

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program - 2013

Parcel Application – Due 2/15/2013

Please refer to the Parcel Application Instructions for additional guidance.

Preliminary FRPP Qualifications and USDA Program Eligibility:

For a parcel to qualify for FRPP it must meet one of the following conditions:

- 1) Has \geq 50% prime, unique, and important farmland
- 2) Has historic or archeological resources (provide documentation)
- 3) Has land that supports the policy of a state or local farm land protection program (attach policy)

The following eligibility documents must be filed and the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) record updated by the application deadline to be considered for funding.

Form AD-1026, Compliance with Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Conservation Provisions; completed by each landowner on the deed.

Payment eligibility requires participants and affiliates to file an AD-1026 to develop and use conservation systems on highly erodible land that are planted to annually tilled crops and to be in compliance with wetland conservation provisions. FSA maintains these records.

FSA Records Updated? Yes No *** INELIGIBLE***

Form CCC-931, Compliance with Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), one per landowner.

As of September 30, 2012 the average AGI limitations under the 2008 Act expired and legislation has not been enacted to reauthorized or extend the average AGI limitations beyond the 2012 crop, program, or fiscal years. AGI will not be required for FRPP until further notice.

Form CCC-901, Member's Information; one per entity (when the landowner on the deed is anything other than an individual or individuals, i.e. an LLC, INC, Trust, etc.).

A CCC-901 must be completed and filed with FSA for all members within the applicant's entity. Each member's name, full Social Security or employer identification number, address, percentage share of ownership, and signature authority must be provided. *A copy of the CCC-901 shall be provided to NRCS.*

Attached

Landowner and Parcel Information

1. Parcel/Farm Name: _____

2. Landowner's Name(s) and last 4 of SSN: _____

Include **all** names listed on deed.

If entity owned (i.e. LLC, trusts, etc)

Identify the entity and the associated members.

3. Decision Maker: _____

4. Address: _____

5. Town, State, Zip: _____

6. County: _____

7. Phone: _____

8. Email: _____

9. Date Submitted to NRCS: _____

10. Score from ranking sheet _____

11. Form NRCS-CPA-1200, Conservation Program Application; one per parcel with all landowner signatures.

Attached

12. Form FSA-211, Power of Attorney, is an optional form which may be completed for land owned by multiple individuals or to identify an individual within an entity who is the authorized signatory.

13. Parcel Address: _____

14. Town, State, Zip: _____

15. County: _____

16. Total proposed easement acres: _____

17. Maps:	Location	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aerial Map	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Proximity to protected parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soils Map (with Inventory Report)	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Deed w/Legal description of the parcel: Attached

19. Current land use/land cover, in acres:

Cropland: _____ acres
Pastureland: _____ acres
Hayland: _____ acres
Rangeland: _____ acres
Wetlands (non-forested): _____ acres
Forestland (total): _____ acres _____ percent
Cannot exceed two-thirds of the offered easement acres
Forested Wetlands: _____ acres
Non-Wetland Forest: _____ acres

If there is forestland on the parcel: is there a forest management plan? Yes No

Incidental Land: _____ acres
(Including farmstead and non-forested wetland)
Current impervious surface: _____ acres, _____ percent
Percent impervious surface requested: _____ acres, _____ percent
Limit 2% of easement area, without an approved waiver. Contact FRPP Program Manager if easement area is more than 2% impervious surface.

20. Total acres of important farmland Soils: _____ acres, _____ percent

Total Acres Prime Soil: _____ acres
Total Acres Unique Soil: _____ acres
Total Acres State/Local Important Soil: _____ acres

21. Estimated Fair Market Value of the easement: \$ _____

22. Estimated landowner donation: \$ _____

23. Estimated contribution by the cooperating entity(ies): \$ _____
Minimum 25% of easement purchase price (AFMV minus landowner donation)

24. Requested Federal Contribution: \$ _____
Maximum 50% of Appraised Fair Market Value (AFMV)

25. Pending offer for easement (\$): _____ Signed offer Attached

26. Estimated cooperating entity's stewardship fee: \$ _____
If >2% of AFMV provide detailed specifications for itemized stewardship fee. Fees greater than or equal to \$20,000 must be reviewed and approved by NRCS Headquarters.

27. Signed estimate of matching funds and stewardship fees worksheet: Attached

28. If unique farmland soils are identified, what are the specialty crops being grown that qualify this land to be classified as unique cropland? _____

29. Are there currently any deed restrictions on the property? Yes No

If yes, explain: _____

30. Is there a current NRCS conservation plan on the easement parcel? Yes No
If no, a completed conservation plan will be required prior to closing.

31. Explanation of existing agricultural infrastructure (on and off-farm): Attached

32. Explanation of the accessibility to markets for goods produced on the property (if applicable):
Attached

33. Does the parcel have subsurface mineral rights owned by a third party? Yes No
If yes, please contact FRPP manager for additional steps.

34. Does the landowner wish to subdivide the parcel? Yes No
If yes,

- If locations and dimensions are known, proposed parcel should be subdivided and submitted as separate parcels.
- If landowner wants option for future subdivision, permission must be written into conservation easement deed.

35. Does the landowner wish to build additional residences on the property? Yes No
If yes,

- The location must be specified in conservation easement deed as a building envelope and this residence must be specifically for farm staff. If possible, this location should be excluded from the easement area.

36. Does the landowner have a farm business plan or estate plan? Yes No
If yes,

- Please attach one copy of the applicable section that will document succession planning for the next generation to maintain the farm in agriculture production.

37. Does the landowner agree to have NRCS staff conduct a hazardous materials record search and field visit of their property (program requirement)?

Yes No

- This must be completed and approved prior to the obligation of funds.

38. Does the landowner agree to participate in a landowner interview with NRCS Staff to clarify policy and funding requirements (program requirement):

Yes No

- This must be completed and approved prior to the obligation of funds.

39. What is the dominant Crop type on the farm (pick **one**):

Barley <input type="checkbox"/>	Berries <input type="checkbox"/>	Coffee <input type="checkbox"/>	Corn <input type="checkbox"/>
Cotton <input type="checkbox"/>	Forage/Hay <input type="checkbox"/>	Fruits <input type="checkbox"/>	Ginseng <input type="checkbox"/>
Grapes <input type="checkbox"/>	Grass Seed <input type="checkbox"/>	No Crops <input type="checkbox"/>	Nuts <input type="checkbox"/>
Oats <input type="checkbox"/>	Oil Seed <input type="checkbox"/>	Ornamental Plants <input type="checkbox"/>	Other Plants <input type="checkbox"/>
Other Crops <input type="checkbox"/>	Peanuts <input type="checkbox"/>	Potatoes <input type="checkbox"/>	Rice <input type="checkbox"/>
Sod <input type="checkbox"/>	Sorghum <input type="checkbox"/>	Soybeans <input type="checkbox"/>	Sugar Beets <input type="checkbox"/>
Sugar Maple <input type="checkbox"/>	Sugarcane <input type="checkbox"/>	Tobacco <input type="checkbox"/>	Trees <input type="checkbox"/>
Vegetables <input type="checkbox"/>	Wheat <input type="checkbox"/>		

40. What is the dominant Livestock type on the farm (pick **one**):

Aquaculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Beef <input type="checkbox"/>	Bees <input type="checkbox"/>	Bison <input type="checkbox"/>
Dairy <input type="checkbox"/>	Deer <input type="checkbox"/>	Elk <input type="checkbox"/>	Goats <input type="checkbox"/>
Horses <input type="checkbox"/>	Llamas <input type="checkbox"/>	Mules <input type="checkbox"/>	No Livestock <input type="checkbox"/>
Other Livestock <input type="checkbox"/>	Poultry <input type="checkbox"/>	Rabbit <input type="checkbox"/>	Sheep <input type="checkbox"/>
Swine <input type="checkbox"/>			

Supporting Documentation

Please attach the following documentation:

SF-424: Application for Federal Assistance, SF-424A: Budget Information, and SF-424B: Assurances – Non-Construction Programs.

If applicable, documentation detailing the historical or archeological resources proposed to be protected. This should include a list of the historical or archeological resources; a brief description of the site’s listing on the Federal, Tribal, or State register; and the historical or archeological significance of the site. Be sure to provide the book number, page number and date of each listing.

If applicable and parcel is reliant upon this criteria to qualify for FRPP, evidence that a parcel supports a State or local farm or ranch land protection program. Include a description of how the parcel supports the local program, such as location within a focus area.

Statement regarding the level of threat from urban development to the parcel.

If applicable, impervious surface waiver request. (Only needed for farms that have more than 2% impervious surface)

Entity documents (articles of incorporation, bylaws, trust documents) to show ownership interest, only needed if the proposed property is owned by an entity.

Parcel Ranking - will be reviewed by NRCS prior to final selections.

Baseline Documentation - can be completed at application or before closing.

Optional Attachments for Proposed Parcel

Additional supporting information is attached to the proposal as follows:

Farm Business Plan or Estate Plan

Photos

Pertinent correspondence

Formal boundary survey

Appraisal

If an appraisal or a summary appraisal has been completed, please provide the following:

A. Name of Appraiser: _____

B. Name of Firm: _____

C. Address: _____

D. Town, State, Zip: _____

E. Phone: _____

F. Email: _____

G. Type of Appraisal: USPAP or UASFLA ; and Full or Summary

H. Effective Date of Appraisal: _____

I. Has the appraiser included a disclosure statement indicating he/she accepts full responsibility for the appraisal and he/she has no interest in the land? Yes No

Cooperating Entity Certification of Application Material and Information:

I _____, _____ *hereby*
Name Title
certify that the information provided on this application and any and all related attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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