



YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

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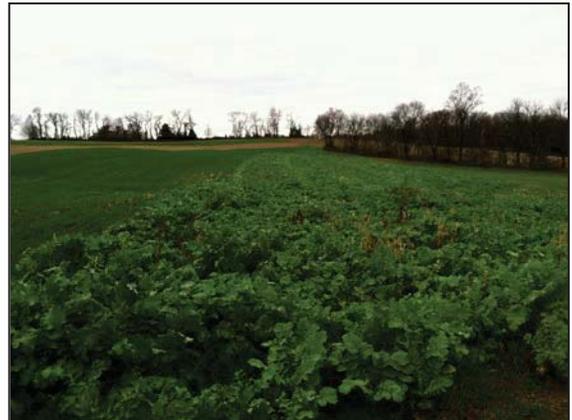
Board Members

Kristina Wilt, Chairwoman
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Daniel Innerst, Rep. Farmers
Alan Taylor, Rep. Elected Officials
J. Kenetha Hansen, Rep. Citizens
John Eaton, Jr. Rep. Citizens Farmers
Andrew Baumgardner, Rep. Farmers

Program Staff

Eric Naylor – Farmland Preservation Technician
David Boose – Ag Resource Conservationist
Patty McCandless – Executive Director

- YCALPB welcomed John Eaton representing Citizen-At-Large replacing outgoing Nelson Roth and welcomed J. Kenetha Hansen, Citizen-At-Large replacing Dennis Martin.
- The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board reviewed and approved changes to the County of York Conservation Easement Donation/Bargain Sale Program.
- York County continues to rank 3rd in Pennsylvania for acres of farmland preserved.
- Since program establishment in 1989, the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board has preserved 273 farms, covering 40,988 acres of productive farmland.
- Board and staff received a total 49 easement applications on 4,628 acres offered for farmland preservation and ranked 28 qualifying applications, covering 2,305 acres. Additional program inquiries were received from 26 citizens representing 1,977 acres.
- The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board selected 6 farms for preservation, covering a total 516 acres.
- Staff conducted annual inspection visits on 247 farms, covering 37,836 acres of productive farmland.
- YCALPB staff co-inspected three Heritage Conservancy easements located in York County on 393 acres with Heritage Monitoring staff.
- YCALPB staff conducted 25 Municipal Agricultural Security Area reviews in cooperation with the YCPC and Municipal Officials, involving 777 parcels involving 40,624 acres.



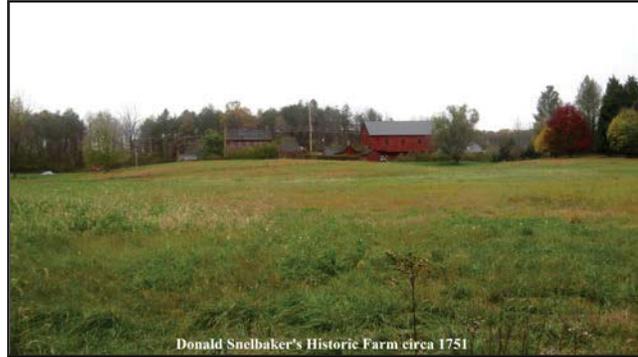


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- YCALPB staff, in cooperation with York County Planning Commission, updated the GIS layers involving conservation easements and agricultural security areas.
- The York County Agricultural Land Preservation Program conservation requirements contributed to York County's conservation planning efforts on 19 tracts, covering 1,903 acres.
- The York Board of Commissioners certified easement funds totaling \$164,875 for farmland preservation, and received \$ 1,117,557 in matching State funds for 2015 preservation efforts.
- The YCALP Office, with Conservation Partners, hosted a November 19, 2015 Public Meeting on "Protecting Your Farmland" with 32 in attendance.
- The YCALPB provides citizens with agency and program information via the County of York's web site www.yorkcountypa.gov under the Property & Taxes banner with total visitors numbering 1,065 in 2015.



"It shall be the mission of the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board to protect York County's agricultural resources through the preservation of economically viable farms and the creation and maintenance of stable agricultural communities."