

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Natural Resources Conservation Service	Farm & Ranch Land Protection Program (FRPP) Entity Application	WV-300-25 4/2009
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PLEASE--Submit Entity Information Only Once

Entity:	Contact Name:
Date:	Phone No:
Primary Entity Information (The Entity that will be Accepting the Federal Contribution)	
Information Required (Required Attachments in Bold Letters)	Data or Check if Information is Attached
(1) Evidence of an established a farmland protection program (state or local government statute or ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement attached).	Enclose Exhibit A – your farmland protection program document.
(2) Evidence of a commitment to long-term conservation of agricultural or ranch lands through the use of voluntary conservation easements that protect farm lands from conversion to nonagricultural uses (list of easements acquired and held by the cooperating entity).	Enclose Exhibit B – hard copy and electronic copy of closed conservation easements in the county and entity monitoring each easement.
(3) Evidence of title and appraisal policies or standards (attach policies or standards).	Enclose Exhibit C – a statement that your program obtains appraisals from a certified general appraiser using either the UASFLA (Yellow Book) or USPAP standard and a statement that title searches are undertaken and title insurance obtained for all easements.
(4) Evidence of staff capability dedicated to easement monitoring and stewardship (number of easements held and managed and current staff available).	Enclose Exhibit D – indicate (a) full-time staff; (b) part-time staff; (c) contract staff and/or land trusts monitoring the easement; and (d) volunteers that are assigned to monitor easements for your entity.
(5) Evidence of the availability of funds equal to at least 50 percent of the estimated fair market value of the conservation easement (including landowner donation)(State or local government appropriation or statement from non-government organization that funds are available attached).	Enclose Exhibit E – the Financial Position form completed and signed.

Secondary Entity Information – complete this ONLY for entities that are contributing funds necessary to complete the acquisition of the easement, including NGO's (non-profit organizations such as land trusts) or other governmental organizations	
Entity:	Contact Name:
Date:	Phone No:
Information Required	Data or Check if Information is Attached
A. Evidence of an established farmland protection program (state or local government statute or ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement attached).	(See data requirements for FPBs)
B. Evidence of a commitment to long-term conservation of agricultural lands through the use of voluntary conservation easements that protect farm lands from conversion to nonagricultural uses (list of easements acquired and held by the cooperating entity).	
C. Evidence of the authority and demonstrated capability to acquire conservation easements or their equivalent (state or local government statute or ordinance or non-governmental organization mission statement attached) (list of easements acquired by the cooperating entity).	
D. Evidence of title and appraisal policies or standards (attach policies or standards).	
E. Evidence of staff capability dedicated to easement monitoring and stewardship (number of easements held and managed and current staff available).	
F. Evidence of the availability of funds equal to at least 50 percent of the estimated fair market value of the conservation easement (including landowner donation)(State or local government appropriation or statement from non-government organization that funds are available)	

**Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
Parcel Application**

Applicant: _____ # _____

(attach requested information for parcel)

Entity or Entities Associated with the Parcel:	
State:	West Virginia
County:	
Map of the parcel showing the proposed protected area.	Attach aerial or tax map showing boundaries.
Names of the landowners of the parcel:	
Address of the parcel:	
Legal Description of the parcel:	Deed book(s) and page number(s):
Size of the parcel in acres offered for easement.	Size of easement offered: _____ Acres Total size of farm: _____ Acres
Pending offer for the parcel	Attach copy of application signed by the landowner, including acres and offering price.
Acres of the prime, unique, or Statewide and locally important soil in the parcel.	<input type="checkbox"/> Prime: _____ Acres <input type="checkbox"/> Unique: _____ Acres <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide: _____ Acres <input type="checkbox"/> Locally important: _____ Acres
Map and table of the prime, unique, or Statewide or locally important soils for the parcel.	Attach map of soils and table showing acres.
Historical or archaeological resources proposed to be protected, a brief description of the sites' significance and documentation of the site's listing on the Federal or State register.	Attach listing document.
Manner that each parcel supports a State or local farm land protection program, if applicable.	Attach a statement indicating the primary features of the parcel and indicate its importance to the county program if other than soil, historical or archaeological.

<p>Analysis of offered Acres: Cropland, pastureland, hayland, rangeland, wetland forest, non-wetland forest, non-forested wetlands, and incidental land</p>	<p>Cropland: _____ Acres</p> <p>Pastureland: _____ Acres</p> <p>Hayland: _____ Acres</p> <p>Forest – wetland: _____ Acres --non-wetland: _____ Acres</p> <p>Wetland (not forested): _____ Acres</p> <p>Incidental land: _____ Acres</p> <p>TOTAL ACRES: _____</p> <p>Average county farm size per 2007 Agriculture Census Data: _____ Acres</p>
<p>Statement regarding the level of threat from urban development for the parcel. (These statistics will remain the same for each parcel in a given county. Data is to be obtained from the 2007 Census of Agriculture.)</p>	<p>Percent change in land in farms in the county _____ %</p> <p>Percent change in population in the county _____ %</p> <p>Population density per square mile of land in the county _____</p>
<p>Map showing the location of other protected parcels in relation to the land parcel proposed to be protected</p>	<p>Attach county location map of all protected parcels and indicate location of this parcel. Indicate on the map any protected properties within a mile of the offered parcel.</p>
<p>Percent impervious surface and any additional requested.</p>	<p>_____ % Existing impervious surface</p> <p>_____ % Requested additional</p>
<p>Estimated cooperating entities or co-signing land trust's stewardship fee/pledge to be paid by the landowner (dollars) IF ANY.</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>
<p>Ownership of mineral rights for the parcel, as well as any developmental or non-developmental gas leases, and intent to subordinate.</p>	<p>Check all that apply:</p> <p>Severed mineral rights. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Will this be subordinated: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Developmental gas lease <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Will this be subordinated: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Non-developmental gas lease <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>

Desire of landowners to subdivide each parcel. Subdivision in FRPP is generally prohibited, except for the two-acre residential requirement required by WV state law. Parcels should be submitted as separate parcels to be ranked at their subdivided size.	Desire to subdivide parcel submitted for easement: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Desire of the landowner to construct additional residences. Acreage on which residences are to be constructed must be excluded from the easement acres to be funded. No residences will be allowed on funded acres.	Desire to construct additional residences outside of FUNDED easement parcel: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
NRCS State Ranking Factors	
Documentation on existence of rare or endangered species (plants or animals) from U. S. Fish and Wildlife or WV DNR.	Attach listing document.
Existence of major streams as identified in your program (not minor streams) and/or natural springs.	Name major stream(s) and note the existence of year-round or seasonal springs on the parcel.
Existence of a cave on the property as defined by the National Speleological Society.	Note the existence of the cave and indicate if it is named.

For NRCS Use Only:

Is the cooperating entity eligible? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is the applicant eligible? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Ranking/funding:
NRCS Reviewer Name: _____ Date: _____