Agricultural Conservation Easement Application Form

I. GENERAL INFORMATION (Please Print)

Name(s)_____

Address_____
               (Street)   (City)   (State)   (Zip Code)

_____
(Farm Address, if different from above)

Telephone #(s) Home_____Mobile _____Best Time to Reach_____

Contact to View Farmland Tract_____ Phone_____

Email Address_____

II. FARM INFORMATION

County_____Township(s)_____Acreage of Farm_____

Total Acreage Offered for Preservation _____

Name of Agricultural Security Area (ASA -usually the Township name) _____

ASA Recording Date & Doc. #_____

Deed reference(s): Volume_____Page_____Volume_____Page_____

or Document ID Number(s): _____

Tax parcel #(s) or PIN(s): Number_____ Acreage_____
                       Number_____ Acreage_____
                       Number_____ Acreage_____
                       Number_____ Acreage_____
                       Number_____ Acreage_____

Directions to farm from nearest State Route_____
_____

III. SIGNATURE(S): All the owners must give approval and consent to this application.
I hereby authorize the Conservation Plan preparer to release copies of the Conservation Plan and Nutrient Management Plan (Act 38, if applicable), to the County Agricultural Land Preservation Board and the Bureau of Farmland Preservation as required under Act 43 criteria for easement purchase.

Signed_____Date_____

Signed_____Date_____

I hereby certify that I am _____am not _____a County Board member.

IV. Crop Production Information

The applicant must provide crop production information for the most recent crop year.

Crop Report for crop year _____

Commodity	Acres Grown	Average Yield
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

V. Livestock Report

Livestock Report for calendar year _____

Livestock	Average Numbers	Product Sold	Number Sold
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

Total Acreage Farmed (including rented land) _____
Who Farms your Land? _____

VI. Conservation Plan

Date of most recent NRCS* Conservation Plan if known_____

Conservation Practices in use currently_____

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*Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bethlehem field Office, 3910 Adler Place, Bethlehem, PA 18107; phone 610-625-8392 x 3. To have a plan prepared, call Damien Painter, 610-391-9583 x 26.

VII. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND MINERAL RIGHTS

Please list all mortgagees, lien holders, or owners of mineral rights for the farmland tract. **Contact your Banks, etc, to find out ahead if they are willing to "Subordinate" for the Easement. Some do not and preservation can not take place.** (Have them contact our office with any questions)

Mortgagees: _____ Contact _____

_____ Contact _____

Lien holders: _____ Contact_____

Mineral Rights: _____ Contact _____

VIII. MAPS

The Farmland Preservation Office will provide the following maps as part of this application:

1. Location map - A United States Geographical Survey topographical Map showing the location and approximate boundaries of the farmland tract.

2. Tax map - Tax map(s) of the farmland tract with map reference and tax parcel numbers clearly indicated.

3. Soils map - The soils map of the farmland tract must be color coded as follows:

Class I   - Green
Class II - Yellow
Class III - Red
Class IV - Blue
Wetlands - Cross Hatch or include on separate map

IX. SOILS REPORT AND LAND CAPABILITY CLASSES

The Farmland Preservation Office will provide a soils report and a written description of each soil type including the soil capability class for the farmland tract as part of the application.

Please submit this application to:

Lehigh County Farmland Preservation Program
Cedar Village Apartment Bldg.
4234 Dorney Park Road, Rm. #2
Allentown, PA 18104

Please call Diane Matthews-Gehringer, Director of Farmland Preservation, at (610) 336-5680
if you have any questions or would like some assistance in completing this application.