

TEXAS, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program 2012 Application	
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)	
Entity Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Information Required (Required Attachments in Bold Letters)	
Evidence of an established a farmland protection program (state, Tribal, or local government statute or ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement attached). Describe:	
Evidence of a commitment to long-term conservation of agricultural or ranch lands through the use of voluntary conservation easements that protect farm or ranch lands from conversion to nonagricultural uses (list of easements acquired and held by the cooperating entity). Describe:	
Evidence of the authority and demonstrated capability to acquire conservation easements or their equivalent (state, Tribal, or local government statute or ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement attached) (list of easements acquired by the cooperating entity). Describe:	
Evidence of the 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 attached) (list of easements held, managed, and enforced by the cooperating entity). Describe:	
Evidence of title and appraisal policies or standards (attach policies or standards). Describe:	
Evidence of staff capability dedicated to easement monitoring and stewardship (number of easements held and managed and current staff available). Describe:	
Evidence of the availability of funds equal to at least 50 percent 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 attached). Describe:	

Secondary Entity Information (Not the Entity that will be accepting the Federal contribution, entities that are only contributing funds or are monitoring the easement and enforcing the terms of the easement deed)	
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Phone:	
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Describe:	

Parcel (Farm or Ranch) Information	
Complete for each parcel	
National Data Required	
Entity or Entities Associated with the Parcel	
County	
Names of the landowners of the parcel.	
Address of the parcel.	
Legal Description of the parcel (Document attached).	
Size of the parcel, in acres.	
Pending offer for the parcel (Signed written offer attached).	

Land Eligibility (must meet one of the following three criteria)
<p>1. Acres of the prime, unique, or Statewide and locally important soil in the parcel (one of three eligibility criteria). Map and table of the prime, unique, or Statewide or locally important soils for the parcel. (Map and table attached) See Web Soil Survey http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx</p>
<p>2. Historical or archaeological resources proposed to be protected, a brief description of the sites' significance and documentation of the site's listing on the Federal, Tribal, or State register. The listing document that describes the significance of the site must be included in the application to compare with the cooperating entity's ability to manage and enforce the easement for historic preservation of the site (one of three eligibility criteria) Sites must be officially registered to be meet eligibility requirements (Listing Document attached). Describe:</p>
<p>3. Manner that each parcel supports a State or local farm or ranch 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 the unit of government indicating that the parcel supports the unit of government's policy, map or statement attached). Describe:</p>

Land Use Summary	
Acres of Cropland	
Acres of Pastureland	
Acres of Hayland	
Acres of Rangeland	
Acres of Forest (Sum of Wetland and Non-Wetland Forest)	
Acres of Incidental Land (including farmstead and non-forested wetland)	
Acres of Forested Wetlands (forest with hydric soil)	
Acres of Non-wetland Forest (forest without hydric soil)	
Acres of Non-Forested Wetland (hydric soil without forest cover)(part if incidental land)	

Estimated Easement Value	
Estimated value of the easement of the parcel (should equal the sum of the estimated cooperating entity contribution, landowner donation, and Federal contribution).	\$
Estimated contribution by the cooperating entity (dollars).	\$
Estimated landowner donation (the appraised fair market value	\$

minus the amount that the landowner will accept for the easement) (not a cash donation) (dollars).	
Expected Federal contribution. (cannot be more than 50% of the appraised fair market value of the land) (dollars).	\$
Estimated cooperating entity's recommended stewardship fee to be paid by the landowner (dollars).	\$

Attach Vicinity Map Showing the following:	
1. Map of the parcel showing the proposed protected area.	
2. Location of other protected parcels in relation to the land parcels proposed to be protected	
3. Proposed parcel and the location of existing infrastructure that would support/promote nonagricultural use. For example, water lines, sewer lines. Etc.	
4. Proposed parcel and adjacent non-agricultural use lands	
5. Indication of an existing agricultural infrastructure, on- and off-farm, and other support system(s) (miles to tractor dealers, agricultural chemical, feed and fertilizer dealers). Describe:	
6. Accessibility to markets for the parcel (miles to grain elevators, livestock markets, milk processors, cotton gins, etc). Describe:	

Statement regarding the level of threat from urban development for the parcel (attached any relative documents) . Describe:

Percent impervious surface allowed by entity.	
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Ownership of subsurface mineral rights for each parcel. Mining is prohibited on FRPP easements. Subsurface mineral rights owned by third parties must be subordinated or a mineral remoteness test conducted to assess the chance of the minerals being extracted by the third party. Parcels that have a high potential of being mined will not be accepted into FRPP. Exploration and extraction of oil and gas is negotiable and deeds must be written to minimize the disturbance caused by the exploration and extraction. Describe:
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Desire of landowners to subdivide each parcel. Subdivision in FRPP is generally prohibited. Parcels for which landowners know the exact locations and dimensions of the subdivided parcels should submit the parcels as separate parcels to be ranked at their subdivided size. If a landowner wants the option to subdivide at a date after the application is submitted, permission must be written into the conservation easement deed. The size of the subdivided parcels must be an economically viable size for a farm or ranch in the county in which the parcel is located. Lot sizes less than the size of the average farm in the county at the time of deed approval will not be permitted. Describe:

Desire of the landowner to construct additional residences on the easement parcel. Construction of new residences is generally prohibited on FRPP easements. If a landowner wants the option to construct additional residences for children returning to the farm or ranch or full time farm or ranch employees after the application is submitted, permission must be written into the conservation easement deed. The size and location of the residences must also be specified in the conservation easement deed. The deed must state that occupant of each residence must be a full

time farm or ranch employee.

Information Required by the NRCS State Office for Its Ranking Factors

Evidence of multifunctional benefits of farm and ranch land protection including social, economic, historical and archaeological, and environmental benefits. (Attached documents as needed)

Describe:

Existence of conservation plan developed by NRCS (**attached copy of plan**)