



YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

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DATE: DECEMBER 30, 2019

FROM: YORK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION OFFICE

TO: LANDOWNERS INTERESTED IN FARMLAND PRESERVATION

RE: PRESS RELEASE – York County Farmland Preservation Program Changes

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.

Certain program changes have occurred and include the following; applications must be postmarked or received no later than the **deadline of Feb. 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 Feb. 15 deadline; **incomplete applications** will be returned to the landowner; the conservation easement **cap has been reduced to \$3,000 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 York County Ag Land Preservation webpage. 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 Feb. 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. **Upon request, you can receive the 2020 application packet by calling (717) 840-7400. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM.**

Please note our agency is moving to a new location at 2401 Pleasant Valley Road Suite 101 York, PA 17402. Our anticipated move date is Jan. 23 and 24, 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. We should be open for business on Monday, Jan. 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 online at YorkCountyPA.gov. The site contains our program information, farm rankings, events, articles and useful links. The preservation of your farm ensures future generations will be assured that agricultural production will continue within their immediate community.

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