



## Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program 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)

Check if  
information  
is attached

### Information Required *(Required attachments in bold letters)*

EVIDENCE OF AN ESTABLISHED FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM  
- **State, Tribal, or local government statute**  
- **Ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement**

EVIDENCE OF THE COMMITMENT, 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**  
- **List of easements held, managed, and enforced by the cooperating entity**

EVIDENCE OF TITLE AND APPRAISAL POLICIES OR STANDARDS  
- **Appraisal summary** (kind of appraisal, evaluation date, value summary) if available for parcel(s)

EVIDENCE OF STAFF CAPABILITY DEDICATED TO EASEMENT MONITORING AND STEWARDSHIP  
- Number of easements held and managed  
- Current staff available

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**Information Required** *(Required attachments in bold letters)*

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EVIDENCE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS EQUAL TO AT LEAST 50% 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**

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**Parcel (Farm) Information**

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**National Data Required**

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ENTITY OR ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PROTECTING THE PARCEL

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**MAP OF PARCEL SHOWING PROPOSED PROTECTED AREA** *(attach map)*

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARCEL LANDOWNERS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FARM OPERATOR, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER

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PARCEL ADDRESS

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**LOCATION MAP OF PARCEL** *(attach map)*

**National Data Required**

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TRACT AND FARM NUMBER ASSIGNED BY USDA SERVICE CENTER *(if available)*

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SIZE OF PARCEL *(in acres)*

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**PENDING OFFER FOR PARCEL** *(attach signed, written offer)*

**MAP, ACRES, AND TABLE OF PRIME, UNIQUE, OR STATEWIDE OR LOCALLY IMPORTANT SOILS FOR PARCEL** *(attach map and table)*

**HISTORICAL OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES PROPOSED TO BE PROTECTED** *(National or State Registered)*

- **Brief description of site’s significance**
- **Documentation of site’s listing on federal, Tribal, or state register**
- **Listing document that describes significance of site** *(must be included to compare with cooperating entity’s ability to manage and enforce easement for historic preservation of site) – one of three eligibility criteria (attach listing document)*

**MANNER THAT EACH 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 or statement)*
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ACRES OF CROPLAND

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ACRES OF PASTURELAND

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**National Data Required**

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ACRES OF HAYLAND

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ACRES OF FOREST *(sum of wetland and non-wetland forest)*

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ACRES OF INCIDENTAL LAND *(including farmstead and non-forested wetland)*

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**MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF OTHER PROTECTED PARCELS IN  
RELATION TO LAND PARCELS PROPOSED TO BE PROTECTED**  
*(attach map)*

ESTIMATED VALUE OF EASEMENT OF PARCEL *(should equal sum of  
estimated cooperating entity, contribution, landowner donation, and federal  
contribution)*

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ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTION BY COOPERATING ENTITY (dollars) *(must be  
at least 25% of purchase price)*

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ESTIMATED LANDOWNER DONATION *(appraised fair market value minus  
amount landowner will accept for easement – not a cash donation)* (dollars)

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EXPECTED FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION *(cannot be more than 50% of appraised  
fair market value of land)* (dollars)

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**National Data Required**

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ESTIMATED COOPERATING ENTITY'S RECOMMENDED STEWARDSHIP FEE *(if any)* TO BE PAID BY LANDOWNER (dollars)

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INDICATION OF EXISTING AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE, ON- AND OFF-FARM

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STATEMENT REGARDING LEVEL OF THREAT FROM URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR PARCEL

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PERCENT IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

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PERCENT IMPERVIOUS SURFACE REQUESTED *(limited to 2% of easement area without an approved waiver procedure)*

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**National Data Required**

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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 subdivided parcels should submit parcels as separate parcels to be ranked at subdivided size
- If landowner wants option to subdivide at a date after application is submitted, permission must be written into conservation easement deed
- Size of subdivided parcels must be economically viable size for a farm

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**Information Required by NRCS State Office for Ranking Factors**

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EVIDENCE OF NRCS CONSERVATION PLAN AND/OR FOREST STEWARDSHIP/MANAGEMENT PLAN

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SPECIAL SCENIC, SOCIAL, OR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITIES OF THE FARM (*describe*)

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**EVIDENCE OF TOWN COMMITMENT TO AGRICULTURE** (*planning and zoning regulations, letter of support from elected official, etc.*)

**EVIDENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD REVIEW OR CLEAN TITLE** (*if completed*)

ESTIMATE OF CLOSING DATE (*must be completed in 18 months or less*)

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**COPY OF PROPOSED DEED LANGUAGE** (*required by July 31, 2011*)