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Montgomery County
Purchase of Development Rights
Program

Pre-Application Form

for

New York State's
Farmland Protection Implementation
Grants Program
2009

Administered by:
Montgomery County Department of
Economic Development and Planning

PURPOSE

In response to growing interest among local farmers in the State's **Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program**, **Montgomery County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB)** has adopted a pre-application review process in order to identify which proposed PDR projects are most likely to be competitive for State grant funds.

PROCESS

The Montgomery County AFPB will review and rank pre-applications, and will select those proposals that may advance to the next stage. Applicants of pre-applications chosen by the Board will have authorization to proceed with development of a full application, to be submitted by the Board to the State. AFPB review criteria reflect the State's FPIG Program priorities.

PRE-APPLICATION DEADLINE

Pre-applications **must be received** by Montgomery County Planning Department on or before **3 p.m., Friday, May 15th 2009**. Mail or hand-deliver (1) original to:

Montgomery County Department of Planning & Economic Development
Old County Courthouse- Room 210
9 Park St., P.O. Box 1500
Fonda, New York 12068

REVIEW & SELECTION

County Planning staff will undergo a preliminary review and ranking of FPIG applications based on quantifiable information. The top ranking applications will be presented to the AFPB for final review, ranking and selection. The AFPB will meet to review and rank FPIG pre-applications. A meeting date has not yet been established, but will be announced publicly through the press. The Board will select proposals to advance to the next stage at this meeting. The AFPB will consider all criteria in its evaluation including farm viability, investment and maintenance, development pressure and environmental benefit indicators.

STATE DEADLINE

At this time, New York State has not issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Farmland Protection Program. Although there is no guarantee that funding will be made available this year, we are initiating the pre-application review process now so that approved applicants may have maximum amount of time to prepare full proposals once the RFP is issued.

Please contact Doug Greene, County Planner, Montgomery County Department of Planning & Economic Development, (518-853-8155) with any questions or concerns about the Pre-Application Form.

Please contact David Behm, Farmland Protection Program Manager, NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets (518-485-7729) with any questions or concerns about the State or Federal Farmland Protection Program.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2009
FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION FORM**

1) Owner Name(s) _____

2) Name of Farm _____

3) Mailing Address _____

4) Phone _____ 5) Email _____

6) No. of Acres Owned _____ No. of Acres Rented _____

7) Nature of farm operation. Please check all that apply and list the approximate percentage.
___ Pasture/Hay ___% ___ Field Crops ___% ___ Tree Farm ___%
___ Dairy ___% ___ Livestock (including Equine) ___% ___ Produce ___%
___ Vacant ___% ___ Other (Please list) _____ ___%

8) Have you subdivided your property within the last 5 years? ___ Yes ___ No

9) Do you have any plans to subdivide your property in the future? ___ Yes ___ No

10) Please list tax map ID numbers for all parcels included in your FPIG proposal, as well as all individuals/entities with ownership interest in those parcels.

LANDOWNER TAX MAP ID NUMBERS

RENTAL TAX MAP ID NUMBERS

Attach additional pages if necessary.

NOTE: You must be in an Agricultural District to be eligible to apply to the County's Farmland Protection Program.

11) Is your farm located within Agricultural District 1, 2 or 3? Yes ___ Ag. District # ___ No ___

12) Describe the surrounding land use(s) within a half a mile from your farm

13) What roads does your farm front on?

23) Please describe your plans for farm succession. _____

24) Please describe the development pressure around your farm. Quantify if possible with number of subdivisions, building permits, new home construction in your area over the past several years.

25) Are you familiar with or have spoken to a land trust (e.g. NY Agricultural Land Trust, Mohawk Hudson Valley Land Trust) to discuss holding the conservation easement on your property?
Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, what Land Trust did you speak with? _____

26) **Local Match:** NYS Farmland Protection Program will fund up to 75% of the value of development rights on farmland. Typically, farmers will commit 25% of the value of the development rights as an in-kind contribution. Please indicate your willingness to donate 25% of the value of development rights on your farm as an in-kind contribution. _____ YES _____ NO

Certification: I (we) certify that all information presented in this pre-application is, to the best of my (our) knowledge, accurate and true.

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