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COMMISSIONER**

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

**RURAL & FAMILY LANDS PROTECTION
PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Sections 570.70 and 570.71, F.S.; Rule 5I-7.004, F.A.C.

Application for Perpetual Agricultural Protection Easement for permanent protection of land for agricultural purposes. Program involves the sale and conveyance of development rights and agreement to enroll in and implement all applicable agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect natural resource values.

Property Information:

Project Name: _____ (Example: "Double X Ranch")

Project Location:

(If more lines needed, attach at the end.)

| Section | Township (South/North) | Range (East/West) |
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| Street Address of Project: | | City of Project: |
| State of Project: | Zip of Project: | County(s) of Project: |

Owner(s) Information:

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| Name(s): | | |
| Owner Mailing Address: | | Owner Mailing City |
| Owner Mailing State: | Owner Mailing Zip: | Owner Mailing County: |
| Owner Telephone: | Owner E-mail Address: | |

Contact Information for Site Visit: Check here if same as above.

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| Name: | | Telephone: |
| Email Address: | Preferred Method of Contact (Check): <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail | |

Does this project have a Registered Agent? Yes No

(If yes, complete the section below and the attached Owner's Authorized Representative Form)

Registered Agent:

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| Agent Name: | | Agent Phone: |
| Agent Mailing Address: | | Agent Mailing City: |
| Agent Mailing State: | Agent Mailing Zip: | Agent Mailing County: |

Estimated Land Uses on Property:

(Number of Estimated Acres of Each Commodity Type)

| Dairy | Field Crops | Cattle | Citrus | Natural Area | Silviculture |
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| Poultry | Row Crops | Apiary | Nursery | Other Fruits | Other |
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Estimated Land Amount:

(Estimated Number of Acres)

| Uplands | Wetlands | Total Land Area |
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Is the project in the application process with other conservation programs that would grant an easement or full fee, or is it a current participant in which an easement has been granted?

(If yes, complete the below fields.)

Yes No

| Program Name | Application or Participant? | Date Applied or Began Participation |
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Have you previously applied to the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program?

(If yes, complete the below fields.)

Yes No

Year Applied: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Number: _____
(If applicable)

Is this application amending an existing RFLPP project? Yes No

(If yes, complete the below fields.)

Project Name: _____

Project Number: _____
(If applicable)

Is any portion of the project or project boundary identified as a Critical Wetland by a Water Management District or included in a Water Management District Strategic Plan or Work Plan?

Yes No

Does this project contain more than a de minimis interest from specified foreign principles, as defined in ss. 692.201 and 692.202, F.S.?

(Foreign principals are defined through their connections to statutorily designated foreign countries of concern. Foreign countries of concern are identified specifically as the People’s Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of significant control of such foreign country of concern.)

Yes No

Is there any part of a parcel or an entire parcel that you want excluded from the project boundary? If yes, include an attachment or a map indicating which parts of each parcel to *include* within the project boundary.

Yes No

Additional Property Information

On separate piece(s) of paper, use the corresponding headings. Please type a response to 1-12 and check the applicable checkboxes:

1. General description of the agricultural activities. Ensure to indicate the primary agricultural operations and uses.
2. List any awards you have received for the agricultural operation in the last 10 years.
3. Description of any outparcels not part of this application.
Note: locate each outparcel on the map provided with the application.
4. List of known encumbrances and encroachments, including mortgages and other debt secured by the property, or mineral reservations.
5. Agricultural or environmental assistance programs applied for or existing on property Include the following:
 - a. Name of the program (CRP, FLEP, WHIP, WRP, ALE, RCPP, etc.)
 - b. The program sponsor (federal, state, county)
 - c. Type of agreement (easement conveyed, 10 yr., etc.)
 - d. Agreement in place or applied for (if application is in process)
6. A list of all Best Management Practices that the property is enrolled in. Include the date of enrollment.
 Check this box if there are no programs existing or applied for on the property.
- I agree to enroll in and implement all applicable BMPs and understand that, if the property is acquired through this program, the property will be monitored for BMP compliance.
7. A general description of Species Habitat, including any plants or animals on the property.
8. A general description of the property's water resource values and benefits, emphasizing any aquifer recharge areas and the property's natural floodplain.
9. A general description, if any, of historical resources or structures located within the project.
10. A description of existing or planned development on or near the property that could adversely affect:
 - a. The continuation of agricultural activities; or,
 - b. Natural resource values (Species Habitat, Aquifer Recharge, or Natural Floodplain).
11. A description of why you are interested in pursuing a perpetual agricultural protection easement. Explain the benefits you hope to realize by granting the easement, including but not limited to perpetuation of agriculture, protection of natural resource values, and/or income and estate tax benefits.
12. A clear statement of the property rights to be acquired under the easement and those rights to be retained by the property owner.

Supporting Documentation to be Submitted with Application

A paper or digital copy of each of the following supporting documents must be submitted with the application:

1. Vesting deed, or deeds if the property was acquired in multiple transactions.
2. Abstract of title or title insurance policy, **if available.**
3. Boundary survey and environmental site assessment, **if available.**
4. Management or stewardship plan, **if available.**
5. Copies of county tax maps, plat maps, or Florida Department of Transportation county general highway maps, with the boundaries of the project and any outparcels clearly delineated.
6. A legible or electronic copy of the property appraiser’s tax identification card(s) with the tax-assessed value and acreage of each parcel, description and approximate value of improvements, ad valorem taxes assessed, and the names and addresses of each owner identified.

Landowner/Grantor

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

Signature

Date

Please complete the online application located at <https://www.fdacs.gov/rflpp> or return the completed paper application and all supporting documents to:

Rural & Family Lands Protection Program
Director’s Office
315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 500
Tallahassee, FL 32201-1843

Answer the Following Questions by Circling the Most Appropriate Answer or Checking the Appropriate Box.

(These questions will not be used for the ranking process but will provide beneficial information for the site visit.)

1. Do you view your livestock herd management practices to be:

Poor Inadequate Adequate Excellent

2. For livestock, what is the general condition of the herd?

Poor Inadequate Adequate Excellent

3. What is the general plant vigor or health of crops/stands for timber, plant nurseries, and produce?

Poor Inadequate Adequate Excellent

4. How closely does this operation follow a Management or Stewardship Plan?

Not Followed Somewhat Followed Very Closely Followed

5. Severity of current problems with pests or pathogens?

None Moderate Severe

6. Do you use prescribed fire as a land management tool?

No Use Little Use Extensive Use

7. How intensely do you control invasive animal species (feral hogs) on your property?

*None Present No Control Moderately Frequently
(Multiple Control Methods)*

8. How intensively are invasive plant species (cogon grass, smutgrass, climbing fern, etc.) controlled on your property?

*None Present No Control Moderately Frequently
(Multiple Control Methods)*

9. How would you characterize the severity of soil erosion (gullies, washouts, rills, etc.) for all operations?

None Moderate Severe

10. Applicable Constraints and Threats to this Operation:

(Check all applicable Threats and Constraints)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Encroachment of Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Market Fluctuations | <input type="checkbox"/> Materials and Equipment Limitations | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Cost and Availability | <input type="checkbox"/> Pests and Pathogens | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Weather |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Constraints | <input type="checkbox"/> Surrounding Land Values | <input type="checkbox"/> Disinterest from Younger Generations | <input type="checkbox"/> Market for Products | |

11. Does the project contain any evident effects of natural disasters?

Yes No

12. Are there non-family hunting or fishing leases on the property identified in this application?

Yes No

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Rural and Family Lands Protection Project

Parcel Name: _____

Owner(s): _____

OWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND:

In accordance with Chapter 253, Florida Statutes, (as applicable) this is to advise that the individual named below is the authorized representative of the owner(s) of the real property described below, which is located in _____ County, Florida, for any negotiations concerning conveyance of the property to the Board of Trustees. Owner understands that any commission or fee charged by such representative in connection with the sale of this property to the State is the sole responsibility of the owner.

Authorized
Representative: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Legal Description: _____ +/- Acres
_____ County, Florida

Owner Signature: _____

Owner Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____