

2010

**. WESTMORELAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND  
PRESERVATION BOARD**

**Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Application Form**

I. Name(s) of Owner Listed on Deed (Please print or type)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone – (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

County: WESTMORELAND

Township \_\_\_\_\_

Is Farm currently enrolled in an Agricultural Security Area (ASA)? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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  
farm? \_\_\_\_\_

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

If yes, provide year(s) and acreage. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total Acreage of Farm \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage Offered for Easement Purchase\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Applicant must provide a map indicating the area being withheld from the Conservation Easement.*

Street location of farm or directions from nearest state route:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Deed Book Volume # \_\_\_\_\_ Page # \_\_\_\_\_ or Instrument # \_\_\_\_\_

***Please provide a copy of your current deed.***

Westmoreland County Tax Parcel Number(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date & Tract # of USDA Conservation Plan (REQUIRED)\_\_\_\_\_

Name, address, and telephone number of person(s) to contact to view the farm

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

II. 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 Report (Not required on initial application)

<u>Soil Classification</u>	<u>Acres of Cropland/Pasture</u>	<u>Total Other Land</u>
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 growing seasons:

Year \_\_\_\_\_

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

Year \_\_\_\_\_

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

Acres of pastureland or grazing land: \_\_\_\_\_

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 changes 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 (ACT6, 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 the application.*

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Applications are accepted on an annual basis. Beginning November 1 to December 15, 2009, applications will be accepted for consideration of a conservation easement in 2010.\*

Please submit this application to:

Westmoreland County Agricultural Land Preservation Board  
214 Donohoe Road, Suite B  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
Phone: 724-837-8971