

APPENDIX D

BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

A. General Information:

Owner(s) of Property: _____

Social Security Number(s): _____

Address: _____

Municipality: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Is your farm in an Agricultural Security Area? (Check one) Yes____ No____

What is the name of the Agricultural Security Area? (NOTE: List if more than one)

*List Book and Page number where Agricultural Security Area is recorded

Street location of farmland tract: _____

Directions from nearest State route: _____

Crops grown on farmland tract: _____

Number and kinds of livestock: _____

Total acreage of farmland tract: _____

Acres proposed for sale: _____

Deed reference: Book _____ Volume _____ Page Number _____ (or Instrument #)

Tax assessment numbers and acreage of each parcel: _____

Date of USDA Soil Conservation Plan _____ (REQUIRED)

Please submit a copy of a Nutrient Management Plan if required.

Name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to contact to view the farmland tract: _____

B. Maps:

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

1. **Locational Map**- A United States Geological Survey topographical map showing the location of the farmland tract and farm boundaries. (Note: USGS Topographical maps available in Butler County Planning Commission office or phone (724-284-5305).)
2. **Soils Map**- The soils map of the farmland tract. (Available from Natural Resources Conservation Service.) The soils map shall color code types as follows:
 - Class I = Green
 - Class II = Yellow
 - Class III = Red
 - Class IV = Blue
 - Class V- VIII = uncolored

*This map shall also delineate the locations of wetlands (crosshatched) and floodplains (bold lines) on the farmland tract.
3. **Tax Map**- Tax map(s) of the farmland tract with map reference and tax parcel numbers clearly indicated. (Available from County Assessor's Office or online at www.co.butler.pa.us)

C. Soils Report:

The applicant is required to provide a soils report for the farmland tract as part of the application. The soils report needs to include a soils narrative for each of the soils on the farm.

The applicant is required to provide a table showing the capability class and use of the land as part of the application. Information must be provided on **Form C - Soils Report** on the next two pages.

**BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM**

APPLICATION FORM: Form C - Soils Report

Name: _____

Township: _____

Total Acres: _____

Acres Offered: _____

CAPABILITY CLASSES I-IV

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

CAPABILITY CLASSES V-VIII

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

TOTALS

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

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PERCENT OF TOTAL ACRES IN LAND CAPABILITY CLASSES I-IV

Step 1.

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

_____ X 100 = _____ %
Total Easement Acres

Step 2.

Is percentage in Step 1 fifty percent (50%), or greater? (yes/no) _____

Step 3.

If no, document whether 50%, or more, of 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

_____ X 100 = _____ %
Total Easement Acres

D. Liens and Mineral Rights

Please list all mortgages, lienholders, or owners of rights in surface mineable coal, limestone or other surface mineable minerals for farmland tract:

E. Selling Price

I would consider selling an Agricultural Conservation Easement to the Butler 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. \$_____ please check if you accept an amount to be determined by appraisal and acceptable to the buyer and the seller.

F. Signature(s)

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

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Please submit this application between December 1 and December 31st for consideration in the next year. **All Applications are subject to all requirements of the program and availability of funds.** Applications not funded will be held for reapplication each year unless withdrawn by owner(s).

Submit application to:

Butler County Office of Farmland Preservation
124 West Diamond Street, PO Box 1208
Butler, PA 16003

Contact: Sheryl Kelly, Farmland Coordinator
Phone (724) 284-5305 / Email skelly@co.butler.pa.us