



**MD Department of Natural Resources
Rural Legacy Program
Anne Arundel South Rural Legacy Area**

APPLICATION FOR EASEMENT SALE

Landowner's Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Contact Person (if different from listed owner) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Property Location (if different from owner's address) _____

Tax Map # _____ Block # _____ Parcel # _____ Lot # _____

Tax Account Number _____

I - Information Relating to the Development Potential of the Property

Total acres _____ Number of parcels _____

Number and type of dwelling (principal residence, guest house, tenant house, etc.) on
each parcel _____

Number of unused development rights (if known) _____

Do you wish to retain any of those development rights to build a home in the future

☐ Yes ☐ No

The value of the easement will be reduced by any development rights retained.

Is the land currently subject to any easement restrictions (pipeline, transmission tower, historic environmental protection, or other easements)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe the easement in detail: _____

II - Information Relating to the Land Features and Resource Values

Approximately how many acres of the site are currently in cropland or pasture?

Is there a Soil Conservation and Water Quality (SCWQ) Plan currently in effect?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes please attach a copy. *A SCWQ will need to be prepared for this property if an easement is acquired.*

How many acres are currently or potentially commercial woodland? _____

Is there an active Forest Conservation and Management Agreement; Woodland Management Plan; Forest Resource Management Plan; or Timber Management Plan currently in effect? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach a copy to the application.

When Property contains more than 5 acres of contiguous "Woodland" (as defined below), a Forest Stewardship Plan is required. Please note, contiguity is not considered "broken" by things such as a utility line or a fireline. Use the sample Deed of Easement to reference the specifics of what kind of Plan should be written for your property.

Are there significant farm buildings, or farm infrastructure on the site (corncribs, implement shed, dairy barn, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list _____

Approximate number of feet of public road frontage _____ feet.

III - Natural Resource Characteristics of the Property

Approximate linear feet of streams running through the property _____ feet.

Approximate linear feet of streams with established forest buffers of at least 70 feet:
_____ feet

As a condition of the easement you will be expected to maintain a 70 foot grass or wooded buffer along the edge of all streams. Approved stream crossings for livestock will be allowed.

Approximate acres of wetland on the property _____ acres

If there is currently a wetlands reserve program (WRP) in place on the site, please include it with your application.

IV - Additional Protection Options

These are actions that you may choose to take - they are not program requirements. The easement value will be increased if you choose to participate.

Are you willing to establish additional forest and / or wildlife habitat management practices on your property (For example: If the need arises to add protection for a specific species)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate the number of acres you are willing to convert to and / or enhance existing wildlife habitat. _____

Are you willing to establish additional stream buffers beyond the required 70 feet on the edge of all streams? ☐ Yes ☐ No

V - Historic Features

Is your property located within a national, state or locally designated Historic District or Village? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please name _____

Does your property include a contributing structure to a National Historic District?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please name structure _____

Is your property a County, State or Federal Historic Landmark? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your property a Bicentennial or Century Farm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

VI – Additional Information

How many years have you owned the property? _____

Is this an owner-operated farm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any specialty or unique farming operations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what are the operations _____

Is there any imminent development threat? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe _____

Have you completed an environmental assessment on the property for any reason?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please attach. If such an assessment has not been completed, please note that one will be conducted prior to easement settlement.

Names and addresses of any holders of mortgages, liens, deeds of trust, or other encumbrances on the property: *All lien (mortgage) holders will be required to subordinate their interests to an easement.*

Is the land presently subject to any court proceedings? (i.e. bankruptcy, etc.)

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe: _____

Other information regarding your property that you feel would be helpful in evaluating your application _____

By this application I/we express my/our intention to pursue the process of easement sale if this application is chosen for funding by Anne Arundel County. I/We understand that this does not obligate me/us to sell an easement and that if the terms of the easement or the price offer are not agreeable to me I may withdraw from further negotiations. I/We understand that all easements obtained under this program will be held by Anne Arundel County.

I/We hereby certify that the above information is correct to the best of my/our knowledge and agree to a site visit and verification of all information regarding my property by County staff or representatives.

Landowner Signature

Date

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Instructions:

You may either fill out the form online or download the form and fill it out. Once completed, please print, sign and date the form. Submit completed applications to:

Office of Planning and Zoning
Agricultural and Woodland Preservation Program
2664 Riva Road, MS 6401
Annapolis, MD 21401

For questions or assistance, please call:

410-222-2869 or 410-222-7465