

Pre-Application Form for “State Assistance Payments for Farmland Protection Implementation Grants”

For Farm Operations in the Cazenovia School District Area

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PURPOSE

Over the past several years, the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation (CPF) has developed a pre-application review process to solicit and review information from farms in the Cazenovia School District that are interested in submitting an application to the State for award of Farmland Protection Implementation Grants. For the upcoming 2018 grant round, the Cazenovia Area Community Development Association (CACDA) will manage the pre-application process.

PROCESS

A local committee will review and rank pre-applications using the specific criteria developed and used by the State. One proposal will be chosen by the committee based on their expected competitiveness in the State selection. CACDA will work with the selected farm/farms to develop a full application to be submitted to the New York State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets.

PRE-APPLICATION DEADLINE

Pre-applications **must be received** by CACDA on or before 3:00 pm Monday, February 19th, 2018. Please mail or hand-deliver one (1) original completed document to:

CACDA
1 Liberty Street
Cazenovia, NY 13035
ATTN: Lauren Lines, Executive Director

*Please call 655-7651 to schedule hand delivery.

Include soils maps. Attach extra sheets of paper if necessary.

REVIEW & SELECTION

An Application Review Committee will meet to review and rank FPIG pre-applications. This Application Review Committee will select a top proposal and an alternate to complete NYS applications. The Application Review Committee will evaluate applications based on the State’s scoring criteria and the goals of the Farmland Protection Plans of Madison County and of the town in which the applicant farm is located in its evaluation and selection of proposals. Selection and notification will be by Friday, March 3rd.

NEW YORK STATE DEADLINE for full project application submittal is to be announced but expected in Spring 2018.

Please contact Lauren Lines, Executive Director of CACDA, at 655-7651 with any questions or concerns about the pre-application process, the content of the application or the State FPIG grant program.

Links and Resources:

Eligible Applicant Partners include Cazenovia Preservation Foundation (cazpreservation.org) and New York Agricultural Land Trust (nyalt.org).

Madison County (<https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/planning/agriculture>)

Town of Cazenovia (<http://townofcazenovia.org/content>); farmland protection and related material under “community planning”

NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Farmland Protection Program, information at www.agriculture.ny.gov, “Current funding opportunities”

PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PRE-APPLICATION – Round 15

Farm and Landowner Information

1. Name of Farm _____
2. Name of Farm Owner or Principal Decision Maker: _____
3. Farm Mailing Address: _____
4. Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____
5. Names of all other owners of land involved in proposed project: _____

6. Type and Size of Farm Operation: _____

7. Is this application for a single farm operation or a joint proposal? If a joint proposal, describe the relationship between farm properties and applicants, including how all contribute to a single farm operation:

Farm Location and Size I have a survey of my farm: YES NO Dated: _____

8. Is your entire farm located within an agricultural district: YES NO Ag. District # _____

If not, explain: _____

9. Please list tax map identification numbers for all parcels included in your PDR proposal, as well as all individuals/entities with ownership interest in those parcels. ALL OWNERS MUST SIGN THIS PRE-APPLICATION TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

TAX MAP ID NUMBERS	TOWN	OWNERS
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9(a). Number of Acres Owned _____ 9(b). Number of Owned Acres Actively Farmed _____

9(c). Number of Acres Rented _____ 9(d). Number of Rented Acres Actively Farmed _____

9(e). No. of Acres to be Protected: Owned _____ + Rented _____ = _____

9(f). No. of additional acres owned or rented not to be included in FPIG proposal: _____

Describe: _____

9(g) No. of acres available for crop and livestock production: _____

Farm Soils

10. Please provide us with soil maps and description of the soils on the land to be protected. This is available from the USDA Service Center, 6503 West Rd., Hamilton, NY 13346; 315-824-9849. They will also supply a list of “USDA Prime Soils” and “Soils of Statewide Significance”. Calculate the acreage of each of these soils in your land to be protected:

of acres of USDA Prime Soils: _____

of acres of Soils of Statewide Significance: _____

Farm Production and Management

11. Production History: 2017: _____

2016: _____

12. Years in Operation: _____

13. Awards Received: _____

14. Please describe your level of farm management. Do you have a nutrient management plan? Have you participated in Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District programs and, if so, to what level? What other demonstrable best practices activities have you undertaken?

15. Please describe major investments you have made in your farm to date, such as barns, irrigation, fruit trees, drainage tile, manure storage or other conservation measures. Include dates of investment.

16. Plans for future Management: _____

17. What attributes of our farm operation will help its long-term viability, i.e. succession plans, growth, operation changes, etc.: _____

Farm Setting and Public Resource Value

18. List the public roads your farm fronts and the number of feet of frontage on each:

19. Proximity of your farm to public water: _____ public sewer: _____

20. Is your farm located within a public water source area (reservoirs, aquifers or other water recharge areas):

YES NO If yes, please describe: _____

21. Does your farm front a stream, river, lake or other surface water body? If yes, please describe and provide the number

of feet of frontage for each water body: _____

22. Does your farm provide access to, or is part of, a scenic vista? Please describe:

23. Is your farm located within a floodplain or contain wetlands? If yes, please describe and provide the number of acres of wetlands: _____

24. Does your farm buffer significant natural resources such as parkland or protected farmland? If yes, please describe: _____

25. Describe the nature of land use adjacent to your farm, including a description of the level of farm and non-farm activity occurring within a 1-mile radius: _____

26. Do you have a recent appraisal of your farm? If yes, give year, area appraised and appraisal value:

27. Do you know the estimated value (\$/acre) for development of land in close proximity to your farm. Please describe size and type of parcel as well as recent sale date or asking price to substantiate your estimate:

28. Describe any gas leases, current easements, underground pipelines, buried cables and right-of-ways located on the farm:

Farmer Commitment to Purchase of Development Rights

29. Please briefly explain why you would like to include your farm in the NYS PDR Program.

28. Local Match: The NYS Farmland Protection Program will fund up to 87.5% of the value of development rights on farmland if farmers commit to a “bargain sale” of their development rights, meaning they will accept 87.5% of the value from the state and assume the remaining 12.5% as an in-kind contribution. Please indicate your willingness to assume 12.5% of the value of development rights on your farm.

_____ I will provide the required 12.5% local match through bargain sale of my development rights. I understand that I am required to use the Model Easement prepared by the State to receive the 87.5% funding balance.

Certification:

I (we) certify that all information presented in this pre-application document is, to the best of my (our) knowledge, accurate and true. **To be signed by ALL owners of property proposed to be included in FPIG application**

Signature Date

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Any documents received after this time will not be considered.**