

Cayuga County Pre-Application
SUPPLEMENTAL
for
New York State's
Farmland Protection Implementation
Grants Program
2009

PURPOSE

In response to growing interest among local farmers in the State's Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) Program, **Cayuga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB)** has adopted a pre-application process in order to review and select farmland protection projects to compete at the State level for FPIG grant funds.

PROCESS

The AFPB will review and rank pre-applications, and will select those proposals that 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 by the Board to the State. AFPB review criteria reflect the State's FPIG Program priorities.

IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED A PRE-APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLETE ANOTHER PRE-APPLICATION. YOU ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ATTACHED PRE-APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL BY THE DEADLINE LISTED BELOW.

PRE-APPLICATION DEADLINE

Pre-applications and supplements **must be received** by Cayuga County Planning Department on or before **Monday April 27th, 2008**. Mail or hand-deliver (1) original to:

Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development
160 Genesee Street, 5th Floor
Auburn, New York 13021
ATTN: Geoff Milz

REVIEW & SELECTION

County Planning staff will undergo a preliminary review and ranking of FPIG applications based on established criteria. The top ranking applications will be presented to the AFPB for final review and selection. A meeting date has not yet been established, but will be announced publicly through the press. The Board will select proposals to advance to the next stage at this meeting. 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 process now so that approved applicants may have maximum amount of time to prepare full proposals once the RFP is issued.

MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Geoff Milz, Planner, Cayuga County Department of Planning & Economic Development, (315-253-1276) with any questions or concerns about the Pre-Application. Please contact Judy Wright, American Farmland Trust consultant (315-255-2508) with any questions or concerns about the State or Federal Farmland Protection Program.

For more information on the County's Farmland Protection Program, please visit us online at:
<http://www.co.cayuga.ny.us/planning/farmland>

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**CAYUGA COUNTY FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM
PRE-APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTAL**

1) Owner Name(s) _____

2) Name of Farm _____

3) Have you completed Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the State's Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) 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's Farmland Protection Program.** The Cayuga 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 252-4171 to go through this process prior to submission of the pre-application or supplement. In extenuating circumstances, exceptions *may* be made. Please contact Geoff Milz at Cayuga County Dept. of Planning and Economic Development, 315-253-1276, to discuss further. If your land is selected for the County's application, you must complete Tier 3 of the AEM Program prior to the State's application deadline.

4a) No. of Acres Owned _____ 4b) No. of Acres Tillable _____ 4c) No. of Acres Protected for Crop and/or Livestock Production _____ 4d) Do you anticipate excluding any future building lots? If so, how many and total number of acres? _____.

5) Does your farm serve as a **buffer** to a significant natural resource? If yes, please describe. (e.g. maintaining vegetative buffer strips or no-till zones along stream corridors; providing buffer to adjacent parkland; etc.)

6) 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.

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

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

7) Have you subdivided any parcel in the past five (5) years? _____ Yes _____ No

7a) If yes, what were the circumstances of subdividing the property?

8) Please describe any gas leases, current easements, underground pipeline, buried cables, and right-of-ways located on the property.

9) If you were selected by the State to receive a FPIG award would you be willing to construct a vegetative buffer for each stream, creek or ditch running through your property? _____ Yes _____ No

7) PLEASE LIST ON AN ATTACHED SHEET OF PAPER ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TO YOUR ORIGINAL PRE-APPLICATION. IF NONE EXIST, CHECK HERE

_____.

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

Signature

Date

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Pre-application Supplementals must be received by Monday April 27th, 2009.