



Orange County LAND TRUST

Purchase of Development Rights Program (PDR) Pre-Application Form

Thank you for your interest in conveying a conservation easement to your farm under the Land Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program.

This form is intended to gather basic information that will help OCLT and the Sullivan County Ag and Farmland Protection Board assess the opportunity for an agricultural conservation easement on your farm. Please answer every question in the application as accurately as possible. The information requested is aligned with the criteria used for scoring projects against available private, local, state, and federal grants.

Please note, for those who have expressed interest before or who have submitted pre-applications in the past, a new application may be required.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Sweeton at, michael@oclt.org.

Landowner information

Name(s) of all legal landowner(s) and address:

If owned by a corporation, trust, or LLC, please provide the name and the name of the authorized contact person/trustee.

Farm Name (if any) and address if different from above:

Daytime phone:

Email address:

Name of Farm Manager (if different from above):

Do one or more of the project applicants currently reside on the proposed project property?

If so, please list all names.

If applicable, please list any dates of any previous applications made to donate or sell the developments rights to the property. If yes, please explain why the process was not concluded?

Property Information:

Number of tax parcels to be considered:

| Tax Parcel Number | Acres | Parcel Address | Parcel Municipality |
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Is your property in an agricultural District?

Yes or No?

Is your property receiving agricultural value assessment?

Yes or No?

Is any part of your property enrolled, or has it been in the past, in any other conservation or agricultural management programs?

i.e. NYS Forestry Program 480a, Wetland Reserve Program, Agricultural Environmental Management, etc.? If yes, please describe.

Do you have any existing easements, rights of way, or other encumbrances on the property? (Gas/wind/solar/cell tower leases, underground pipes, buried cables, easements etc.). If yes, please describe.

Are there existing agricultural structures on the property (i.e. barns, run- in sheds, milking parlors, processing areas, farm stores, etc.?)

If yes, please state how many and provide a brief description(s).

Does your farm/land encompass and/or border any of the following – check all that apply:

Streams

Wetlands

Ponds

Wooded (forest) areas

State lands

County lands

Historic sites

Other protected lands

Do you know of any rare animals or plants on your property?

Are there any significant views on or from your property?

Residential Buildings:

Number of single family residential buildings:

Number of multi-family residential buildings:

Are you proposing to exclude any acres from the PDR program?

If yes, please list how many and the reason for the exclusion.

Do you own any adjacent land, not to be included in the easement project?

Do you have a plan on how you will transfer the property to the next generation or to another farmer in the future?

If so, please explain.

Farm Operation Information:

How long have you been in operation?

Is this a multi-generational farm business: Yes/No

If yes, how many generations and briefly describe?

What type of farm do you operate? Check all that apply.

Livestock:

Dairy cows

Beef cows

Hogs

Poultry

Other:

Commodity Crops:

Wheat

Corn

Soybeans

Barley

Sunflower

Other:

Hay/straw, acreage:

Vegetables, variety(s), acreage:

Orchard/fruit, variety(s), acreage:

Equine

Other:

How, where and to whom are the products sold?

Do you currently plan to change the type of farm operation or extent of production over the next several years? If so, please describe.

Have you made any improvements to address soil erosion, soils health, riverbank stabilization, or drought tolerance? If so, please describe.

Describe any agricultural improvements made to the property over the past 10 years:

Describe any planned improvements you have for the property/operation over the next several years (agricultural and non-agricultural use).

Is there a written Conservation Plan for the property?

Yes or No?

Have you had a land survey completed?

Yes or No?

Is any of your land leased to other farmers?

Yes or No?

If yes, name of farmer/farm leased to.

Do you lease farmland from OTHER property owners to support your farm operation?

Yes or No?

If yes, # of other properties and # of other acres leased?

Development Pressure:

Is your farm for sale (either all or a portion)?

Yes or No?

Has your farm been listed for sale in the past year?

Yes or No?

Is your farm at risk for being converted to non-farm uses (i.e. solar, housing development, etc.)

If so, please explain.

Potential conflict of interest:

(note: potential conflicts of interest do not necessarily make you ineligible for the program.)

Please check all that apply:

County Agriculture Farmland Protection Board

Town or Planning Board

OCLT Board or Staff

CCESC Board or Staff

SCAFLP Board

New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets

Are you an employee of the county or municipality?

Yes or No?

Statement of Relevance:

Please briefly state why you wish to participate in the PDR program.

Would you be open to offering your development rights as a partial donation or contribution towards transaction fees?