Soil Capability Classes I-IV _____

divided by

Total Easement Acres _____

x 100 = _____%

Step 2.

Is percentage calculated above 50% ? (yes/no) _____

Step 3

If no, document whether 50%, or more, of the total easement acreage is both available for and of soil capability classes I-IV.

Percent of Total Acres in Agricultural Use:

Total Acres Cropland + Total Acres Pasture _____

divided by

Total Easement Acres = _____

x 100 = _____%

VIII. Selling Price

I would consider selling an Agricultural Conservation Easement to the Clinton 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.
4. _____ acres offered for easement.

VII. Signature(s)

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

If the County Board and applicant agree that an appraisal will be performed by the Board, the applicant will be required to submit a written request for an appraisal and a **\$250.00 deposit** which the County Board will hold in an escrow account. This deposit will be refunded only if:

- (1) The County Board does not conduct an appraisal; or
- (2) The County Board conducts an appraisal but does not make an offer to purchase an easement; or
- (3) The County Board's final offer is less than the appraised value of the easement and such offer is refused by the applicant; or
- (4) The applicant sells an easement to the County and/or the Commonwealth.

*****PLEASE SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION AND YOUR \$50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE CHECK, MADE PAYABLE TO: CLINTON COUNTY AG PRESERVATION PROGRAM. SEND TO THE: Clinton County Conservation District 45 Cooperation Lane Mill Hall, PA 17751**

Deadline for Applications is March 31st, of each odd-numbered year, in order to be considered for ranking that year.

Questions can be addressed to Mary Ann Bower, at 570-726-3798