



Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program Application – 2013

Application cutoff dates: January 18, 2013 and March 15, 2013

Applications received after 5:00 pm on the cutoff date will still be considered for funding for a future application cutoff date if funds are available.

Submit Application Materials to:

USDA-NRCS

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Please send an electronic copy and a hard copy of the application materials. If applying for multiple easements, complete the entity information once and provide a separate parcel application package for each separate project.

Primary Entity Information Provide the information below for the FRPP partner entity. If applying for multiple projects, submit the entity information once and a separate parcel package for each separate conservation easement. If there is a secondary entity who will be listed on the conservation easement deed as a Grantee, also provide the entity information for the secondary entity. Attach a separate sheet and title it “Secondary Entity Information.”

Entity Name:

Mailing Address:

Federal Tax ID Number:

DUNS number:

Contact Person Name:

Contact Person Phone:

Contact Person E-mail:

Check if
information
is attached

Information Required

(Required attachments in bold letters. Please label attachments with item letter.)

Sponsor Capability: Eligible entities must describe their farm and ranch lands protection program and their record of acquiring and holding permanent agricultural land protection easements.

A. PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF AN ESTABLISHED FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM:

- **Demonstrate 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.**
- **Provide the state or local government statute specific to acquiring conservation easements to protect farmland, OR**
- **Provide the ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement specific to acquiring conservation easements to protect farmland.**

B. PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE ENTITY’S COMMITMENT TO THE LONG-TERM CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

C. PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE USE OF VOLUNTARY EASEMENT PURCHASES OR OTHER LEGAL DEVICES TO PROTECT FARMLAND.

D. PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE AUTHORITY AND DEMONSTRATED CAPABILITY TO ACQUIRE, HOLD, MANAGE, AND ENFORCE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS OR THEIR EQUIVALENT

- **Provide evidence of the specific legal authority to acquire, hold, manage and enforce agricultural land conservation easements, AND**
- **Describe the easements acquired, held, managed, and enforced by the cooperating entity. Include a list of these easements.**

E. PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE ENTITY’S ABILITY TO SECURE TITLE SEARCHES AND TITLE INSURANCE, SUBORDINATE ENCUMBRANCES ON TITLES, SECURE APPRAISALS, AND DEVELOP CONSERVATION EASEMENT DEEDS; PROVIDE TITLE AND APPRAISAL POLICIES OR STANDARDS.

F. PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF STAFF CAPACITY OR FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHER ENTITIES DEDICATED TO MONITORING AND EASEMENT STEWARDSHIP.

G. PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS EQUAL TO AT LEAST 50% OF THE ESTIMATED FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE

CONSERVATION EASEMENT. *The 50% can include the landowner donation but the entity must provide at least 25% of the purchase price*

- **Provide the state or local government appropriation or statement from non-government organization that funds are available in cash at the time of application with the description of the source of these funds. The entity must provide at least 25% of the purchase price and this match can't come from the landowner in any form.**

H. EVIDENCE OF SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR THE PERSON WHO WILL SIGN DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE ENTITY, INCLUDING THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND RELATED AMENDMENTS, REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT, ETC. *(Typical documents for entities include Article of Incorporation or By-laws or a Resolution of the Board. For units of Government, it can include a signed letter from the person who would delegate signature authority).*

I. FOR EACH PROJECT, A PENDING OFFER BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE COOPERATING ENTITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PERMANENT CONSERVATION EASEMENT IS REQUIRED. THE OFFER MUST BE SIGNED BY THE LANDOWNER AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENTITY.

Parcel (Farm) Information USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Complete one set of Parcel Information sheets for each parcel/farm for which you are seeking funding.

National Data Required

(Required attachments in bold letters. Please label attachments with item number.)

THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY AS LISTED ON THE DEED MUST ESTABLISH FARM RECORDS AT THE FARM SERVICES AGENCY (FSA)
Establish farm records at FSA including a Farm and Tract number for the property and assure the ownership records at FSA match the ownership on the deed. Attach a copy of the AD-1026 and CCC-933 for each landowner listed on the property deed. If the property is owned by a husband and wife, each must file an AD-1026 and CCC-933 and establish farm records at FSA.

List the Farm and Tract number: _____

ATTACH A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY TITLE REPORT FOR THE PROPERTY.

1. LIST THE ENTITY OR ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PROTECTING THE PARCEL:

2. ATTACH A MAP OF THE PARCEL SHOWING THE PROPOSED PROTECTED AREA *(attach aerial photograph with boundaries marked at a scale adequate to use for planning purposes) Do not include areas that won't be protected by the easement.*

2A. County: _____ Section, Township, Range: _____

3. NRCS-CPA-1200 – CONSERVATION APPLICATION FORM *(complete a separate form for each landowner listed on the deed). The form must be fully completed and signed.*

4. LIST THE PARCEL ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT THAN LANDOWNER MAILING ADDRESS AS SHOWN ON THE CCC-1200:

5. LOCATION MAP OF PARCEL (*attach map*) in _____ county. The location map must be of a scale that allows a person to find the parcel. Include Section, Township, and Range, and County on the map.

7. SIZE OF THE AREA TO BE PROTECTED BY THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT DEED (*in acres*): _____

8. PENDING OFFER FOR PARCEL (*attach signed, written offer for a permanent conservation easement, the pending offer must be between the entity and the landowner and signed by both.*)

9. ATTACH A COPY OF THE SOILS MAP (WITH SOIL MAP UNIT NUMBERS), ACRES, AND TABLE OF PRIME, UNIQUE, OR STATEWIDE OR LOCALLY IMPORTANT SOILS FOR PARCEL (*attach map and table, please use Web Soil Survey map. Contact your local NRCS office if you need assistance with Web Soil Survey*). One of three eligibility criteria, the property must be at least 50% prime, unique, or soils of statewide significance to meet FRPP eligibility based on this criterion. Most Washington parcels will use this criterion to meet FRPP eligibility. No matter which of the three eligibility criteria is used, Question 9 information **must be submitted**.

10. HISTORICAL OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROPOSED TO BE PROTECTED PROGRAM (*if applicable*) – One of three eligibility criteria (*National or State Registered or eligible for being listed*)

- **Brief description of site’s significance**
- **Documentation of site’s listing on Federal or State register**
- **Listing document that describes significance of site** (if this criteria is used for meeting FRPP eligibility, then you must include statement regarding cooperating entity’s ability to manage and enforce easement for historic preservation of site) – One of three eligibility criteria (*attach listing document*)

11. MANNER THAT THIS PARCEL SUPPORTS A STATE OR LOCAL FARM 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 unit of government indicating that parcel supports the unit of government’s policy** (*attach map and statement*)

12. ACRES OF CROPLAND: _____

13. ACRES OF PASTURELAND: _____

14. ACRES OF HAYLAND: _____

15. ACRES OF WETLAND FOREST (*forest on mapped hydric soils*):

16. ACRES OF UPLAND or NON-WETLAND FOREST (*forest on non-hydric soils*): _____

17. ACRES OF NON-FORESTED WETLAND: _____

18. ACRES OF OTHER INCIDENTAL LAND (*including farmstead*):



19. MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF OTHER PROTECTED PARCELS WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE LAND PARCELS PROPOSED TO BE PROTECTED

(*attach map*) Identify how other parcels are protected – conservation easement, military base, national park, etc. Parcels in an open space tax category are not in a permanently protected status and should not be included for this item.

20. ESTIMATED VALUE OF EASEMENT OF PARCEL (*should equal sum of estimated cooperating entity contribution, landowner donation, and federal contribution*): \$ _____

21. ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTION BY COOPERATING ENTITY (*must be at least 25% of purchase price, CASH MATCH*): \$ _____

22. ESTIMATED LANDOWNER DONATION (*appraised fair market value minus amount landowner will accept for easement – not a cash donation*):
\$ _____

23. EXPECTED FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION (*cannot be more than 50% of appraised fair market value of the easement*) (dollars): \$ _____

24. ESTIMATED COOPERATING ENTITY’S RECOMMENDED STEWARDSHIP FEE (*if any*) TO BE PAID BY LANDOWNER:
\$ _____

25. Describe the method of determining the estimated values above:

26. ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS WITHIN 1 MILE AND AERIAL PHOTO SHOWING SURROUNDING LAND WITHIN AT LEAST 1 MILE ACRES: _____ ATTACH MAP.

27. STATEMENT REGARDING THE LEVEL OF THREAT FROM URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR PARCEL *(add attachment if necessary, describe this for the specific parcel, not for the region in general)*

28. SQUARE FEET OR ACREAGE OF CURRENT IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: _____

29. PERCENT IMPERVIOUS SURFACE REQUESTED *(limited to 2% of easement area without an approved waiver):* _____

30. OWNERSHIP OF SUBSURFACE MINERAL RIGHTS FOR 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.

ARE THE MINERAL RIGHTS SEVERED? Is yes, will they be subordinated or has A mineral remoteness report been completed?

31. DESIRE OF LANDOWNERS TO SUBDIVIDE THE PROTECTED PROPERTY OR TO SELL EXISTING PARCELS SEPARATELY *(Subdivision of the protected property in FRPP is generally prohibited and includes the separate sale of existing tax parcels. The intent is that the easement area will stay under unified ownership and management).*

Parcel Name: _____

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- Parcels for which landowners know the locations of subdivided parcels or desires to sell existing tax parcels separately should be submitted as separate projects to be ranked at the subdivided size.

32. DESIRE OF LANDOWNERS TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL RESIDENCES ON THE EASEMENT PARCEL (*Construction of new residences is generally prohibited on FRPP parcels.*)

- If the landowner wants option to construct additional residences for children returning to the farm or full-time farm employees after the application is submitted, permission must be given by NRCS and written into the conservation easement deed.
- The size and location on the residences must also be specified in the conservation easement deed.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE ENTITY (*if referencing any of the above items please identify by item letter or number*):

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____