

**MOORE COUNTY
VOLUNTARY FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS QUALIFYING FARMLAND AND
DESIGNATION AS A MOORE COUNTY VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL
DISTRICT**

INSTRUCTIONS: Before completing the application please review the provisions of the Moore County Voluntary Farmland Protection Ordinance. Complete the form as accurately and completely as possible. Be sure to sign and date the form and return it to the Moore County Soil & Water Conservation District Office – 707 Pinehurst Ave., Carthage, NC 28327 or mail it to Moore SWCD, P.O. Box 908, Carthage, NC 28327.

APPLICANT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different from above) _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Numbers (Home) _____ **(Cell)** _____

Email address: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Location/Address: _____

Township: _____ **Tax Map (LRK) #** _____

Number of Acres: _____ **(Are there additional tracts? Yes No)**

OWNER(S) CERTIFICATION

I (We), the applicant(s), hereby certify that, to the best of my (our) ability, the foregoing application is complete and accurate.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please direct inquiries to: Moore SWCD 947-5183 x 3

Planning Department 947-5010

Cooperative Ext. 947-3188

OFFICE USE
ONLY

\$40 application
fee paid

AG ADVISORY
BD APPROVAL

APPROVAL DATE

NOTIFICATION
SENT

The Moore County Voluntary Agricultural District Program

Protect and Promote Working Lands and the General Ecological Welfare of Moore County

Who Qualifies

Landowners do hereby certify that they meet the following conditions:

Minimum amount of land required:

- 5 acres for horticulture use
- 10 acres for general agricultural use
- 20 acres for forestry use

Qualifying Farmland:

1. Is engaged in agriculture as that word is defined G.S. 106-581.1.
2. Is managed in accordance with the Soil Conservation Service defined erosion control practices that are addressed to highly erodible land; and
3. Is the subject of a conservation agreement ,as defined in G.S. 121-35,between the county and the owner of such land that prohibits nonfarm use or development of such land for a period of at least 10 years, except for the creation of not more than three lots that meet applicable county and municipal zoning and subdivision regulation. (1985(Reg. Sess., 1986), c.1025, s.1; 2005-390, ss.3, 11; 2011-219, s.1.)

Farmer Benefits

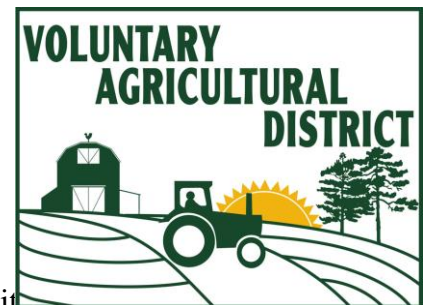
- Informs new landowners of farm presence and potential of dust, noise and smells associated with agriculture possibly reducing conflicts between neighbors.
- Requires that farmland be used as a last resort if land is considered for a public project that may condemn land.
- Preserves the agricultural, rural, and small town environment of Moore County by encouraging growth inside areas that wish to host it and encouraging continued farm, forest, and recreational uses outside the boundaries of these areas.

Public Benefits

- Preserves open space in the County of Moore.
- Provide economic diversity in the county.
- Increases opportunities to produce locally grown agricultural commodities.

Restrictions

- Prohibits non-farm use or development of land for 10 years.
- Maximum creation of three lots within the enrollment period.
- The property owner may at any time voluntarily revoke agreement by submitting a request to the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board.



AGREEMENT

I (we) agree to sustain, encourage and promote agriculture in the district in accordance with Article VII (5) of the Voluntary Agricultural District Program Ordinance.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For additional information please review a copy of the Moore County Voluntary Farmland Protection Ordinance available at the Moore Soil & Water Conservation District, Cooperative Extension Office, Moore County Planning Department, and the Moore County Register of Deeds Office.