



Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program

APPLICATION FOR FARMLAND AGREEMENT

(Part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Act 451 as amended, more commonly known as P. A. 116. Please read the Requirements and Instructions before filling out this form. Please print or type. Attach additional sheets as needed.)

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Local Governing Body:

Date Received: _____
Application No.: _____
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State: _____
Date Received: _____
Application No.: _____
Approved: _____ Rejected: _____

I. Personal Information:

1. Name(s) of Applicant: _____
(If more than two see #15) Last First Initial
Last First Initial
1a. Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed
2. Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code
3. Telephone Number: (Area Code) () _____
4. _____
Social Security Number Spouse's Social Security Number
5. Federal Employer Identification Number (if applicable): _____

II. Property Location: (Can be taken from the deed.)

6. County: _____ 7. Township, city or village: _____
8. Section No.: _____; Town No.: _____; Range No.: _____

III. Legal Information:

9. Attach a clear copy of the deed, land contract or memorandum of land contract. (See #14)
10. Attach a clear copy of the most recent property tax assessment notice or tax bill.
11. Is there a tax lien against the land described above? Yes No
If "Yes," please explain circumstances: _____
12. Does the applicant own the mineral rights? Yes No
If owned by the applicant, are the mineral rights leased? Yes No
Indicate who owns or is leasing rights if other than the applicant: _____
Name the types of mineral(s) involved: _____
13. Is land cited in the application subject to a lease agreement (other than for mineral rights) permitting a use for something other than agricultural purposes: Yes No If yes, indicate to whom, for what purposes and the number of acres involved: _____
14. Is land being purchased under land contract? Yes No; If "Yes," indicate vendor (seller):
Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code
14a. Part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Act 451 as amended, states that the vendor (seller) must agree to allow the land cited in the application to be enrolled in the program. Please have the land contract seller sign below. (All sellers must sign.)

Land Contract Seller:

I, the undersigned, understand and agree to permit the land cited in this application into the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program.

(Date)

(Signature of Land Contract Vendor (Seller))

18. To qualify as a specialty farm, the land must be designated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and meet certain minimum income and acreage requirements. (See definition of **farmland** in Section I (3) and II (1&2) on the Eligibility and Instructions sheet). If a specialty farm, indicate average gross annual income during 2 of the last 3 years immediately preceding application from the sale of agricultural products: \$ _____

19. What is the number of years you wish the agreement to run? (Minimum 10 years, maximum 90 years): _____

V. Signature:

20. The undersigned declare that this application, including any accompanying informational material, has been examined by them and to the best of their knowledge and belief is true and correct.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Corporation Name, if Applicable)

(Co-Owner)

(Signature of Corporate Officer)

(Date)

(Title)

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY LOCAL GOVERNING BODY ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE CURRENT TAX YEAR.

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RESERVED FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE, CLERK PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SPACES - SECTION I AND II

I. Action by Local Governing Body: Jurisdiction: _____
County, Township, City or Village

Date received by clerk: _____

This application is _____ approved, _____ rejected.

(If rejected, see attached statement by Local Governing Body.)

Date of approval or rejection: _____ Clerk's signature and seal: _____

Property Appraisal: The current fair market value of the real property in this application has been determined to be \$ _____

II. Check List:

DATE

____ Upon filing an application, clerk issues receipt indicating date received.

____ If approved, applicant is notified and the original application, letters of review or comment from reviewing agencies and all supportive material is sent to the MDA - Farmland and Open Space Program, PO Box 30449, Lansing, MI 48909.

____ Clerk notifies reviewing agencies by forwarding a copy of the application (review agencies have 30 days to return comments).

____ If rejected, clerk notifies applicant in writing within 10 days stating reason for rejection and returning the application, etc. to the applicant.

SENT RECD

- ____ County or Regional Planning Commission
- ____ Soil Conservation District
- ____ Township (if county has jurisdiction)
- ____ City (if land is within 3 miles of city boundary)
- ____ Village (if land is within 1 mile of village boundary)
- ____ Clerk schedules application for presentation at next regular meeting of governing body (governing body has 45 days from meeting date to approve or reject application).
- ____ Clerk notifies applicant 5 days before action is taken on the application by the local governing body.
- ____ Approval or rejection by local governing body.

FINAL APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE (✓)

- ____ Copy of deed or land contract
- ____ Copy of tax description
- ____ Copy of recent appraisal record
- ____ Map of farm

REVIEW LETTERS FROM

- ____ County planning commission or regional planning commission
- ____ Soil conservation district
- ____ Township (if applicable)
- ____ City (if applicable)
- ____ Village (If applicable)

Map of Farm with Structures and Natural Features:

- A. Show boundary of land cited in application.
- B. Show buildings as house, barn, etc., also sketch roads and other avenues of travel.
- C. Outline and designate the current uses of the property if possible.
- D. Any residential structures which are rented to persons not directly associated with the farm operation must be excluded from the application. Please indicate if a building falls in this category and provide the appropriate property description for its exclusion. Unless the appropriate description is included, we cannot exclude any parcels.



County _____
Township _____
T. _____ R. _____ SEC. _____

