

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (For Official Use)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Town of Dartmouth  
Agricultural Preservation Trust Fund**



**Application to Sell  
Development Rights to Farmland**

**A. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Email: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Business or Corporate Name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**B. PROPERTY INFORMATION**

1. Location of Property: (Street/Road) \_\_\_\_\_  
Plat/Lot Number(s) (list all if more than one): \_\_\_\_\_
2. List All Owners of Land as Listed on the Deed:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Total Farm Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Total Acreage being Offered for Purchase of Development Rights: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Type of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Total Number of Acres from line 4 being Actively Farmed: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Is this Land Leased to Anyone? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Who? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, Acres leased: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Remaining Lease: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Total Number of Acres You Farm  
(a) Acres Owned and actively farmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Acres Leased and actively farmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
If leased, length of remaining lease: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Describe any planned changes in crops grown or agricultural business  
\_\_\_\_\_



**C. CRITERIA INFORMATION**

1. Below, List the Crops Produced on the Land (**being offered for purchase of development rights**) with the Number of Acres and Number of Years in Production for each: (include managed woodland)

(a) CROPS	NO. OF ACRES	NO. OF YEARS
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(b) PASTURE \_\_\_\_\_

(c) WOODLAND \_\_\_\_\_

(d) NOT PRESENTLY IN PRODUCTION

Woodland \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
Wetland \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
Idle \_\_\_\_\_ acres  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ acres - Describe (e.g. necessary related greenhouse area, outbuildings, farm roads) \_\_\_\_\_

(e) LIVESTOCK (Type and average no. of head)	PRODUCT	NO. OF YEARS
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. Estimated Gross Income from Land being Considered in this Application: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of People Employed on this Farm:

Full Time (family): \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time (family): \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal (family): \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Time (not family): \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time (not family): \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal (not family): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Most Recent Property Tax Valuation: Buildings: \_\_\_\_\_ Land: \_\_\_\_\_  
Equipment: \_\_\_\_\_ Livestock: \_\_\_\_\_

Year if Last Tax Valuation: \_\_\_\_\_

5. List any Mortgages, Liens and/or Encumbrances which may Exist on the Land (include amount of outstanding balance): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. How is the Land Zoned?: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Has Zoning Changed within the Last Five (5) Years (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is the Land Now for Sale or has it been Offered for Sale at any Time within the Last Five (5) Years? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_



9. Has Land Been Subdivided? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, has the Subdivision been Approved and Recorded? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Has this Land ever been surveyed by a Certified/Registered Land Surveyor? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_
10. Age of Landowner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ years  
 Ages of Family Members involved in the Farm Operation \_\_\_\_\_ years
11. Age of Farm Operator (if different than owner) \_\_\_\_\_ years
12. Do any Reasons Exist which may Cause the Discontinuation of Farming on your Land in the Next Five (5) Years? (e.g. health, retirement, estate settlement, relocation...) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**D. IF THE LAND IS NOT CURRENTLY BEING FARMED ANSWER QUESTIONS 1 - 5:**

1. Do You have any Plans to Farm the Land in the Near Future? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. How Many Acres do You Plan to Farm? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What Crops of other Agricultural Activities are Planned? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. How Many Years Ago was the Land Farmed? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What Crops were Most Recently Grown?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**E. SOIL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

1. Do You Employ Soil and Water Conservation Practices on Your Land? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- If no, are Practices Needed? (Y/N) Describe Practices Needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do You have an Active Conservation Plan developed through Bristol County Conservation District (BCCD) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)? (Y/N)  
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**PLAT & LOT MAPS, SOILS MAPS**

Each applicant is required to submit a Plat and Lot Map and Soil Survey Field Sheet (mapped soil types) and delineate boundaries of farm on map as accurately as possible. Field sheets may be obtained at the following location:

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)  
15 Cranberry Highway  
West Wareham, MA 02576  
Phone: 508.295.1317

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Dartmouth Agricultural Preservation Trust Council  
c/o Dartmouth Town Hall  
Clerk's Office  
400 Slocum Road  
Dartmouth, MA 02747  
Phone: 508.910.1800  
Email: Lynn Medeiros, Town Clerk (lmedeiros@town.dartmouth.ma.us)

[Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30]

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE***

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**Applicant(s) Signature(s)**

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**Date**

