

APPENDIX E

MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Agricultural Conservation Easement Application Form

I. General Information

Name(s) _____

Address _____
(Street/R.D.) (City) (State) (Zip)

Social Security #(s) _____

Telephone #(s) _____
(please include best times to contact)

Township _____

Is your farm in an Agricultural Security Area (ASA)? _____ If Yes, give name and ASA Book and Page Number _____

Street location of farmland tract _____

Directions from nearest State Route _____

Total acreage of farmland tract _____

Total acreage offered _____

Crops grown on farmland tract _____

Number and kinds of livestock _____

Deed Reference: Book _____ Volume _____ Page _____

Tax assessment No's of each parcel(PIN #s) _____

Date of U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service Conservation Plan, if any _____

Date of nutrient management plan, if any _____

Name(s), address and telephone number of person(s) to contact to view the farmland tract

II. Maps

The County Planning Commission will provide the following maps as part of this application:

1. Locational Map - A United States Geological Survey topographical map showing the location of the farmland tract.
2. Soils Map - The soils map of the farmland tract must be color coded as follows:

Class I	-Green
Class II	-Yellow
Class III	-Red
Class IV	-Blue
Wetlands	-Cross Hatch or include on a separate map
3. Tax Map - Tax map(s) of the farmland tract with map reference and tax parcel numbers clearly indicated.

III. Soils Report

The County Planning Commission provide a soils report for the farmland tract as part of this application.

IV. Capability Class Table

The County Planning Commission will provide a table showing the capability class as part of this application.

	Acres of Cropland/ Pasture	Acres of Other Land	Total Acres
Class I	_____	_____	_____
Class II	_____	_____	_____
Class III	_____	_____	_____
Class IV	_____	_____	_____
*Unique Land	_____	_____	_____
Totals	_____	_____	_____

*Unique land is land other than Class I - IV that is used for the production of specific high value food crops such as fruits and vegetables. To be evaluated for easement purchase, the unique land must be used for its unique purpose at the time of application.

V. Crop Production Information

The applicant must provide crop production information for the most recent crop year that comparable statistics are available from the PA Agricultural Statistics Service as follows:

	Commodity	Acres Grown	Yield/Acre
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

VI. Livestock Report

The applicant shall provide a livestock report for the farmland tract for the most recent calendar year that comparable statistics are available from the PA Agricultural Statistics Service as follows:

	Livestock	Average Numbers	Product Sold	Amount Sold
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: If the applicant grows crops or produces livestock that are of a type not reported by PASS, the county board shall obtain two years of production data from the applicant in order to determine if the application meets the minimum criteria.

VII. Selling Price

I/We would consider selling an Agricultural Conservation Easement to the Monroe County Agricultural Land Preservation Board and/or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for not less than:

1. _____ for the entire farm, or
2. _____ per acre, or
3. _____ an amount to be determined by appraisal and acceptable to buyer and seller

VIII. Type of Easement

1. Easements are purchased for perpetuity only.

IX. Signature(s)

It is necessary for all owners of the farmland tract to give their approval and consent to this application.

I/We, hereby, authorize the conservation Plan preparer to release copies of the Conservation and Nutrient Management Plan (Act 6, if applicable), to the County Agricultural Land preservation Board and the Bureau of Farmland Preservation as required under Act 43 criteria for easement purchase.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please submit this application to:

Monroe County Agricultural Land Preservation Board
c/o Monroe County Planning Commission
Administrative Center
1 Quaker Plaza, Room 106
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Please contact the County Planning Commission at (570) 517-3151 if you have any questions or require assistance in completing this application.