

2018

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND
PRESERVATION BOARD**

Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Application Form

I. Name(s) of Farm Owners as Listed on Deed (Please print or type)

(1) _____

(2) _____

Address of Owner _____

Address of Farm _____

Telephone: () _____ Email: _____

County: WESTMORELAND

Township: _____

Is farm currently enrolled in an Agricultural Security Area (ASA)? ___ Yes ___ No

If no, has a petition been submitted to the Township? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Date submitted.

Provide the Recorder of Deeds Book & Page # of the ASA Recording: _____

Do you have a mortgage on the real estate property? ___ Yes ___ No

Please provide name of the mortgage holder/lender(s) or lien holders:

Westmoreland County Mortgage Book Volume # or Instrument # _____

Who owns the surface-mineable mineral rights to the
land? _____

Has any portion of the farm been surfaced mined for coal? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, provide year(s) and acreage. _____

Please identify any portion of farm that has been mined on tax or topo map.

Total acreage of farm _____ Acreage of the farm offered for easement _____

Applicant must provide a map showing any proposed area being withheld from the area to be considered for an agricultural conservation easement.

Directions: _____

Westmoreland County Tax Parcel Number(s) _____

Deed Book Volume # _____ Page # _____ or Instrument # _____

A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT DEED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

USDA Conservation Plan: Tract or Farm # _____ Date of Plan _____

**A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT USDA CONSERVATION PLAN
MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

Name, address, and telephone number of person(s) to contact to view the farm if the operator is different than the owner. _____

II. Maps (Our office will assist you with the preparation of the required maps.)

1. A United States Geological Survey topographical map showing the farm's location. A photocopy of the 7.5 minute topographical map, (1"=2000') on 8 1/2" x 11" paper is required. The farm boundaries and name of the map sheet must be shown.
2. A tax map showing the farm with tax parcel number clearly indicated.
A soils map of the farm color-coded as follows (not required on initial application):
Class I = Green Class II = Yellow Class III = Red Class IV = Blue
Wetlands = Cross-Hatch, or shown on a separate map

III. Soil Map & Soil Report (Our office will assist you with the preparation of the report.)

Soil Classification	Acres of Cropland/Pasture	Total Other Land
Class I	_____	_____
Class II	_____	_____
Class III	_____	_____
Class IV	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

A format similar to that used in USDA-NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) Soil Conservation Plan is required for the soil report. This report describes the general soil profile, depth, drainage, slope and capability class. It should be one or two paragraphs in length for each soil-mapping unit.

IV. Crop Production

Provide crop production information for the prior two (2) growing seasons:

Year _____

Commodity	Acres Grown	Yields per Acre
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

Acres of pastureland or grazing land: _____

Year _____

Commodity	Acres Grown	Yields per Acre
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

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V. Livestock Report -Provide livestock information for the last complete calendar year.

Livestock Type	Average Number	Type of Product Sold	Amount of Product Sold	Total Product Value
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Landowner(s) acknowledge that the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the Westmoreland County Agricultural Land Preservation Program requires that the landowner must provide compensation to owners of surface-mineable coal disturbed or affected by the creation of such easement, according to Section 14, 1 (e)1 of the Agricultural Area Security Law.

The application will be processed using information available at the time and date the farm is ranked. This data will apply for that ranking year. If you, the applicant, decide to alter the application from the manner in which it was ranked for that calendar year, you must withdraw the application until the next round of applications are accepted. If you, the applicant, decide to withdraw the application, or change the acreage to be included after an Appraisal Report has been completed, you may be responsible for costs related to the board's selection of the site, including appraisal costs, survey, or other incidental costs related to the acquisition process.

VII. Signature(s)

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Farmland Preservation requires all farmland owners to give their approval and consent to this application, including authorization to review conservation plans and nutrient management plans, if applicable.

"I, _____ (owner of the above farm tract), hereby, authorize the Conservation Plan preparer to release copies of the Conservation Plan and Nutrient Management Plan (Act 6, if applicable), to the County Agricultural Land Preservation Board and the Pennsylvania Bureau of Farmland Preservation as required under Act 43 criteria for easement purchase."

Signature(s)

Date

All persons whose names appear on the Deed must sign application. Spouse, if any, must also sign.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Beginning on January 1, 2018, applications will be accepted on an annual basis at any time, with a cut-off date of September 1st for consideration of an agricultural conservation easement in the following calendar year. Applications received after September 1st will be reviewed for the next round of funding.

Please submit this application to:

Westmoreland County Agricultural Land Preservation Board
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Greensburg, PA 15601
Phone: 724-837-8971
Email: wcalp@comcast.net
Website: www.WCALP.org