

**HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING**

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Harford County Agricultural Land Preservation Application
Due Date: May 1st of each year

1. This is an application to sell a conservation easement to Harford County, Maryland pursuant to the Harford County Agricultural Land Preservation Act [Bill No. 93-2 as passed by the Harford County Council on April 6, 1993 (the "Act"), as amended]. After sale of the conservation easement, the only use of the land permitted under the Act is agricultural.
2. This is an application only and does not bind the landowner to accepting an offer.
3. Some questions may not apply to your property, but please complete the application as fully as possible. If you are uncertain whether information is applicable to an item, please still include the information.
4. The information you provide will be used to evaluate your application in accordance with the Harford County Easement Priority Ranking System.
5. Please feel free to expand your answers by attaching additional sheets if necessary.
6. This application is subject to review by the Harford County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board, County Executive and County Council of Harford County.
7. Review of applications by the Harford County Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board is anticipated to occur during the May and June Board meetings. Landowners are welcome to attend board meetings and may request the draft easement and other program documents available.

I. OWNERSHIP:

A. Correct legal name(s) of landowner. Indicate all current owners/entity members and the percentage of ownership by each owner.:

B. Contact person: _____

C. Telephone No. _____ e-mail: _____

D. Property address (of property applying for program):

E. Mailing address (if different than above):

F. Type of legal entity:

individual(s)

corporation incorporated in the State of _____

general partnership created in the State of _____

limited partnership created in the State of _____

limited liability company created in the State of _____

G. Brief description of agricultural operation present on the property. _____

H. Does the ag operation provide full-time, part-time or no employment for the landowner(s)?

H. If Legal Counsel will represent the Applicants in the proposed transaction, please provide their contact information (optional):

Name: _____

Phone No. _____ e-mail _____

I. A Boundary Survey will be required prior to settlement but is not required for the application. If you know the surveyor you will be working with, please provide their information (optional):

Name: _____

Phone No. _____ e-mail _____

II. PROPERTY INFORMATION: Attach additional sheets if necessary.

J. List information for each parcel to be covered by this easement. Please provide copies of deeds if necessary. (Parcels must be contiguous to be under the same easement.)

1) Tax Map: _____ Parcel: _____ Tax Id #: _____ Acres: _____

2) Tax Map: _____ Parcel: _____ Tax Id #: _____ Acres: _____

3) Tax Map: _____ Parcel: _____ Tax Id #: _____ Acres: _____

K. Are any owners eligible to create family conveyance lots on the property? Yes No
(Must have owned the land prior to February 8, 1977.)
If so, indicate the eligible owner's name: _____

L. If applicable, identify people eligible to receive a family conveyance lot and their relationship.

Name

Relationship

M. Are there any existing restrictions or other easements on any of the listed parcels, including long-term lease agreements? If so, please describe.

N. List existing mortgages, deeds of trust, or other encumbrances (including Lines of Credit, Home Equity Loans, etc). Lien holders will be required to subordinate their mortgage or deed of trust to the land preservation easement so please discuss this with them.

O. Describe all current uses of the land & by whom (such as renting farmland to another farmer)

Agricultural:

Non-Agricultural:

P. Farmland breakdown

Cropland acres _____ Homestead acres: _____

Pasture acres _____ Other _____

Woodland acres _____

Q. List all existing residences and buildings & the approximate size of each.

R. Identify any Soil & Water Conservation Plans and/or Forest Stewardship Plans in effect for the property and if all practices are applied. Please forward a copy of the plan(s).

S. List any environmental or water quality values of the property. Such as: Are there streams, wetlands, or special habitat? Are there any BMPs and/or stream buffers in place? Etc.

T. List/explain any innovative farming practices on the farm, including value added processing.

U. Describe any notable history of the property and the importance in preserving.

III. EXECUTION

V. Indicate your preferred payment option: Installment Purchase or Lump Sum Payment (to be confirmed during the offer process):

W. Indicate if you plan to utilize an IRS 1031/ Like-Kind-Exchange (to be confirmed prior to scheduling settlement):

It is understood that the above information is submitted in good faith, based on present expectations of the Applicant, to aid the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board of Harford County, Maryland in its consideration of this application for the sale of an agricultural preservation easement to Harford County, Maryland.

The information in this application and supporting exhibits is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and is submitted for the purpose of the sale of the development potential and the placement of a conservation easement on my/our property to be held by Harford County, Maryland. I/We authorize Harford County to conduct whatever investigation it feels is necessary to properly evaluate and process this application. I/We understand that this application is subject to review and approval by the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board, County Executive and by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland. We also understand this is only an application and does not commit the landowner to accept an offer.

Dated at _____, on _____, 20_____
(City) (State) (Date) (Year)

Please sign and
date the application

*Applications may be submitted in person, via mail, or electronically.