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2026-2027 Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program

Pre-Application

Accepted on a rolling basis

Thank you for your interest in the PDR Program. Please review the accompanying instructions document then answer every question in the application as accurately as possible. Incorrect or missing information may affect the review of your application. A free and confidential meeting with ASA staff, or attendance at a public workshop prior to submission of this document isn't required but it is strongly encouraged. Please type or print clearly and sign the landowner commitment section.

If you have questions or require assistance to complete this form, you may contact ASA at (518) 692-7285 or stop in our office at 2531 State Route 40, Greenwich (across the road from USDA and Soil & Water offices).

1. Landowner Information

Name(s) of all Legal Landowner(s) and Mailing Address If owned by a corporation, trust or LLC, please give corporation, trust or LLC name and name of authorized contact person/trustee.	
Farm Name (if any) Street Address of Farm (if different from above)	
Daytime Phone/cell	
E-Mail	

If you are a landowner that rents land to a farmer or a farmer that rents land from others, the rented lands may be part of this application provided they are important to the overall farming operation. If you wish to include rental lands, please see the attached sheet which must be completed by the owners of the rental land and submitted with this application.

2. Property Information

County in which property is located (circle): Rensselaer Washington

What town(s) is/are the property located in: _____

Tax Parcel Information:

Location (road(s))	**Tax Map I.D. #**	**Acreage**
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Please note that excluding parcels for purposes such as landowner housing on viable ag land will likely complicate your consideration for a state application, or even disqualify it because of grant program requirements. In many cases, conservation easements may allow for future residences to be located within designated building envelopes. If you are planning on excluding certain parcels that you own, please contact ASA for more detailed conversations.*

Are you proposing to exclude any acres from the PDR Program? ____No ____Yes
If yes, how many acres? _____

Explain why and the location for the excluded area? _____

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Total number of acres to be placed in the PDR Program? _____

Of the acreage to be placed in the PDR Program, please indicate the approximate number of acres in:

- Pasture/Livestock production (including crops for dairy support) _____
- Field crop production (hay, corn, grains, soy, etc. for sale) _____
- Specialty Crops (vegetables, fruit, etc.)
- Agroforestry production (maple, silvopasture, etc.)_____
- Other wooded area _____
- Equine operation _____
- Farm complex_____

Are there existing third-party liens or leases for uses such as mortgages, life estates, leases for a cell tower, solar installation, mining leases, etc.? _____No ____Yes If so, please describe: _____

Are there existing agricultural structures on the property (i.e. barns, run-in sheds, milking parlors, processing areas, farm stores, etc.)? If yes, please state how many and provide brief description.

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3. Farm Operation

What type of farm do you operate? _____

Describe the nature of the current farm operation, including type and size of operation, recent production history, market for products, and amount of additional land owned and/or rented. Feel free to attach additional information and/or direct us to your website, if applicable:

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How long have you been in operation? _____

Is this a multi-generational farm business? __ No __ Yes. If yes, how many generations? _____

Do you have a 3-year (or longer) written business plan for your operation?
____ No ____ Yes

Do you have an Agriculture Environmental Management (AEM) Tier 2 (or higher) assessment? ____ No ____ Yes (if selected for an application to the state, a Tier 2 is required at time of application. NOTE: a Tier 3 conservation plan is required at time of closing the grant project).

Do you have a plan on how you will transfer the property to the next generation or to another farmer in the future? _____ No ____ Yes. If yes, please explain:

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Do you currently have plans to change the type of farm or extent of production over the next several years? If so, please explain:

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Describe any agricultural improvements made to the property over the past ten years. Please explain.

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Describe any planned improvements you have for the property/operation over the next several years (agricultural and non-agricultural use).

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Have you participated in any other conservation or ag. management programs with other agencies/organizations such as USDA NRCS or Soil & Water (i.e. Wetland Reserve Program, AEM, Whole Farm Conservation Plan, NY Grown & Certified, etc.) If so, please explain: _____

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Have you made improvements to address soil erosion, soil health, riverbank stabilization, or drought tolerance? If so, please explain: _____

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Have you or your farm ever received any agricultural awards or special recognition? If so, please describe the awards and/or recognition (i.e. Dairy of Distinction, Supermilk awards,

Soil Conservationist of the Year, etc.)

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4. Development Pressure

Is your farm for sale (either all or a portion)? Has it been listed for sale in the past year? Are any neighboring farms for sale? Any rental lands for sale that affect your farming operation? Please explain.

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Is your farm at risk for being converted to non-farm uses (i.e. solar, housing development, no one to take over the farm operation, etc.)? If so, please explain:

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5. Statement of Relevance

Please briefly state why you wish to participate in the program.

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Optional: Provide additional information about your specific project that you think is relevant for the selection committee to consider in making its selection (feel free to attach additional pages).

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6. Potential Conflict of Interest *(note: potential conflicts of interest do not necessarily make you ineligible for the program)*

Please check all that apply:

Are you a current board member of the:

___ County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

___ Town Board or Planning Board

Are you related to, or have a business relationship with, anyone on the:

___ County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

___ Town Board or Planning Board

___ Agricultural Stewardship Association Board

Are you an employee of the county or municipality? ____No ____ Yes

7. Maps and Soils Data

As part of the pre-application, ASA will create soils and aerial maps of the project for the review committee's use. ASA staff may contact you for additional information that might be needed by the selection committee's use. This is especially true if you are proposing to exclude any of your land from the PDR Program. A map of area(s) to be excluded may be requested.

8. Landowner and Funding Commitment

The state program has different payment options. Please indicate below what you would be willing to consider. Also, ASA may use the information provided in this document to contact landowners for other potential land conservation programs and funding opportunities.

Check all that apply:

I am willing to accept "X" amount of funds for my purchase of development rights project:

___100% (please note this funding option is not likely; requires additional funding sources as well)

___87.5% (highest the state will fund, no additional funding is allowed, 12.5% of total project cost is a non-cash donation by landowner)

___75% (ASA may try to locate some additional funding, but not guaranteed)

___less than 75% (ASA may try to locate some additional funding, but not guaranteed)

___0% (I wish to donate my development rights, but have all project transaction expenses paid)

___I am interested in additional provisions that will keep my land affordable for future farmers (additional compensation given in exchange)

All legal landowners of this property must sign below indicating their understanding and willingness to participate in the program.

I am interested in participating in the Purchase of Development Rights Program and wish to apply to sell the development rights on my farm. I certify that all the statements made herein are true and authorize ASA, the selection committee and the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to evaluate this application and my farm for submission to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for Farmland Protection funding.

I understand that selling my property's development rights will result in a conservation easement on my land, effective in perpetuity, that will restrict my land to agricultural and forestry uses.

I further understand that state funding awards are limited and a local match of the project's total cost is required. Depending on the funding option chosen, I understand that I may have to provide the local match through the donation of some of my development rights.

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For Rented Lands Only

(lands owned by another party but used for the same farm operation)

Thank you for your interest in the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. This sheet is to be completed **by landowners** who rent their land to a farming operation and who wish to be included in the Pre-Application. **Please submit the form along with the farmer's application and sign the landowner commitment section**. If more than one landowner is a part of the farmer's application, please make additional copies of the sheet. If you have any questions or need assistance to complete this from, please contact ASA at (518) 692-7285.

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What is the name of the farmer or farming operation that rents the land?

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Is there a written lease? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, how many years is the lease for? _____

(Please note that if the pre-application is selected to be a formal application to the state, a copy of the signed lease will be required)

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Any acres proposed for exclusion? _____ If so, explain:

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**Please note that excluding parcels for purposes such as landowner housing on viable ag land will likely complicate your consideration for a state application. Please provide the tax parcel information and acreage for any areas proposed for exclusion.*

What is the land used for (crops, hay, vegetables, pasture, etc.)? _____

Potential Conflict of Interest

Please check all that apply:

Are you a current board member of the:

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The landowner(s) of the rented property must sign below indicating their understanding and willingness to participate in the program.

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