

2009 Tompkins County Farm Community Preliminary Application

To Apply for NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Agriculture & Farmland Protection Program involving the Purchase of Development Rights

NOTE: This application follows the format of the NYS Purchase of Development Rights grant application instructions for Part C – Project details, items numbered 1 through 9. Thorough, detailed completion of this application is recommended, as the Tompkins County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board will use it to evaluate, rank and recommend submissions to the state program. Use additional paper if needed. Submission of this form does not guarantee recommendation by the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board. **Application is due to Cornell Cooperative Extension, 615 Willow Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850, Attn: Ag Program by May 29th.**

1. Landowner Information:

Farm Owner Name _____ Primary Contact Person _____

Street/Road Address _____ Farm Name _____

City/Town _____ Zip _____ Township _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

List names of family members involved in the business (and relationship):

2. Property Identification: Attach a site plan map(s) in order to locate the farms/parcels to be protected, identify farmstead areas where major farm activity occurs (or could occur), identify any important natural features, and outline the approximate configuration of property boundaries of each farm and nearby landmarks (i.e. prominent natural or man-made features).

Driving directions from a major highway:

3. Farm Easement Information: Total acres to be protected: _____

NOTE: The Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District office can help you identify USDA Prime Soils, Soils of Statewide Significance and Soil Description – call 257-2340

	<u># of Acres</u>	<u># of Acres</u>	<u># of Acres</u>
Cropped:	_____	In woodlands: _____	USDA Prime Soils: _____
Used for livestock:	_____	In wetlands: _____	Soils of Statewide Significance: _____

Soils Description: (describe the quality of soils on your farm using USDA NRCS land evaluation criteria)

4. Nature of Farm Enterprise:

Total acres owned: _____ Total acres rented from other landowners: _____

Years farming: _____ If multigenerational, years farm has been in the family: _____

Total number of employees (including family): _____ full-time _____ part-time _____ seasonal

Current farm enterprise(s): _____

Livestock herd size (if applicable): _____ Is farm located in an Agricultural District? ____ Yes ____ No

Recent production history:

Plans for future operations:

Major investments you have made in your farm to date (i.e. barns, irrigation, fruit trees, drainage tile, manure storage or other soil & water conservation measures):

Do you have a nutrient management program? If yes, please describe:

Have you participated in any Tompkins County Soil & Water Conservation District programs? If yes, please describe:

Do you have a Forest Management Plan with the Department of Environmental Conservation? If yes, please describe:

What other activities have you undertaken that demonstrate best farm management practices?

List any awards received (i.e. Century Farm, Dairy of Distinction, NYS Environmental Stewardship, etc.):

5. Farm Succession:

Factors and/or attributes of the farm that indicate it will likely continue to be a farm in the future.

Describe any anticipated changes in farm operation:

Who is likely to continue to operate this farm?

6. Proximity to Protected Farms: Attach a map identifying the proposed farm(s) and other nearby farms that have been, or are likely to be, protected.

Do you border a protected farm? ____ Yes ____ No # miles to the nearest/any other protected farms: _____

7. Significant Natural Resource Buffer:

Does your farm provide access to, or is it a part of, a scenic vista? If yes, please describe:

Is your farm located within a public water source area (i.e. watersheds, reservoirs, aquifers, other water recharge areas)? If yes, please describe:

Does your farm front a stream, river, lake or other surface body of water? If yes, please describe and provide the number of feet of frontage for each water body:

Is your farm located within a floodplain or does it contain wetlands? If yes, please describe.

Has Tompkins County identified any Unique Natural Areas on your farm? If yes, please describe.

NOTE: You can look at a map of County UNA's at the following website: <http://tinyurl.com/2uj8s> If you find a UNA on your property, close up maps and written descriptions are available at all municipal offices and libraries. You can also call the County Planning Department, 274-5560, with questions about specific UNAs.

Are there any dump sites on the farm that may contain hazardous materials? If so please explain.

Describe the nature of land use adjacent to your farm, including a description of the level of farm and non-farm activity occurring within a 1-mile radius of your farm:

Does your farm buffer significant PUBLIC natural resources such as parkland? If yes, please describe (include state and federal designations):

8. Evidence of Development Pressure: Attach maps, tables, other information showing development patterns trends, population figures, other relevant factors.

List the public roads your farm fronts and the number of feet of frontage for each:

What is the proximity of your farm to public water? _____ Public sewer? _____

Describe how development is impacting or will impact the future of this farm operation:

9. Landowner Commitment:

Why are you interested in selling the development rights to your property?

PLEASE NOTE: If selected for formal application, a market study will be required to estimate the cost of the farm's development rights if the project involves the Tompkins County Planning Department.

Questions? Call 272-2292 Deadline: Monday, March 30th, 2009
Return to: Agriculture Program, CCE-Tompkins County, 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850