



Yates County Pre-Application

For

New York State's
Farmland Protection Implementation
Grants Program

2008

PURPOSE

In response to growing interest among Yates County farmers in the State's Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program, **the Yates County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB)** has adopted a pre-application review process in order to identify which proposed PDR projects are most likely to be competitive for State grant funds.

PROCESS

The AFPB will review and rank pre-applications, and will select those proposals that may advance to the next stage. Applicants chosen by the Board will have authorization to proceed with development of a full application to be submitted by the Board to the State. AFPB review criteria reflect the State's FPIG Program priorities.

PRE-APPLICATION DEADLINE

Pre-applications **must be received** by Cornell Cooperation Extension, Yates County on or before **Friday, April 4, 2008**. Mail or hand-deliver (1) original to:

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Yates County
417 Liberty Street
Penn Yan, New York 14527
ATTN; Peter Landre

REVIEW & SELECTION

Cornell Cooperative Extension staff will undergo a preliminary review and ranking of FPIG applications based on quantifiable information. The top ranking applications will be presented to the AFPB for final review, ranking and selection. The AFPB will consider all criteria in its evaluation including farm viability, development pressure and environmental benefit indicators.

STATE DEADLINE

At this time, New York State has not issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Farmland Protection Program. Although there is no guarantee that funding will be made available this year, we are initiating the pre-application review process now so that approved applicants may have maximum amount of time to prepare full proposals once the RFP is issued.

Yates County Farmland Protection Program Pre-Application

1) Owner Name(s) _____

2) Name of Farm _____

3) Mailing Address _____

4) Phone _____ home _____ cell _____

5) Email _____

6) Nature of farm operation _____

7a) No. of Acres Owned _____ 7b) No. of Acres Tillable _____ 7c) No. of Acres Protected for Crop and/or Livestock Production _____ 7d) Estimated value of development rights (cost per acre) _____ 7e) Do you anticipate excluding any future building lots? If so, how many and total number of acres? _____

8) Please list tax map ID numbers for all parcels included in your FPIG proposal, as well as all individuals/entities with ownership interest in those parcels. **ALL OWNERS MUST SIGN THIS PRE-APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY AFPB.**

TAX MAP ID NUMBERS _____ **OWNERS** _____

Attach additional pages if necessary

9) Is your farm located within the Yates County agricultural district? _____ Yes _____ No

10) 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 of your farm.

11) List the public roads your farm fronts, and the number of feet of frontage for each:

12) What is the proximity of your farm to public water? _____

13) What is the proximity of your farm to public sewer? _____

14) Does your farm provide access to, or is it part of, a scenic vista? If yes, please describe: _____

15) Is your farm located within a public water source area (includes watersheds, reservoirs, aquifers and other water recharge areas)? If yes, please describe:

16) 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:

17) Is your farm located with a floodplain or does it contain wetlands? If yes, please describe. Please provide the number of acres of wetland, if applicable.

18) Please describe your level of farm management. Do you have a nutrient management plan? Have you participated in Yates County Soil & Water Conservation District Programs? What other activities have you undertaken that demonstrate best practices in farm management?

19) Have you completed Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the State's Agricultural Environmental Management Program (required)? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, please list the dates of completion for Tiers 1 and 2 _____

If no, you are not eligible to apply to the County Farmland Protection Program.

The Yates County Soil and Water Conservation District provides Tier 1 and Tier 2 AEM services at no cost to the landowner. Please contact the District at 536-5188 to go through this process prior to submission of the pre-application or supplement.

Soil and tax maps are required for submittal of this pre-proposal. Please contact the Yates County Soil and Water District to have these prepared for your application.

Are your Soil and Water Conservation District soil and tax maps included with your proposal? ____ Yes ____ No (copies may be emailed to: ptl2@cornell.edu)

20) Please describe major investments you have made in your farm to date, such as barns, irrigation, grapes, drainage tile, manure storage, etc. Include dates of investment.

21) Does your farm buffer a significant public resource such as parkland or protected Farmland or within 1 mile of a finger lake? If yes, please describe.

22) Please explain briefly why you would like to include your farm in the State's PDR Program.

23) Please describe the development pressure around your farm. Quantify, if possible, with number of subdivisions, building permits, new home construction in your area over the past several years.

24) Have you initiated conversation with a land trust (e.g. NY Agricultural Land Trust, Finger Lakes Land Trust) to discuss holding the conservation easement on your property?
_____ Yes _____ No

24a) Name of person you've been working with _____

24b) Name of land trust organization _____

25) Please describe your plans for farm succession _____

26) Local Match: NYS Farmland Protection Program will fund up to 75% of the value of development rights on farmland. Typically, farmers will commit to a “bargain sale” of their development rights, meaning that they will accept 75% of the value from the State and assume the remaining 25% of total project costs as an in-kind contribution. Please indicate your willingness to assume 25% of the value of development rights on your farm.

I will provide the required 25% local match of the total project costs through bargain sale of my development Rights and 25% of the administrative costs ____

I will not provide the required 25% local match of the total project costs through bargain sale of my development Rights and 25% of the administrative costs ____

Certification: I (we) certify that all information presented in this pre-application is,

To the best of my (our) knowledge, accurate and true

Signature

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