

Seneca County Pre-Application
for
New York State's

Farmland Protection Implementation
Grants Program

2010

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SENECA COUNTY FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION

PURPOSE

In response to growing interest among local farmers in the State's Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program, the Seneca County Agriculture Enhancement Board 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 Seneca County Agriculture Enhancement Board will review and rank pre-applications, using a system that reflects the State's FPIG Program priorities, and will select those proposals that the county may advance to the next stage. Applicants of pre-applications chosen by the Board will have authorization to proceed with development of a full application, to be submitted to the State.

PRE-APPLICATION DEADLINE

Pre-applications are to be received by the Seneca County Agriculture Enhancement Board on or before **Friday, August 13, 2010**. Mail or hand-deliver (1) original to:

**Seneca County Cornell Cooperative Extension
Attn: Roberta Harrison.
308 Main St Shop Centre
Waterloo, NY 13165
Phone: (315) 539-9251**

REVIEW & SELECTION

Seneca County Agriculture Enhancement Board members will undergo a preliminary review and ranking of FPIG applications based on quantifiable information. The top ranking applications will be presented to the full Board for final review, ranking and selection. The Agriculture Enhancement Board will meet to review and rank FPIG pre-applications. At this time New York State is not expected to issue a Request for Proposals for 2010. Pre-applications submitted in 2010 will be given recognition for ongoing interest in the program in subsequent years, and will be used to demonstrate to State officials a continued interest in the program in Seneca County.

STATE DEADLINE

New York State is not expected to issue a Request for Proposals for 2010. Pre-applications submitted in 2010 will be given recognition for ongoing interest in the program in subsequent years, and will be notified of subsequent pre-application reviews so that they will have an opportunity to update their submissions. Pre-applications submitted this year will be used to demonstrate to State officials a continued interest in the program in Seneca County.

COORDINATION WITH TOWN APPLICATIONS:

The Seneca County Agriculture Enhancement Board will provide letters of support for Towns to submit FPIG applications for farms that:

- 1) submitted pre-applications to the county for review and ranking,
- 2) are located in areas designated for farmland preservation in the local town plan,
- 3) are at least Tier II in the Agricultural Environmental Management Program, and
- 4) have no delinquent County or Town Taxes.

SENECA COUNTY FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM PRE-APPLICATION

1) Owner Name(s) _____

2) Name of Farm _____

3) Town(s) where farm is located: _____

4) Mailing Address _____

5) Phone _____ 6) Email _____

7) Nature of farm operation _____

8a) No. of Acres Owned _____ 8b) No. of Acres Tillable _____

8c) No. of Acres Protected for Crop and/or Livestock Production _____

8d) Estimated Value of Development Rights (cost per acre) _____

8e) Do you anticipate excluding any future building lots or existing structures? _____

If so, how many and total number of acres? _____.

9) 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 THE SENECA COUNTY AGRICULTURE ENHANCEMENT BOARD.**

TAX MAP ID NUMBERS	OWNERS
Attach additional pages if necessary.	

10) Is your farm located within an agricultural district? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please circle the district number: District #6, District #8, District #12

11) Attach a map of the farm. Show any areas identified in 7e.

12) Is your farm in an area designated for Farmland Protection in a Town Farmland Protection Plan or Town Comprehensive Plan? _____ If yes, please provide copy of reference from Town Plan.

13) Have you completed Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the State's Agricultural Environmental Management Program? ____
If yes, please list the dates of completion for Tier 1 _____ and Tier 2 _____.

Seneca County will not submit any farms to the State that have not completed Tiers 1 & 2 of the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Program.

The Seneca 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 568-4366 to go through this process prior to submission of the pre-application or supplement.

13a) Have you completed Tier 3, 4 or 5 of the State's Agricultural Environmental Management Program? ____
If yes, please list the dates of completion by Tier, and describe actions in question 13.

14) Please describe your level of farm management. Do you have a nutrient management plan? Have you participated in Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District Programs? What other activities have you undertaken that demonstrate best practices in farm management? (use additional sheets as needed)

15) What are your average Crop Yields per Acres and how many Acres do you typically have in each crop?

Crop	Yield (i.e. Bushels/Acre)	Acres

Use additional sheets as needed.

16) 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.

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

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

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

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

21) 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:

22) Is your farm located within a floodplain or does it contain wetlands? _____
If yes, please describe. Please provide the number of acres of wetland if applicable. _____
(Copies of the FEMA Floodplain Maps, and DEC Wetland Maps can be viewed at the Seneca County Dept. of Planning and Community Development. Contact: Harriet A. Haynes, Planner at 315-539-1723)

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

24) Does your farm buffer a significant public resource such as parkland or protected farmland? _____
If yes, please describe:

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

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

27) 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.

28) Have you initiated conversation with a land trust to discuss holding the conservation easement on your property? _____ Yes _____ No

28a) Name of person you have been working with _____

28b) Name of land trust organization _____
(e.g. NY Agricultural Land Trust, Finger Lakes Land Trust)

28c) Provide contact information for this party _____

29) Please describe your plans for farm succession: (i.e. family members that will take over the farm, persons interested in purchasing the farm operation, involvement in Legacy Program, etc.)

30) 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% as an in-kind contribution. Please indicate your willingness to assume 25% of the value of development rights on your farm by initialing one of the lines below.

_____ I (we) will provide the required 25% local match through bargain sale of my development rights.

_____ I (we) will not provide the required 25% local match through bargain sale of my development rights.

Certification: I (we) certify that all information presented in this pre-application is, to the best of my (our) knowledge, accurate and true.

Signature/Date: _____

Signature/Date: _____

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