



Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board

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FARMLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT PRE-APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 2025

A farmland conservation easement is a voluntary agreement made between a landowner and an easement holder (eligible applicant entity, partner, or land trust), in which the landowner surrenders (sells or donates) their rights to develop the land and accepts restrictions that protect the agricultural land. The easement also conveys the right to enforce the restrictions to the easement holder.

The Farmland Conservation Easement Pre-Application is a tool used by the Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) to identify the most viable and competitive lands to receive the Board's required endorsement for the following Farmland Conservation Easement funding programs:

- NYS Farmland Protection Implementation Grant (FPIG) Program – State funding for the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR), or to cover the transaction costs related to the Donation of Development Rights (DDR). *See the Links and Resources section below for more information.*
- Onondaga County Agriculture Council – Local funding to cover the transaction costs related to the Donation of Development Rights (DDR).

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Onondaga County (CCE) and the Onondaga County Department of Planning (OCDOP) will be holding informational workshops on these programs as part of this Pre-Application solicitation. *See the Workshops section below for more information.*

Important To Note

Once a farmland conservation easement project is endorsed by the AFPB, landowners will be responsible for partnering with an eligible applicant entity (partner or easement holder) to prepare and advance a full application to the State FPIG or Onondaga County Agriculture Council programs. This eligible applicant entity, often a land trust such as the NY Agricultural Land Trust (NYALT), the Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT), or the Cazenovia Preservation Foundation (CPF) will assist in preparing a full application, and act as the ultimate holder of the farmland conservation easement. The OCDOP and the CCE will assist with reaching out to eligible partners, but it is entirely up to these entities to select projects and landowners to work with.

AFPB Pre-Application solicitation is typically conducted on an annual basis. State and local funding programs cycles vary, however, and there are often more AFPB endorsed projects than can be potentially advanced in one funding round. As such, it may take multiple funding rounds to move from endorsement to application advancement. Unless an endorsed project changes significantly, an AFPB endorsement does not expire. The OCDOP will reach out annually to the pool of endorsed projects to confirm continued interest. Pre-Applicants with endorsed projects are also encouraged to stay in contact with the OCDOP and eligible partners to remain in consideration.

Please note that an AFPB endorsement does not guarantee that a landowner will be successful in partnering with an eligible applicant entity, advancing a full application, or otherwise obtaining funding for their project.

Workshops

Workshops are offered to assist interested landowners/farmers in learning about farmland conservation easements, funding programs, and grant application details. **New applicants are strongly encouraged to attend!**

<p style="text-align: center;">Pre-Application Workshop Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 10:00 AM Online Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>Learn about the programs and process to apply for farmland conservation easement grants.</p> <p>Topics to be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a farmland conservation easement?• What are my funding options?• What is FPIG?• What are the landowner considerations in placing their farmland in a conservation easement?• What is a Pre-Application? What is the difference between this and a State FPIG application?• What do I need to submit and where do I find the information?	<p style="text-align: center;">Site Plan Workshop Thursday, December 12, 2024, 1:00 PM Cornell Cooperative Extension Onondaga County 6505 Collamer Road East Syracuse, NY 13057</p> <p>Site Plans illustrate how the property may be used once a farmland conservation easement is placed on the land. They are a key requirement for State FPIG applications and are strongly encouraged for Pre-Applications.</p> <p>Please be prepared to provide a list of your Project’s parcel Tax IDs* when you register for the Site Plan Workshop.</p> <p>* Tax parcel information is available at: https://ocfintax.ongov.net/lmate/disclaimer.aspx</p> <p>Topics to be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a Site Plan and why is it necessary?• What are the different “Use Areas?”• How might these “Use Areas” affect a farm operation?• How do I create a Site Plan? <i>(Hint: we’ll help you! Individual, one-on-one mapping sessions will be scheduled for December/January to help Pre-Applicants prepare a draft Site Plan.)</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">RSVP REQUIRED! Please contact Janet Thomas Oppedisano, Agricultural Team Leader, Cornell Cooperative Extension - Onondaga County 315-424-9485 x243 or jto32@cornell.edu.</p>	

Pre-Application Submission

- **Deadline:** FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025 at 4:00 pm.
- **Email:** Email all materials to agriculture@ongov.net. *Submission confirmation will be provided within one to two business days. If you do not receive confirmation, please call the OCDOP at 315-435-2611.*
- **Hand-Delivery:** Bring all materials to the address below.
- **Mail:** Mail all materials to the address below. ***Mailed submissions should be postmarked at least two days in advance of the deadline to ensure timely delivery.***

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c/o Onondaga County Department of Planning (OCDOP)
Carnegie Building, 1st Floor
335 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, New York 13202

Pre-Application Submission Requirements

Please note that the AFPB reserves the right to reject applications deemed incomplete.

- **Completed Pre-Application:** Please complete all relevant sections to the best of your ability. Pre-applications may be filled in by hand, or digitally. Additional sheets may be used as necessary.
- **Required Signatures:** All Pre-Applications (including emailed forms) must include the required signatures.
- **For Multi-County Projects Only:** Multi-County projects (see below) are required to obtain letters of support from all counties outside of Onondaga County.
- **Additional Information:** Additional information relating to specific program criteria as may be requested by the AFPB.
- **Photos (optional):** Up to four (4) photos of important scenic viewsheds or distinguishing features of the farm may be submitted.

Multiple Landowner and Multi-County Pre-Applications

- **Multiple Landowners:** Projects involving multiple landowners are eligible to submit joint Pre-Applications. Each landowner must fill out and sign a separate Pre-Application. For questions that speak to the full farm operation or primary farm operator, co-applicants may defer to responses in a “lead applicant” Pre-Application.
- **Multi-County:** Projects with acreage spanning beyond Onondaga County are eligible. Applicants are advised to describe the project in full while highlighting Onondaga County features.

AFPB Pre-Application Review Process

On receipt of a Pre-Application, the following process will take place.

- **Initial Review:** An initial Pre-Application review will be conducted by OCDOP staff to verify completeness and minimum program eligibility.
- **Site Plan:** OCDOP staff will continue to work with applicants to prepare a draft Site Plan to accompany the Pre-Application.
- **Landowner Presentation:** Landowners will be invited to present their Project to the AFPB at a meeting to be scheduled in early 2025, date to be determined.
- **Review:** AFPB members will individually score each pre-application in March 2025.
- **Endorsement Notification:** Landowners will be notified of the AFPB endorsement decision as soon as possible.
- **Eligible Applicant Entity Notification:** Eligible applicant entities (land trusts) will be notified of any AFPB endorsements and provided with information submitted by the pre-applicant and subsequently developed through the endorsement process, such as draft Site Plans.

Links and Resources

Questions and Assistance

- **Onondaga County Department of Planning (OCDOP):** Lisa Welch at lisawelch@ongov.net, 315-435-2812, <http://ongov.net/planning/pdr.html> - *AFPB staff support, Pre-Application submission assistance, mapping resources, and general information.*
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension Onondaga County (CCE):** Janet Thomas Oppedisano at mjto32@cornell.edu, 315-424-9485, x243, <https://cceonondaga.org> - *farmer outreach and education, grant program workshops, and technical assistance.*

Eligible Applicant Partners (not an exclusive list)

- **New York Agricultural Land Trust (NYALT):** minfo@nyalt.org or 315-657-0973, <https://www.nyalt.org/>
- **Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT)** (Skaneateles/Otisco Lake Watersheds): minfo@fllt.org or 607-275-9487, <https://www.fllt.org/>
- **Cazenovia Preservation Foundation (CPF):** info@cazpreservation.org, <https://www.cazpreservation.org/>

NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets (NYSDAM) Farmland Protection Program

- **State FPIG Info and Guidance,** <https://agriculture.ny.gov/land-and-water/farmland-protection-implementation-grants-program>
- **State FPIG Land Planning (Site Plan) Guidance,** https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2019/07/GD_Land_Planning.pdf

Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan

- **Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan,** <https://agriculture.ongov.net>
- **Onondaga County Ag Mapper** (an interactive mapping tool developed to identify important farmland in Onondaga County), <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/aa7e3c875cc24e1e9c5698eb51214d31>

Tax Parcel and Mapping Information

- **SDG Image Mate Online** (tax assessment information and tax maps), <https://ocfintax.ongov.net/lmate/disclaimer.aspx>
- **GIS on the Web** (tax parcel layer and additional map layers), <https://spatial.vhb.com/onondaqa/>
- **Onondaga County Ag Mapper** (an interactive mapping tool developed to identify important farmland in Onondaga County) <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/aa7e3c875cc24e1e9c5698eb51214d31>

Join the Onondaga County Agriculture Contact/Email List

- **Email** the Onondaga County Department of Planning (OCDOP) at agriculture@ongov.net

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PRE-APPLICATION
2025**

FARM NAME: _____

FARM OPERATION TYPE(S): _____

TOWN(S)/VILLAGE(S): _____

PRIMARY CONTACT: NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL (required): _____

Required Signatures

CERTIFICATION: *I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THIS PRE-APPLICATION IS, TO THE BEST OF MY (OUR) KNOWLEDGE, ACCURATE AND TRUE*

<u>OWNER (or authorized representative):</u>	<u>PREPARER (if different from owner):</u>
SIGNATURE: _____	SIGNATURE: _____
PRINT NAME: _____	PRINT NAME: _____
DATE: _____	DATE: _____

Pre-Application Information

1. WHICH FARMLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT FUNDING DO YOU INTEND TO APPLY FOR? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- STATE FPIG **PURCHASE** OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDR)
- STATE FPIG **PRE-EMPTIVE PURCHASE** OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PPR)
- STATE FPIG **DONATION** OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (DDR) **TRANSACTION COSTS**
- ONONDAGA COUNTY AGRICULTURE COUNCIL **DONATION** OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (DDR) **TRANSACTION COSTS**
- OTHER, PLEASE DESCRIBE: _____
- NOT SURE, NEED MORE INFORMATION

2. IS THIS PRE-APPLICATION FOR:
- A SINGLE LANDOWNER PROJECT, OR
 - A JOINT MULTIPLE LANDOWNER PROJECT
- LEAD PRE-APPLICANT NAME: _____
- OTHER CO-APPLICANTS: _____

FOR JOINT PRE-APPLICATIONS, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NUMBER OF FARM OPERATIONS AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FARM PROPERTIES AND OWNERS.

3. IS THIS A MULTI-COUNTY PRE-APPLICATION?

- YES, WITH THE PRIMARY FARMSTEAD/MAJORITY OF LAND IN ONONDAGA COUNTY, or
- YES, WITH THE PRIMARY FARMSTEAD/MAJORITY OF LAND IN _____ COUNTY
- NO

4. HAVE YOU ALREADY CONTACTED AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT ENTITY REGARDING WORKING TOGETHER ON A FARMLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION FOR THIS PROJECT?

- NO
- YES
- YES, AND THEY HAVE REVIEWED A SITE PLAN FOR THE PROJECT

IF YES, ORGANIZATION AND CONTACT NAME: _____

5. HAVE YOU ALREADY CONTACTED YOUR MUNICIPALITY(IES) (TOWN/VILLAGE) REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT? (INITIAL CONTACT IS ENCOURAGED—A MUNICIPAL LETTER OF SUPPORT OR RESOLUTION IS A STATE FPIG APPLICATION REQUIREMENT, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS AFPB PRE-APPLICATION)

- NO
- YES

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

6. HAVE YOU ATTENDED ANY ONONDAGA COUNTY WORKSHOPS OR INFORMATION SESSIONS REGARDING FARMLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN THE LAST 5 YEARS?

- NO
- YES

IF YES, PLEASE LIST: _____

8. IF PORTIONS OF THE PROJECT PARCELS ABOVE ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE EASEMENT OR ARE RENTED TO OTHERS, OR IF LANDOWNER NAMES VARY BY PARCEL, PLEASE EXPLAIN. (MAPS OR PLANS TO ILLUSTRATE BOUNDARIES ARE ENCOURAGED; ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

9. DO YOU HAVE ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES ON THE INCLUDED PROJECT PARCELS? (GAS/WIND/SOLAR LEASES, UNDERGROUND PIPES, BURIED CABLES, EASEMENTS, ETC.)

- NO
 YES

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

10. DO YOU OWN ADDITIONAL PARCELS, NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT?
 (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

TOWN/VILLAGE	TAX MAP PARCEL ID NUMBER* (001.-01-01.1)	PRIMARY LAND USE(S) (CROP, PASTURE, FARMSTEAD, BARN, HOUSE, FOREST, ETC.)	PARCEL ACRES	REASON FOR NOT INCLUDING?

11. DO YOU **RENT** ADDITIONAL LAND **FROM OTHERS** TO SUPPORT YOUR FARM THAT WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT?

- NO
- YES

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

Farm Operation

12. PLEASE PROVIDE THE PERCENT (%) GROSS INCOME FROM THE FOLLOWING AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE(S) ASSOCIATED WITH THE FARM OPERATION ON THE PROJECT LAND.

____ % DAIRY	____ % FRUITS & BERRIES	____ % AVIARY
____ % BEEF CATTLE	____ % ORCHARD	____ % AGRITOURSIM
____ % POULTRY	____ % VINEYARD	____ % OTHER: _____
____ % EGGS	____ % SUGARBUSH	____ % OTHER: _____
____ % EQUINE / HORSE BOARDING	____ % CHRISTMAS TREES	____ % OTHER: _____
____ % CASH CROP - GRAIN	____ % TIMBER OPERATION	____ % OTHER: _____
____ % CASH CROP - VEGETABLE(S)	____ % HORTICULTURE	____ % OTHER: _____

13. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROJECT FARM OPERATION(S) ON THE PROJECT LANDS. (INCLUDE THE TYPE AND ACRES OF THE OPERATION, RECENT PRODUCTION HISTORY, NUMBER OF NON-FAMILY EMPLOYEES INCLUDING PERMANENT FULL-TIME, SEASONAL FULL-TIME, AND SEASONAL PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, FARM HISTORY, RECENT PRODUCTION, AND MARKETS FOR FARM PRODUCTS)

14. DOES THE PROJECT LAND CONTAIN A FARMSTEAD OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURES? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- OWNER/OPERATOR HOUSING ON SITE
- MAIN FARMSTEAD ON SITE
- NEARBY FARMSTEAD (_____ MILES FROM SITE)
- LABOR HOUSING ON SITE
- OTHER BUILDINGS ON SITE, PLEASE DESCRIBE: _____
- NO SIGNIFICANT STRUCTURES ON SITE

15. PLEASE BREAK OUT LAND USES FOR YOUR PROJECT. (THE SUM TOTAL OF LAND USE ACRES SHOULD EQUAL THE SUM TOTAL OF PROJECT ACRES FROM QUESTION 7)

LAND USES	ONONDAGA COUNTY ACRES	OTHER COUNTY ACRES (IF APPLICABLE)	TOTAL LAND USE ACRES	PERCENT OF TOTAL PROJECT ACRES
TOTAL PROJECT ACRES (FROM QUESTION 7)				100%
<u>ACTIVE AG PRODUCTION LAND</u>				
LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS DESCRIBE:				
IMPROVED PASTURE				
FIELD CROPS				
VEGETABLES				
MUCKLAND				
FRUITS				
ORCHARDS				
VINEYARD				
HORTICULTURAL SPECIALTIES				
MAPLE SAP/SUGARBUSH				
CHRISTMAS TREES				
OTHER (NUTS, AQUACULTURE, WOODY BIOMASS, AVIARY, MANAGED WOODLAND MUSHROOMS, INDUSTRIAL HEMP, ETC.) DESCRIBE:				
<u>OTHER AG PRODUCTION LAND</u>				
FARM WOODLAND (TIMBER AND WOODLAND PRODUCTS)				
EQUINE / HORSE BOARDING (BARNs, PADDOCKS, ARENAS, SHEDS, TRACKS, COURSES, TRAILS)				
OTHER:				
<u>TRANSITIONAL LAND</u>				
DESCRIBE:				
<u>OTHER LAND</u>				
RESIDENCE(S) AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS				
FARMSTAND/AGRITOURISM FACILITIES				
FOREST				
SHRUB / SCRUB				
WETLANDS				
WATERBODIES				
OTHER:				

16. DOES THE PROJECT LAND CONTAIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WATER RESOURCES THAT PLAY A ROLL IN FARM OPERATIONS? (FIRE PROTECTION, IRRIGATION, LIVESTOCK, SPRAYING, CLEANING, DRINKING, PUBLIC ACCESS, ETC.) (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- SEASONAL STREAMS
- CONSTANT FLOW STREAMS (DRAINAGE ONLY)
- CONSTANT FLOW STREAMS
- PONDS / LAKES
- GROUNDWATER / WELLS
- OTHER PLEASE DESCRIBE:

PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW EACH OF THE ABOVE WATER RESOURCES PLAY A ROLE IN YOUR FARM OPERATION ON THE PROJECT LAND (FIRE PROTECTION, IRRIGATION, LIVESTOCK, SPRAYING, CLEANING, DRINKING, PUBLIC ACCESS, ETC.)

17. DO YOU ENGAGE IN ANY WOODLAND/FOREST MANAGEMENT ON YOUR PROJECT LAND? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- FOLLOW A WRITTEN MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT PROVIDES FOR FOREST REGENERATION
- CONDUCT HARVESTS AND OTHER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT RESULT IN SUFFICIENT REGENERATION TO ENSURE FUTURE FOREST CROPS
- HAVE WOODLANDS/FOREST, BUT NO MANAGEMENT PLAN
- HAVE NO WOODS/FOREST

18. PLEASE SELECT THE FARM'S LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE NYS AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (AEM) PROGRAM (OR EQUIVALENT WHOLE FARM PLANNING) ON PROJECT LAND. (COMPLETION OF AN AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (AEM) TIER 3 PLAN OR TIER 2 ASSESSMENT (OR EQUIVALENT) WITHIN THE PAST THREE YEARS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR STATE FPIG APPLICATION)

- NO AEM PARTICIPATION (OR EQUIVALENT)
- TIER 5: EVALUATING PRACTICES AND PLAN (OR EQUIVALENT)
- TIER 4: IMPLEMENTING PLAN (OR EQUIVALENT)
- TIER 3: COMPLETED PLAN (OR EQUIVALENT)
- TIER 2: COMPLETED ASSESSMENT (OR EQUIVALENT)
- TIER 1: COMPLETED WORKSHEET (OR EQUIVALENT)

19. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY ANNUAL CONSERVATION PRACTICES TO REDUCE SOIL EROSION OF CROPLAND ON YOUR PROJECT LANDS. (COVER CROPS, MINIMUM/ZONE TILLAGE, RIPARIAN BUFFERS, SUBSURFACE DRAINAGE, DIVERSION DITCHES, ETC)

Farm Business

20. FARM BUSINESS ORGANIZATION:
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP
PARTNERSHIP
LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP
CORPORATION
LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION
OTHER: _____

NAMES AND TITLES OF SOLE PROPRIETOR / PARTNERS / CORPORATE OFFICERS

21. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF YOUR FARM BUSINESS PLAN?

NO WRITTEN PLAN IN PLACE
PLAN IN PROCESS OF BEING WRITTEN
WRITTEN, BUT NOT IMPLEMENTED, OR NOT RECENTLY UPDATED
UPDATED AND IMPLEMENTED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS

22. PLEASE PROVIDE THE **AVERAGE ANNUAL COSTS** FOR MAJOR INVESTMENTS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS THAT IMPROVED THE VIABILITY AND/OR INNOVATION OF YOUR FARM OPERATION. (PURCHASED LAND, IRRIGATION OR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, FRUIT TREES OR VINEYARDS, HERD EXPANSION, CONSTRUCTION OF BARNs, FARM MARKET, MACHINERY, DIVERSIFICATION, OTHER FARM MANAGEMENT PRACTICES)

\$0-\$10,000 ANNUALLY
\$10,000-\$25,000 ANNUALLY
\$25,000-\$50,000 ANNUALLY
\$50,000-\$100,000 ANNUALLY
\$100,000 + ANNUALLY

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF INVESTMENTS:

23. ARE ALL REAL PROPERTY TAXES CURRENTLY PAID? (SCHOOL, TOWN/VILLAGE, COUNTY)

- YES
- NO

IF NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

24. HAS THE FARM DECLARED BANKRUPTCY IN THE PAST 7 YEARS?

- NO
- YES

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

25. PLEASE IDENTIFY ANY FUTURE OWNERSHIP PLANNING FOR YOUR FARM.

- NO FUTURE OWNERSHIP PLANNING
- NEXT GENERATION INTEREST
- LIKELY FARMER INTEREST
- ESTATE/TRANSITION PLAN IN PROCESS OF BEING WRITTEN
- ESTATE/TRANSITION PLAN IN PLACE
- DEFINITE FARMER INTEREST/PLANS TO PURCHASE

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY FUTURE OWNERSHIP PLANNING:

26. PLEASE LIST OFF-FARM COMMUNITY AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ANY PERTINENT RECOGNITION RECEIVED BY THE FARM BUSINESS OR FARM FAMILY.

Farmland Protection

27. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY THREATS TO THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF YOUR FARM OPERATION. (NARRATIVE CAN INCLUDE ECONOMIC, GENERATIONAL, FARM SIZE, OR OTHER SIMILAR TOPICS—ANY DEVELOPMENT PRESSURES CAN BE DESCRIBED BELOW IN QUESTION 28)

28. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DEVELOPMENT PRESSURES YOUR FARM BUSINESS AND FARMLAND IS EXPERIENCING. (NARRATIVE CAN INCLUDE THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT ON YOUR FARM BUSINESS, NEARBY CONVERSION OF LAND TO NON-FARM USES, DESIRE OF NEIGHBORS TO HAVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC WATER/SEWER, NEW DEVELOPMENT, ETC.)

29. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW PROTECTING YOUR FARMLAND BUFFERS AND ENHANCES IMPORTANT NATURAL RESOURCES AND NATURAL AREAS.

30. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW YOUR FARMLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECT PROMOTES ONONDAGA COUNTY FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN (<https://agriculture.ongov.net>) GOALS, AS FOLLOWS.

GOAL 1: ENHANCE AGRICULTURE-RELATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND COLLABORATION TO CAPITALIZE ON EMERGING MARKETS, TECHNOLOGIES, AND INCENTIVES

GOAL 2: STRATEGICALLY PROTECT AGRICULTURAL LANDS THROUGHOUT ONONDAGA COUNTY TO SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE ITS VIBRANT AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS

GOAL 3: PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT ONONDAGA COUNTY

GOAL 4: SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF FARMERS AND AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURS IN ONONDAGA COUNTY

GOAL 5: CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AGRICULTURE AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

31. AS THE FARMLAND PROPERTY OWNER, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY PROTECTING THIS FARMLAND IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. (INCLUDE MOTIVATION AND PROJECT READINESS IN NARRATIVE)