



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

FISCAL YEAR 20
APPLICATION TO SELL AN EASEMENT

MALPF File Number (Provided by MALPF)

PLEASE READ ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION
THIS APPLICATION CANNOT BE CHANGED AFTER SUBMITTAL TO THE FOUNDATION.
PLEASE TYPE RESPONSES

Did you apply to sell an easement in the previous application cycle? Yes / No

PART A

I/We, landowner(s) of the property referenced herein, located in County, Maryland, apply to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) to sell an agricultural land preservation easement, pursuant to Agriculture Article, Section 2-510, Annotated Code of Maryland.

This application to sell an easement, and any subsequent offer to buy an easement, including any Deed of Easement to be recorded on this property, will cover the entire contiguous acreage referenced in the application. Acreage is not permitted to be withheld, unless it is for the permitted lot exclusions specified under Agriculture Article, Section 2-513, Annotated Code of Maryland, or the acreage to be withheld is approved by the Foundation (see Instructions A.1.).

For purposes of valuation, I/we affirm that the acreage of the total property, also referred to as the parent tract*, was determined by one of the following (a copy of which is attached to this application) (see Instructions A.1.):

- property deed(s)
survey
tax assessment records
other (identify):
If using GIS, County Administrator to provide a written statement as to why GIS is necessary.

- a. The total acreage of property ("parent tract") is:
b. The number of Pre-Existing Dwelling(s) is (are) within PAID easement area:
c. The Acreage to be Withheld from the easement is:
d. Designated permitted envelope acreage (unpaid):
e. Other unpaid areas:
f. The Easement Payment Acreage is (a. minus b minus c minus d minus e):
g. Total acres to be encumbered by easement is (a. minus c.):

I am/We are willing to sell an easement on my/our land for \$ per acre.
I/We understand that the Foundation makes offers based on the lower of: (1) the asking price, (2) the calculated easement value, (3) a cap set by the County, or the statutory State cap of 75% of the recommended appraised value (see Instructions A.6.).

*Definition of Parent Tract: The term Parent Tract, as used by MALPF, is the total property described in this application. It refers to that entire contiguous acreage that is under common ownership. This may be a single tax map parcel or may include multiple tax map parcels, but should include the entire acreage on any parcel, even if only a portion of that parcel is being considered for easement sale.

- It includes any withheld acreage and unpaid acreage
- It does not include any tax map parcel which may be contiguous and under common ownership, but for which no portion is being considered for easement sale under this application.

PART B

(To be completed by the County Program Administrator or other County employee as necessary.)

Part B provides Instructions directly to the assigned appraisers. Completeness and accuracy is essential for the appraiser(s) to ascertain the farm’s maximum market value as of the date of valuation. All data should be as precise as possible. Do not round figures and please cite sources when possible.

SECTION # 1: PLANNING AND ZONING INFORMATION

(A) ZONING (See Instructions B.1.)

Current Zoning of Property (write out full name): _____

Does the property lie within the boundaries of a planned 10-year water and sewer service district?	YES	NO
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If yes, please describe: _____

Is the encumbrance of this property by an agricultural land preservation easement consistent with county plans? (Master Plan, Comprehensive Land-Use Plan, Growth Management Plan, etc.)	YES	NO
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Does the county zoning permit any farm use of the land?	YES	NO
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If any limitations on farm use, describe (can attach if need more space):

(B) Are there any withheld, permitted use envelope, and/or unpaid acreage (if yes, show on map)?	YES	NO
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Reason for the withheld acreage?	_____
Reason for permitted use envelope?	_____
Reason for unpaid acreage?	_____

(C) Is the property adjacent to other protected lands (fee or easement)?	YES	NO
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If yes, what is the approximate size of protected block of land (without subject property acres included)? _____

(D) For Certified Counties, is the property located within a Priority Preservation Area?	YES	NO
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(E) Is/are there a county-designated tenant house(s) located on the property?	YES	NO
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If yes, work with County to complete and submit a certification documentation for EACH proposed tenant house and included as part of the application submission. (See Instructions B.1.E.)

SECTION #2: DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

NOTE: The development rights information provided in this application will be provided to the appraisers to determine the fair market value of the **property** and therefore the MALPF easement value. If this section is not completed, the application IS NOT complete and will be returned.

The term “development right(s)” as used by MALPF is the maximum number of residential structures legally allowed to be placed on the parent tract as of the date of the application.

“Legally allowed” takes into consideration such limiting factors such as: zoning, septic law, Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas regulations, existing easements, etc. It does not include any additional structures allowed by virtue of a specific owner (such as family lots), nor does it include any allotted transferrable development rights (“TDRs”).

As used herein, “development rights” does not address TDRs. TDRs should be considered as an addition if a current market exists. See application **SECTION #3** below regarding TDRs.

Lot Selection (see Instructions B. Section 2.):

When considering lot selection, please take into account that retaining a dwelling right with the property can benefit the long term viability of future farming operations.

In the Deed of Easement, I/we hereby elect to (check one):

reserve family lots, subject to density restrictions,

reserve one (1) unrestricted lot that is either:
subdivideable, or
a non-subdivideable building envelope

waive all rights to lots

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|----|---|-------|----|
| 1. | Has the County adopted a Tier Map under The Sustainable Growth & Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 (Senate Bill 236), also known as the septic law? | Yes | No |
| 2. | If a Tier Map has been adopted, in which Tier is the subject property located? | Tier: | |
| 3. | What is the maximum number of residential lots permitted in a minor subdivision? | | |
| 4. | Does the easement have any acreage within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area:
If yes, how many acres: | Yes | No |

Any discrepancies between this section and page one of this application should be reconciled or explained.

	Permitted On-Site Development Rights	Dev. Rights	Acres
(a)	Total development rights/acres associated with the parent tract (same acres as Pg.1.a). [<i>This takes into consideration lots previously subdivided from the property; underlying zoning; septic law restrictions; and any other known restrictions (for dev. rights, take into account Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas regulations, other easements or deed/plat restrictions, etc).</i>]		
(b)	Total development rights/acres associated with pre-existing dwelling (within PAID easement area)		
(c)	Total development rights/acres associated with withheld acres (includes any dwelling(s) in withheld acres – same acres as Pg.1.c.)		
(d)	Total development rights associated with designated permitted use envelope area/s AND other unpaid acres (includes any pre-existing dwellings within envelopes).		N/A
(e)	Unrestricted lot option chosen: Yes (deduct 1 development right) No (deduct 0 development rights)		N/A
	Total development rights to be extinguished / acres to be appraised by MALPF easement acquisition (a - b - c - d - e)		

SECTION #3: TRANSFERABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAMS (See Instructions B.3.)

- A. Does the County have a TDR program? Yes No
 If yes, is the TDR program active? Y /N
- B. Is the subject property eligible to participate in the TDR program? Yes No
- C. How many residual TDRs are associated with the subject property (including any withheld acres area) as of the date of the application submission? _____

PART C

1. **LANDOWNER INFORMATION** - necessary for all landowners of record. Attach a separate sheet, if needed. Also, enter primary contact information. The primary contact person will receive all correspondence from and is the individual to be contacted by the Foundation regarding the easement Application

MAILING ADDRESS of Owner/Trust/Business Entity:

PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON:

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone #: (1st) (2nd)

e-mail

Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone #: (1st) (2nd)

e-mail

2. **ENTITY INFORMATION:** Please list all members/partners/trustees/shareholders of the ownership entity, if applicable, including each person's name and title, such as "President", "Trustee", "Managing Member", etc. (see Instructions C.2.). (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

NAME:	TITLE

3. **LOCATION OF PROPERTY:**
PLEASE NOTE: FOR PROPERTIES CONSISTING OF MORE THAN ONE TAX PARCEL, IF THE APPLICATION TO SELL AN EASEMENT TO MALPF IS SUCCESSFUL, THE PARCELS MUST REMAIN UNDER IDENTICAL COMMON OWNERSHIP, AND MAY NOT BE CONVEYED OFF FROM EACH OTHER UNLESS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE MALPF BOARD.

Tax Map Grid Parcel #
Tax ID#
(List all if more than one)

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Tax ID#
(List all if more than one)

Tax Map: Grid: Parcel #:
Tax ID#:
(List all if more than one)

Property Address: (if different from mailing address)

4. **DEED REFERENCE(S)** (see Instructions C.4.):

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If acreage reflected in deed is different from acreage of proposed easement, please explain:

5. **EXISTING PROPERTY RESTRICTION(S)**: (see Instructions C.5.)

Please state whether there are any existing restrictive easements or covenants (such as Forest Conservation Easements, Open Space Easements, etc.) on your property and, if so, please explain:

6. **OTHER THIRD PARTY INTERESTS** (see Instructions C.6.):

a. Does anyone own or lease surface or subsurface rights on this property (including oil/gas/mineral, whether or not there has been any activity on the lease)?

YES NO If yes, please explain: _____

b. Does anyone hold a lease, right of first refusal, or option to purchase for this property?

YES NO If yes, please explain: _____

c. Has any mining been done on the property?

YES NO If yes, please explain: _____

d. Are there any other third party interests in this property? (For example, life estate, right-of-ways, renewable energy operations, telecommunication company leases, ground leases in excess of 20 years, etc.)

YES NO If yes, please explain: _____

If you answered yes to any of the questions a. through d., please provide copy of the lease/agreement as well as the name and contact information for the third party interest; signatures of such parties will be required on the Option Contract and Deed of Easement if the Foundation extends you an easement offer.

Name of Other Third Party Interest

Name of Other Third Party Interest

Address

Address

City, State, Zip Code

City, State, Zip Code

Phone #

Phone #

Nature of Third Party Interest

Nature of Third Party Interest

7. **MORTGAGES /DEEDS of TRUST /LIENS/:**

Are there mortgages, deeds of trust, or other liens on this property, including equity line of credit?

YES NO

If yes, signatures and addresses of such holders will be required on the Option Contract and Deed of Easement, if the Foundation extends an easement offer to you.

Name of Mortgage or Lien Holder

Name of Mortgage or Lien Holder

Address

Address

City, State, Zip Code

City, State, Zip Code

Phone #

Phone #

8. **LAND USE (round to whole number):**

Tillable Cropland: acres

Pasture: acres

Woodland: acres

Wetland(s): acres

Orchard; Nursery: acres

Structure(s): acres
(Farm buildings and dwellings)

Pond/lake: acres

Other: acres
(Describe other land use)

TOTAL ACRES: acres

(Acres must equal Part A: g, on Page 1 – rounded to a whole number)

Are there any streams/creeks/etc. on the easement property? If so, list names and show location on aerial maps.

9. **PROPERTY USE:**

YES NO DON'T KNOW

- a. Has the property been used for a purpose other than agricultural operations and residential use (for example, landfill, commercial cell tower, commercial energy production, sand and gravel extraction, railroad right-of-way)?
If so indicate use/explain.
- b. Have any chemicals been used on the property beyond what could reasonably be expected in normal and customary agricultural practices?
If so indicate type of chemicals.
- c. Has the property ever contained areas used to dispose of waste other than normal and customary household and agricultural waste?
If yes, indicate the kinds of material disposed and method of disposal.
- d. Has there ever been a chemical spill or leak on the property to your knowledge?
If yes, indicate what was spilled, where it was spilled, approximately how much was spilled, and what actions were taken in response.
- e. Have any previous environmental assessments/tests/samplings/impact statements been conducted for the property, to your knowledge?
If so, attach copies.
- f. Has any government entity ever investigated, cited, or been involved with any violations or regulatory actions regarding this property to your knowledge? If so, explain.
- g. Are there/have there been any disputes, including claims of adverse possession, or written or oral agreements with adjacent landowners regarding boundary lines?
If so, explain and provide detail on map

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW OR ATTACH A LETTER OF EXPLANATION ALONG WITH ANY SUPPORTING DETAILS TO THE APPLICATION.

10. **STRUCTURES** List and briefly describe any/all structures currently existing on the property including agricultural, residential and non-agriculturally-related structures existing at the time of application. On a current aerial map, locate and label by corresponding letter (a, b, c, d, etc.) all structures listed here. A current aerial map may be obtained through the county program administrator. Use separate page if necessary.

<u>Structure</u>	<u>Approximate Dimensions or Capacity</u>
a. _____	_____
b. _____	_____
c. _____	_____
d. _____	_____
e. _____	_____
f. _____	_____
g. _____	_____
h. _____	_____
i. _____	_____
j. _____	_____

11. **FARM OPERATION:**

Describe the farming operation(s): _____

Owner operated: Leased: Both:

12. **QUALIFYING SOILS: (To be completed by the County Program Administrator, see Instructions C.12.)**

Total acreage/percentage may not exceed 100% (may not count soils in both Class and Group categories.) Percentage calculation based on PAID ACRES (Page 1,(f)).

<u>CLASS I</u>	<u>CLASS II</u>	<u>CLASS III</u>	<u>GROUP 1</u>	<u>GROUP 2</u>	<u>= TOTAL</u>
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ACRES:

PERCENT OF TOTAL:

Other information: _____

(Please indicate if the wetland acres were not counted when calculating the percent of total figure.)

13. **CERTIFICATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION & WATER QUALITY PLAN** (see Instructions C.13.):

Property Owners: _____

Phone Number: _____

Property Address: _____

Tax Map: _____ Parcel: _____ Conservation Tract No: _____ Farm No: _____

The _____ County Soil Conservation District hereby certifies that the landowner(s) listed on the front of this Application to Sell an Easement has had a complete soil conservation and water quality plan prepared for the subject property, dated _____.

Signature and Title of Soil Conservation District Official

Date

14. IF PROPERTY HAS 25 ACRES OR MORE OF CONTIGUOUS WOODLAND, A FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN IS REQUIRED
- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| a) Is a Forest Stewardship Plan required: | Yes | No |
| b) If yes, is it in effect
(If yes, submit evidence of the Plan) | Yes | No |
15. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION** to be included with this Application to Sell an Easement:
- a. All deeds, surveys, and/or plats that describe the property.
Md. Ann. Code Agriculture Article, § 2-510(b)(3) requires that an Application to Sell An Easement be accompanied by a complete description of the property to be encumbered by an Easement. Failure to submit a complete description with the Application to Sell an Easement may result in rejection of the Application.
 - b. If property owned by an entity, provide necessary organizational documents (See Instructions Part C.2).
 - c. Assessments and Taxation Data sheet from website (County administrator can provide)
 - d. A tax map outlining property boundaries, and clearly indicating withheld acreage, if any, including legal and practical access to the withheld acreage. Please note, if a property is less than 50 acres, show adjacent protected properties on tax map.
 - e. Aerial map with structures and their location identified, as instructed in Application Part C #10. (If numerous structures clustered together, please provide separate, zoomed in, structure map.)
 - f. Forest Stewardship Plan, if one is required and completed.
 - g. Annual Implementation Review Sheet or Certification Page for the Nutrient Management Plan, if one is available.

PART D

Note: All landowners of record must sign this application. If the property is owned by an entity, all entity members must sign in their capacity as designated in the entity's organizational documents. Attach a separate sheet if necessary. Please note that if there are any life estate interests or right of first refusal in another person or entity, they must also sign this application.

If the applicant is a contract purchaser, BOTH the contract purchaser and current owner must sign the application. A copy of the agreement of sale/option contract must be provided with this application. If purchase/sale transaction is scheduled to be completed prior to easement offer a copy of the updated, recorded fee simple deed must be provided and SDAT sheet to be provided when available.

I/We confirm my/our understanding that I/we may not change the lot selection unless I/we withdraw my/our application and apply in a subsequent cycle.

I/We acknowledge that the land on which I am/we are applying to sell an easement shall not be subdivided (including lot releases), conveyed to others, altered in its configuration, or encumbered by a restriction during the application process without prior written approval of the Foundation. Failure to comply with this restriction may result in withdrawal of the application.

I/We acknowledge that the land on which I am/we are applying to sell an easement consists of only the paid acres as described on page 1 of this application. I/We acknowledge that any acres identified on page 1, Part A, paragraphs d. and e., are voluntarily and willing incorporated into the easement for no compensation. In addition, when determining the agricultural value of the land (per COMAR 15.15.02.06), only the paid acres shall be considered.

I/We confirm my/our understanding that if the property contains at least 25 acres of contiguous woodland, I/we must submit evidence of a complete Forest Stewardship Plan performed by a forester certified in the State of Maryland prior

to settlement and that delay in providing such evidence to the Foundation will delay settlement of the easement. I/we also confirm our understanding that the plan must include methods of management and a schedule of implementation. I/we also understand that the plan must have been created and/or updated for sufficiency within the last ten years, and I/we confirm our understanding that the Forest Stewardship Plan must be followed according to its schedule for implementation. If an easement is purchased on this property, I/we confirm our understanding of the responsibility for implementing the plan as outlined according to the schedule of implementation.

I/We confirm my/our understanding that a current Nutrient Management Plan must be implemented for the property prior to the sale of the MALPF easement on the property under the following circumstances: (i) an easement offer is extended and accepted, and (ii) if the property is required to have a Nutrient Management Plan under Md. Code Ann., Agric. Section 8-801 et seq. (associated regulations are located in COMAR 15.20.07-08).

I/We confirm my/our understanding that the Department of General Services shall be reviewing title to the property and may request additional documentation, require certain actions by me/us to clear title to the property, or may require me/us to provide a modern boundary survey of the property, at my/our expense, prior to settlement and that delay in providing such evidence to the Foundation will delay settlement of the easement. In addition, if there are multiple tax parcels being placed under one easement, then we may be required to combine those tax parcels into one account and parcel number.

I/We give MALPF permission to conduct appraisals on my/our property upon reasonable notification. I am/We are aware that any approval to obtain an option contract for the purchase of an agricultural land preservation easement made by the Foundation is subject to Board of Public Works approval and available funds.

I/We understand that there is no guarantee that an offer will be made or accepted for the purchase of an agricultural land preservation easement on this property.

I/We assert that all representation and information regarding the property are, to the best of my/our knowledge, accurate and complete. Additionally, I/we assert that there is no known reason (e.g., environmental or otherwise) why the property cannot be productively farmed.

In addition, I/we are aware that both Parts A and B of this Application to Sell an Easement must be completed and submitted to the County's Program Administrator, along with all necessary documentation. I/we understand that an incomplete application will be returned.

NOTE TO COUNTIES: Use attached example signature pages when property owned by an entity.

Landowner Signature Date

Landowner Signature Date

Print Full Name

Print Full Name

Landowner Signature Date

Landowner Signature Date

Print Full Name

Print Full Name

I hereby affirm, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that this application to sell an easement is complete and accurate.

County Program Administrator

Date

Print Name

SIGNATURE BLOCK FOR TRUSTS:

ALL TITLED LANDOWNERS MUST SIGN - (may need beneficiary signatures also)

Grantor: _____ Trust

By: _____
Name:
Title: Trustee

Date: _____

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Date: _____

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Date: _____

I hereby affirm, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that this application to sell an easement is complete and accurate.

County Program Administrator

Date

Print Name

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Grantor: _____ Trust

By: _____
Name:
Title: POA for _____

Date: _____

By: _____
Name:
Title: Trustee

Date: _____

I hereby affirm, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that this application to sell an easement is complete and accurate.

County Program Administrator

Date

Print Name

SIGNATURE BLOCK FOR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (LP):

ALL TITLED LANDOWNERS MUST SIGN

Grantor: _____ Partnership

By: _____
Name: _____ Date _____
Title: General Partner

By: _____
Name: _____ Date _____
Title: General Partner

By: _____
Name: _____ Date _____
Title: Limited Partner

I hereby affirm, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that this application to sell an easement is complete and accurate.

County Program Administrator

Date

Print Name

SIGNATURE BLOCK FOR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC):

ALL TITLED LANDOWNERS MUST SIGN

Grantor: _____, LLC

By: _____ Date _____

Name:

Title: Sole Member

By: _____ Date _____

Name:

Title, Manager [sometimes Managing Member – check entity documents]

By: _____ Date _____

Name:

Title, Manager

I hereby affirm, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that this application to sell an easement is complete and accurate.

County Program Administrator

Date

Print Name

SIGNATURE BLOCK FOR CORPORATION (INC)

ALL TITLED LANDOWNERS MUST SIGN

Grantor: ____, Inc.

By: _____ Date _____

Name:

Title: President

By: _____ Date _____

Name:

Title: Secretary

By: _____ Date _____

Name:

Title: ____

I hereby affirm, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that this application to sell an easement is complete and accurate.

County Program Administrator

Date

Print Name

SIGNATURE BLOCK FOR LIFE ESTATE

ALL TITLED LANDOWNERS MUST SIGN

Landowner Signature Date

Landowner Signature Date

Print Full Name **(fee simple interest holder)** _____
Print Full Name **(fee simple interest holder)**

Landowner Signature Date

Landowner Signature Date

Print Full Name **(Life Tenant)** _____
Print Full Name **(Life Tenant)**

I hereby affirm, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that this application to sell an easement is complete and accurate.

County Program Administrator

Date

Print Name

Application Instructions

What You Should Know Before Applying:

Work with your County Program Administrator for the completion of a **typed** application. Once completed and signed by the property owners and County Administrator, the County Administrator shall provide **one** paper application in color, with supporting documentation and email a copy of the application with the same supporting documentation (attachments to be in color) to the MALPF Administrator by July 1st of the application year.

The acceptance of applications is subject to available funding. If the State of Maryland purchases your development rights, you voluntarily give up your rights in perpetuity to develop your farm for any purpose other than agricultural and forestry use. This means that for whatever compensation mutually agreed upon by you and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, you will preserve the land for agricultural and forestry use with no expectation for any other use of that land now or in the future, forever.

It is the current policy of the State Board of Public Works that, if more acreage is found by a subsequent survey than was reported when the option contract is approved, the offer cannot be adjusted upward to cover additional acreage; however, if less acreage is found by a subsequent survey, the offer will be adjusted downward for the acreage reduction. If there is a substantial change in the acreage calculation, the validity of the appraisal and the property's ranking may be at issue, and the property may have to be re-appraised and re-ranked. If acreage is verified within 2% of the acreage provided in the easement application form, and for which verification of acreage has been provided, payment is based on the original acreage, minus one acre surrounding each pre-existing dwelling.

You may not alter your property while there is a pending offer. This includes entering into any agreements, covenants, easements, or mortgages, or requesting lot exclusions. If there is a need to re-finance your property during the Easement process, please notify the MALPF staff.

If a property consists of multiple parcels and/or deeds, every parcel submitted under one application must be owned under identical common ownership. Separate fee deeded parcels are permitted under one application if the parcels are contiguous and owned by identical persons(s)/entity.

If the applicant is a contract purchaser, BOTH the contract purchaser and current owner must sign the application. A copy of the agreement of sale/option contract must be provided with this application. If purchase/sale transaction is scheduled to be completed prior to easement offer a copy of the updated, recorded fee simple deed must be provided and SDAT sheet to be provided when available.

PART A:

1. Total property (a.k.a. parent tract) acreage determination:

When inserting the total acres of your parent tract (see definition below), please use only contiguous acreage and identify how the acreage was determined. A current survey (dated contemporaneous with or after the conveyance deed) is the best source for the most accurate acreage. If there isn't a current survey, the parent tract acreage can be determined by comparison of the acreage provided by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) to the acreage provided in the conveyance deed. If the difference between SDAT and the conveyance deed is 5% or less, the higher acreage may be used. If the difference between SDAT and the conveyance deed is more than 5% different, the County Program Administrator can assist you by using a Geographic Information System (GIS) to determine which acreage is the more accurate. It may also be possible to use the GIS acreage if approved by Foundation staff. PLEASE NOTE: If using GIS to determine acreage, County must provide written explanation why.

Definition Parent Tract: The term parent tract, as used by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), is the total property described in the MALPF's Application To Sell An Easement. It refers to that entire contiguous acreage that is under common ownership. This may be a single tax map parcel or may include multiple tax map parcels, but should include the entire acreage on any parcel, even if only a portion of that parcel is being considered for easement sale.

- It includes any withheld acreage and unpaid acreage.
- It does not include any tax map parcel which may be contiguous and under common ownership, but for which no portion is being considered for easement sale under this application.

2. Pre-existing dwelling(s):

Enter the total number of pre-existing dwellings, tenant houses, apartments in garages/barns, or permanently affixed trailers, i.e., those with electrical and sewage hook-ups and wheels removed. If you have questions about what

constitutes a preexisting dwelling in your county, please contact your County Program Administrator. Please ensure that the number of pre-existing dwellings indicated on this form is accurate. The property is appraised based on the information provided on this application; therefore, **the number of pre-existing dwellings may not be changed after the application is received** by the Foundation and sent for appraisal. If you change the number of pre-existing dwellings after you submit this form, you must withdraw your application and apply in a subsequent year with the amended number. If the Foundation purchases an easement on this property, you or any subsequent owner may not, at any point in the future, claim as a pre-existing dwelling, a structure, foundation, or other evidence of a previous dwelling which is not acknowledged on this application. In the appraisal process, each pre-existing dwelling is valued as an exercised development right affecting the offer made to you by the Foundation.

3. Withheld acreage:

The Foundation generally discourages the exclusion of acreage from the easement. The Foundation's policy allows the exclusion of acreage only under certain conditions. Your County Program Administrator will advise you regarding the Foundation's policy. Provide an explanation for withholding the acreage on a separate sheet. If withheld acreage is not within a priority funding area and would require forest mitigation when developed, sufficient acreage must be withheld to accommodate that mitigation. Please be aware that withholding acreage from the easement will decrease the appraised value. The appraisers will deduct the total development potential associated with the excluded acreage. If approved, the easement will cover the entire property, minus the withheld acreage. If the Foundation's Board of Trustees does not approve the withheld acreage during its review of the application, the application will not be accepted and you may reapply in a subsequent cycle.

If the Foundation approves your request to withhold acres, and an easement offer is extended, at the settlement of the sale of the easement, the Foundation's policies also require a Restrictive Covenant to be placed on the withheld acres to forever limit those acres to a maximum of three development rights, or less, depending on what current county zoning regulations dictate.

4. Permitted Use Envelope Designation:

The Foundation recognizes that there may be existing or planned conditions or uses on your property that may be restricted or disallowed once the MALPF easement is completed. Such uses may include commercial or residential uses. These designated envelope areas will be encumbered by the easement but will be unpaid acreage. All activities within the designated envelope areas must be in full compliance and permitted by County zoning and regulations.

Commercial: A current or planned operation or activity, such as mulching, a community farmer's market or farmstand, an events destination, or machinery/equipment repair, a cell tower leased area, among other types of operations. While the current or planned operation may be permitted by the Foundation, certain restrictions or limitations may be required. If you desire to ensure the ability to develop, maintain, or expand an operation without any restrictions from the MALPF easement, at the time of the application you may request a permitted uses envelope for a designated area within which such use can continue (permitted use envelope).

Residential: In lieu of withholding acreage for future residential development, an applicant may request a 1.0-acre residential, non-subdivideable building envelope (residential building envelope). If the applicant knows where they would like the future house to be located, the MALPF Board can approve this location at the time of application and the area is to be shown on all maps submitted with the application. If the applicant does not know where they may want to locate the residential building envelope the applicant can request a 1.0-acre residential non-subdivideable "floating" building envelope. At the time the landowner is ready to construct the dwelling, they must submit a location request to MALPF for approval, and once approved, an amendment to the deed of easement will be required to document the location of the residential non-subdivideable building envelope. Please note that a development right shall be assigned to any such residential use envelope, and an acre will be deducted from the purchase price of the easement.

If the Foundation approves the request for a permitted use envelope, a survey will be required to delineate the designated area and the acreage of the permitted use envelope will not be included in the purchase price of the easement. The envelope area will be included within the boundary of the easement and may never be subdivided and transferred to a separate owner.

5. Existing encumbrances:

Please include all existing encumbrances impacting the property. The Foundation will not pay for any acreage that is already restricted from a previous encumbrance (such as a forest conservation easement or a CREP easement), but the area will be included within the boundary perimeter of the MALPF easement property.

6. Asking Price:

Indicate the per acre price that you are willing to accept for the sale of an easement to MALPF. In thinking about your asking price, take into consideration that the calculation of the easement value by the Foundation is based on the development value of the raw land and does not include the value of any improvements on the property. The Foundation makes offers based on the lower of: (1) the asking price, (2) the calculated easement value, (3) a cap set by the County, or the statutory State cap of 75% of the recommended appraised value. If you have questions in deciding what your asking price should be, please consult with your County Program Administrator who can provide information about recent acquisition and appraisal values in your county for Foundation properties.

PART B

Section #1: Planning and Zoning Information:

This section is to be **completed by the Program Administrator**, or other County employee(s), as needed. This section must be fully completed **PRIOR** to submitting the application to MALPF by the deadline.

E: Pre-existing Dwelling/s and Tenant House/s Certification by Landowner

The Foundation has approved a policy that provides special consideration of tenant houses with regard to potential development density when appraising properties for easement sale. The Foundation may recognize the designation by a county of certain pre-existing dwellings as tenant houses which would otherwise be counted as a used density right. The Foundation shall direct the Dept. of General Services lead appraiser to inform the appraisers selected to assess the property to not assign a development right to any county-designated tenant house. If the landowner is seeking a pre-existing dwelling/s to be designated as a tenant house/s, the landowner must provide a signed certification, approved by a person or persons sanctioned by the county to make such designation and certification, for EACH proposed tenant house. **PLEASE NOTE: the easement property must contain one pre-existing dwelling in order to request any additional dwellings to be designated as a tenant house.**

Section #2: Development Rights:

The residential lot rights information provided in this section will be provided to the appraisers and used for valuation purposes. It is critical that the Program Administrators complete this section fully and carefully, as this will have significant impact on value.

Lot Selection:

Family lots are a right that is granted to the original easement owner. It is tied to that person(s), not the land. Family lots are for the use of the owner and his or her children to construct a dwelling only for his/her/their personal use. Since family lots are released only to the owner and/or his or her children, are not for commercial development, and may not be transferred to other individuals, they are not considered marketable and are not counted against the development rights on the property in the appraisal. Do not select the number of family lots at this time. Family lots, up to a maximum of three, may be requested any time after recordation of the easement. The density requirements for family lots are as follows: one lot for the first 20 acres; a second lot for the next 50 acres (requires a total of 70 acres); and three lots for the next 50 acres (requires a total of 120 acres). If a county's density limit to construct dwellings is more restrictive than the Foundation's, the county's density limit prevails. Eligibility to request family lots ends upon the original owner's transfer of the property or the death(s) of the original owner(s) of the easement, whichever comes first.

If an original owner should die before requesting lots for eligible children, the Foundation may deny any requests to release lots for the children. As a form of insurance against such an occurrence, a landowner may formally state the intent to create a child's lot for specifically named eligible children in a letter to the Foundation that is placed in the easement file. The landowner may include language in his/her will, which clearly indicates his/her intention to create lots for the named children. By presenting the Foundation's letter of approval, a letter from the Foundation acknowledging receipt of the letter of intent, or the will, the landowner's children may complete the lot release transaction after the landowner's death. However, even if a landowner has formally documented his intention to create lots, any uncompleted lot release transactions are null and void when the property is sold or ownership is transferred from the estate or one of the named children to a subsequent owner.

Unrestricted lot is a right that is reserved to any owner of the property, regardless of who the original owner is or relationship to them. An unrestricted lot is tied to the land, not a person(s), and transfers to subsequent owners until that right is exercised. Therefore, when an unrestricted lot is selected, the value of one development right is subtracted from the total available development rights in the appraisal of the value of the property. The easement will cover the entire property. When you or a future landowner decides on the location of the unrestricted lot, you must apply to the

Foundation for approval of the location. When the location is approved, the landowner must pay back to the Foundation the per acre amount that the original landowner received for the easement.

There are two choices when selecting the unrestricted lot option; a subdivideable lot and a non-subdivideable building envelope. The subdivideable lot option allows the current (or future) landowner to request the creation of lot, subject to Foundation approval in accordance with the Foundation's Lot Location Policy. The residential lot may be created, subdivided into its own tax account/parcel, and transferred ownership to any party. The non-subdivideable building envelope option allows the current (or future) landowner to request the establishment of a 1-acre "envelope" to construct a dwelling. This also requires Foundation approval, however, since the "envelope" is not permitted to be subdivided and transfer to any other party, the Foundation may consider locations that do not meet the location guidelines since the owner of the dwelling and the owner of the farm will always be the same. The term "unrestricted" as a description of the type of lot refers to the fact that there are no obligations/requirements on the person that is permitted to live/own a dwelling that was created through this lot option selection.

Waive all rights to lots. The Foundation recognizes that some applicants may wish to extinguish all rights to new dwellings on their properties. If you wish to waive all rights to new building lots on your property, please select the third option. Note: This does not affect the right to request future tenant house(s). Please consider that the long-term viability of the farm could be benefitted by the ability to have a dwelling on the land.

You may not change the lot option you have selected unless you withdraw your application and apply in a subsequent year.

Section #3: Transferable Development Rights:

The TDR information provided in this section will be provided to the appraisers and used for valuation purposes. It is critical that the Program Administrators complete this section fully and carefully, as this could have impact on value.

PART C

2. Entity Information:

List names as indicated on application. Below is a list the most common entities historically used in MALPF applications to date. Please refer to the attached Summary of Entity Document Requirements to determine the necessary entity documents that are required to complete the easement acquisition.

- a. Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- b. Limited Partnership (LP) or Limited Liability Limited Partnership (LLP)
- c. Corporation.
- d. Trust.

As to all documents to be provided by Landowners, must receive copies of the original organizational documents and all amends, if any. On a case-by-case basis, the Assistant Attorney General assigned to MALPF will decide if an affidavit is required from landowner certifying that the documents delivered by landowner constitute the referenced agreement and all amendments in existence.

4. Deed References:

All deeds and surveys with metes and bounds descriptions that cover the entire property should be listed here. The Liber and Folio should be stamped either on the top or bottom of all documents that have been recorded in the county land records. The Liber is the first number and the Folio is the second number shown on the recorded document. Please contact your County Program Administrator if you need assistance.

5. Existing Property Restriction(s):

List any restrictive covenants, easements, or restrictive long-term contracts on your property (e.g., forest conservation easements, open space easements, CREP easements, CRP contracts, forest mitigation easements, wetland mitigation easements, historical easements, environmental easements, or residential covenants). You should be aware that such restrictions may reduce the acreage on which MALPF can purchase easements. The title search conducted on behalf of the Foundation will reveal all restrictions. Early notification of restrictions may provide the Foundation adequate time to resolve any issues that may otherwise delay settlement.

6. Other Third-Party Interest(s):

If an entity other than you owns or leases any interest, including options, in the property, he/she must agree to the terms of the Deed of Easement if the Foundation extends an easement offer to you. If you are successful in selling

your development rights, signatures will be required on the Option Contract and Deed of Easement. If such a situation exists on the property, check "Yes" on the appropriate line and enter the name, address and telephone number of the individual(s) or company. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Please disclose ground leases in excess of 20-year terms. It is important to note whether the lease includes an option to buy or a right of first refusal. Other examples of third party interests include the following: life estate over all or part of the property, remainder interest over all or part of the property, the interest of beneficiaries (if the property is in a trust), the interest held by an estate of a deceased co-owner when property was held as tenants in common, the interest of neighbors who have a septic easement, right-of-way or some other right in the property.

If there are railroad tracks that cross your property, the Foundation will require proof of a legal access to the portion of the property the tracks may divide from the main farm entrance. If there is no legal access to any portion of the property caused by railroad tracks, or other divisions of the property, the Foundation will not be able to pay for an easement over the portion of the property that has no legal access.

Please note: In Allegany County, Garrett County and Washington County: If an offer is extended for the purchase of an easement, the offer will include the requirement that a title search be conducted on both surface and subsurface interests in the land, and the requirement that the landowner contribute to the cost of the title search.

If surface and sub-surface mineral rights have been severed or leased from your property, to the extent possible, please provide information as to the current owner/s of the severed mineral interests and/or the current lessee/s of the mining rights. If mining has occurred on the property to date, to the extent possible, please including copies of leases, dates and acreage mined, and the status of or evidence of termination of all mining leases.

If you are not able to ascertain the current owners of severed surface and/or sub-surface mineral rights or the owner of mining lease rights, you likely will have to hire an attorney to perform a surface and sub-surface mineral rights investigation to determine who owns or leases and the surface and/or sub-surface rights under your property. If the attorney is able to find the owners of the surface and/or sub-surface interests, and lease right owners, you will need to request that the owners transfer those interests to you, or subordinate those interests to the MALPF easement. If the attorney is unable to determine the status of, and/or the current owner of the severed surface and/or sub-surface interests, you may have to seek to have the surface and/or sub-surface interests terminated under the Dormant Mineral Rights Act. All of these actions will be at your expense; such actions may delay the easement acquisition process for months – perhaps years. As long as you continue to work toward resolving the status of mineral issues on your property, MALPF will keep your application status active.

Please note: In Garrett County or Allegany County, a natural gas rights owner or lessee may not be required to subordinate its interest to the Foundation's interest if the Foundation determines that exercise of the natural gas rights will not interfere with an agricultural operation.

12. Qualifying Soils:

This information will be **provided by the Program Administrator**. The Program Administrator is responsible for determining whether the property meets the minimum soils criteria.

13. Certification of Soil Conservation & Water Quality Plan:

An official of your county's Soil Conservation District must certify by signing the application that a current soil conservation and water quality plan exists for the property. The plan must be created or updated within the last ten years. If the plan has been in existence, the landowner must be following the plan according to its schedule for implementation. The landowner is responsible for continuing to implement the plan during the application period and after settlement.

PART D

County Program Administrator Signature:

The Program Administrator must review the application and provide the information necessary for Part B., Sections 1, 2, 3, and Part C. #12. If the Program Administrator does not complete their section, or sign off on the application, MALPF staff may return the application as incomplete.