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FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

**FULL LEGAL NAMES OF LANDOWNER APPLICANTS
(INCLUDING LLC, CORPORATION, TRUSTS):**

PRIMARY LANDOWNER APPLICANT:

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

FARM NAME: _____

LOCATION OF FARMLAND (street address & town):

DEED REFERENCE(S): VOL.: _____ PAGE: _____ VOL.: _____ PAGE: _____
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TOWN TAX MAP REF(S):
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(attach an additional sheet if more space is need for multiple deed and/or tax map references)

ZONING OF PROPERTY: _____

DESCRIPTION OF FARM OPERATION

1. Number of acres owned: _____ acres
2. Number of acres offered for preservation: _____ acres (if there are specific areas you'd like to exclude from the PDR program, please indicate the acreage and location on a map).
3. Number of cropland acres offered (including hay, rotational, & pasture): _____ acres
4. Number of cropland acres in active food or fiber production: _____ acres
5. Number of acres offered in forest cover: _____ acres

Are you interested in selling the farmland property in the near future (knowing it may be permanently preserved for agricultural use): _____yes _____ no

If yes, when: _____ as soon as possible _____ after farm is preserved _____ a few years from now

Please describe the current uses on the offered farmland (i.e. types of farming, crops harvested, etc.) and describe the agricultural infrastructure, including buildings, structures, water sources, and utilities:

Please answer the following questions, for us to score your application to determine eligibility:

1. What is the municipal population change percentage that has occurred over the previous ten years? (This information can be obtained from census data sources, such as from Connecticut Town Profiles <https://www.advancect.org/site-selection/town-profiles>: _____ %)
2. What is the amount of farmland and open space acres converted to non-agricultural uses within your municipality over the previous five years? (Per property sales and changes to land designation under sections 12-107a to 107-f, inclusive, of Connecticut General Statutes. This information is obtainable from your municipal tax assessor office): _____ acres
3. What is the total (cumulative) amount of road frontage of the offered farmland property? (This information is obtainable from municipal or regional council of government online GIS mapping tools): _____ feet

4. Is the offered farmland being farmed by an owner, with an existing farm business plan?
 Yes No
- Is there existing estate planning or settlement directing assets to the next generation of farmers?
 Yes No
- Are you actively seeking a farmer as a buyer through Connecticut Farmlink, or willing to sell to current farm lessee?
 Yes No
- Is the offered farmland subject to a written lease held by an agricultural producer for at least five years?
 Yes No
- Does the offered farmland have a written lease held by an agricultural producer for a duration of one to four years eleven months?
 Yes No
5. Method of marketing the agricultural products produced on the farmland:
- Are products grown on the farm sold through a regular agricultural cooperative, farm-to-school, or farm-to institution contract?
 Yes No
 - Are products grown on the farm sold through a community-supported-agriculture (CSA) operation?
 Yes No
 - Are products grown on the farm sold at an on-farm store or farm stand?
 Yes No
 - Are products grown on the farm sold through a consumer “pick-your-own” operation?
 Yes No
 - Are products grown on the farm sold at off-site farmers markets?
 Yes No
 - Are products grown on the farm sold through delivery and/or distribution?
 Yes No
6. What is the number of acres of active farmland within a five-mile radius? (This information can be obtained from municipal, regional council of government, or other online mapping tool): _____ acres
7. Does the farmland property contain floodplain with significant flood storage capacity? (this information can be obtained from FEMA flood maps at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>):
 Yes No
8. Please include a USDA-NRCS farmland classification map and table for the farmland acres being offered (available online at: <https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>,). Based on the table, how many acres being offered are classified as:
- _____ acres of prime farmland soils
 - _____ acres of statewide important farmland soils
 - _____ acres of locally-important farmland soils
 - _____ combined acres of prime + statewide + locally-important farmland soils

9. Based on the farmland soil classifications table, what percentage of the offered cropland (not including forest, wetlands, or built areas) contains prime, statewide, and locally important farmland soils? _____%

10. Is your municipality and/or a land trust willing to be a project partner and assist with the due diligence process?
_____ Yes, Org Name: _____ No _____ Unsure

Is your municipality and/or a land trust willing to provide a cost-share contribution towards the development rights purchase?
_____ Yes, Org Name: _____ No _____ Unsure

Name of Owner(s):

Signatures:

Date:

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

All these documents are required, otherwise the application is incomplete and cannot be accepted.

1. Copies of the recorded deed(s) of the subject property (available at your municipal Town Clerk's Office)
2. Copies of municipal tax assessor map(s), with the subject property identified and highlighted
3. A copy of the property tax field card(s) for the subject property
4. A farmland soils classification map and table from the USDA-NRCS web soil survey (available online at: <https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>). This is a color-coded map showing prime farmland soils in green and statewide important farmland soils in blue.
5. A copy of your Conservation Plan, Forest Management Plan, and/or Restoration Plan, if any
6. A copy of farm business plan, if any
7. Copies of recent grant award letter(s) from DoAg, USDA, or other sources
8. If land is leased, a copy of the executed lease

Please feel free to also provide any additional photos and maps showing the subject property, cropland offered, and the active farmland within the surrounding area.

ADDENDUM: INFORMATION FOR THE COMMUNITY FARMS PRESERVATION PROGRAM

If the application is determined ineligible for the Farmland Preservation Program, applicants may apply under the Community Farms Preservation Program. The following, additional information is needed in order to determine eligibility under the Community Farms Preservation Program.

A-1. Are products grown on the farm sold through a regular farm-to-school contract?

Yes _____ No _____

A-2. Are there agricultural buildings and structures on the offered farmland?
(please check only one selection):

_____ none

_____ Agricultural buildings and structures are functional and need only minor renovations

_____ Agricultural buildings and structures are functional and do not need renovations

A-3. Is the offered farmland currently supporting a core farm which is owned by the applicants
(please check only one selection):

_____ No

_____ the core farm property has a functional farmhouse and agricultural building(s)/
structure(s)

_____ the core farm property has a functional farmhouse and agricultural building(s)/
structure(s), and is preserved with a PDR or other conservation easement

A-4. Is there a current conservation plan, restoration plan, or climate resiliency and farmland restoration
Plan for the offered farmland?

_____ Yes _____ No

Has the offered farmland been in, or is currently part of, the farmland restoration or restoration,
resiliency, and preparedness grant program operated by our Department?

_____ Yes _____ No

Has the offered farmland been in active agricultural production for at least the prior five years?

_____ Yes _____ No

Is there irrigation water, or will it be available on the offered farmland by the time it is preserved?

_____ Yes _____ No

The information requested below is optional and is for informational purposes only. The information will not be used in evaluation of your application.

1. What gender do you (the applicant) identify as:
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Non-binary
 - d. Transgender
 - e. Prefer not to say

2. What historically underserved group do you identify with ([information on NRCS definitions of “underserved groups” here](#)):
 - a. Beginning farmer
 - b. Socially disadvantaged
 - c. Veteran
 - d. LGBTQIA+
 - e. Other:
 - f. Prefer not to say

3. Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic heritage? You may select multiple options.
 - a. Black, Afro-Caribbean, African, or African-American
 - b. East Asian or Asian American
 - c. Indigenous, Native American, or Alaskan Native
 - d. Latino/x, Mexican, Mexican American, Hispanic, or Hispanic American
 - e. Middle Eastern or Arab American
 - f. Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
 - g. South Asian or South Asian American
 - h. White (non-Hispanic), Caucasian, or European-American
 - i. Prefer not to say