



YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

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Dear Landowner(s);

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On behalf of the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, our agency invites you to consider the preservation of your farm through the York County Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. You have either applied in the past to the program or inquired about the program, therefore we enclose an information packet for your consideration of the 2020 Agricultural Conservation Easement Application Cycle.

Certain program changes have occurred and include the following; applications must be postmarked or received no later than the **deadline of February 15, 2020**; a **signed easement boundary map** must be attached identifying the proposed easement application boundaries; **two application revisions** are permitted resulting in a signed map received no later than the February 15 deadline; **incomplete applications** will be returned to the landowner; the conservation easement **cap has been reduced to \$3000 per acre**; all required documents must be attached to the application as indicated on the application. Following qualification and ranking of all applications, the ranking scores and status will be posted in the Ag Land Preservation Office and on the County Ag Land Preservation Website. Copies of scores may be mailed to landowners upon request. Selections of farms for easement appraisal and preservation will continue until easement funds are exhausted or the next deadline date of February 15, 2022 is reached. You may always contact the office for an appointment to inquire about the program requirements, or have your farm qualified, or a preliminary ranking run. Enclosed you will find the 2020 easement application materials.

Remember our agency is moving to a new location at 2401 Pleasant Valley Road Suite 101 York PA 17402. Our anticipated move date is January 23 and 24, 2020, so we may not be available to assist you on those days. You may wish to hand deliver your application this year due to our relocation this year. We should be open for business on Monday, January 27, 2020. Again, please call to make an appointment to review your easement application

If you wish to contact us any time, please call (717) 840-7400. Please visit us on the web at : www.YorkCountyPA.gov. The site contains our program information, farm rankings, events, articles and useful links you may visit. The preservation of your farm ensures future generations will be assured that agricultural production will continue within their immediate community.

Sincerely;

Patty McCandless, Director

Cc: 2019/program promotion file