

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AGRICULTURE RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

PETITION
FOR CREATION OF A
MUNICIPALLY APPROVED FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM
MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The undersigned landowner(s) hereby presents this PETITION for the creation of a Municipally Approved Farmland Preservation Program to the Morris County Agriculture Development Board, hereinafter "Board" and requests that the board review the contents thereof for conformance with the minimum eligibility criteria established both by the State Agriculture Development Committee, (hereinafter "Committee") and by this board in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:1C et seq., P.L. 1983, c.32 and N.J.A.C. 2:76-4.

Upon a finding by the Board that such criteria have been met, a copy of this PETITION shall be immediately forwarded to the Morris County planning board and the governing body and planning board of _____-to act thereon in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:1c-21 of the Agriculture Retention and Development Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1c-11 et seq., P.L. 1983, c.32.

The landowner(s) understands that the governing body of the _____ shall conduct a public hearing in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 1-:4-6 et seq., concerning the creation of the municipally approved program. Upon the governing body's recommendation to disapprove the PETITION, the Board shall take no further action and the proposed program shall not be adopted. Upon the governing body's recommendation to approve the PETITION, each landowner shall enter into a recordable written AGREEMENT with the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A 4:1c-11 et seq., P.L. 1983, c.32 and N.J.A.C 2:76-4.

In support of this PETITION, each of the undersigned landowner(s) certifies that:

1. He/she or both are the present recorded owners of the title to the land identified in this PETITION. A true copy of the deed is attached.
2. All questions in this PETITION have been answered and are true and correct.
3. The land identified in Schedule A by a legal metes and bounds description:
 - a. Qualifies for farmland assessment pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964, P.L. 1964, c.48, (C.54:4-23.1 et seq.);
 - b. Is located within an "agricultural development area" as approved by the Board and certified by the Committee; and
 - c. Meets the eligibility criteria established by the Board and the Committee.
4. The legal; metes and bounds description contained in Schedule A is an accurate description of the lands owned by the petitioner(s) and being submitted for enrollment into the Municipally Approved Farmland Preservation Program.
5. The tax map and any other documents as designated by the Board are included with this PETITION for identifying the boundaries of the proposed program.

The landowner understands that this PETITION is only preliminary in nature and is subject to final determination by the Board, municipal governing body and the Committee.

LANDOWNER AND FARM INFORMATION

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): _____
(Include all owners of record) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Property Location: Municipality _____

Property Block/Lot and Deed Reference:

Block _____	Lot _____	in Book _____	Page _____
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Block _____	Lot _____	in Book _____	Page _____
Block _____	Lot _____	in Book _____	Page _____

Area: Total Acreage _____
(Reference)

Land Use: _____

<u>Acres of:</u> (Approximate)	Cropland _____
	Woodland _____
	Pasture _____
	Orchard _____
	Other _____

Easement/Right-of-Way: _____
(Please identify if any exist) _____

Mortgage/Liens: _____
(Please identify if any exist) _____

Owner's Name (please print)

Owner's Signature

Date

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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