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**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 OR CONSERVATION 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 NAME: _____ (EXAMPLE: DOUBLE X RANCH)

PROPERTY LOCATION: SECTION _____ TOWNSHIP _____ SOUTH/NORTH RANGE _____ EAST/WEST

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ COUNTY _____

OWNER(S) OF RECORD OF PROPERTY:

NAME: _____

REGISTERED AGENT (IF APPLICABLE): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SITE VISIT: CHECK HERE IF SAME AS ABOVE

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT: MAIL/EMAIL (CIRCLE)

ESTIMATED TOTAL LAND AREA: _____ ACRES

UPLANDS: _____ ACRES

WETLANDS: _____ ACRES

LAND USES ON PROPERTY:

TIMBER: _____ ACRES OTHER AGRICULTURAL: _____ ACRES

RANCH: _____ ACRES NATURAL AREA: _____ ACRES

ADDITIONAL PROPERTY INFORMATION

On separate pieces of paper, use the corresponding headings, please a type a response to 1-10 and check applicable check boxes:

1. General description of the agricultural activities
2. Description of any outparcels not part of this application
Note: locate each outparcel on the map provided with the application
3. List of known encumbrances and encroachments, including mortgages and other debt secured by the property
4. Agricultural or environmental assistance programs applied for or existing on property

Include the following:

- a. Name of the program (CRP, FLEP, WHIP, WRP, 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)
- Check this box if there are no programs existing or applied for on the property.
5. A list of all Best Management Practices that the property is enrolled in. Include the length of enrollment.
 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.
 6. A general description of Species Habitat, including any plants or animals on the property.
 7. A general description of the property's Water Resource values and benefits, emphasizing any Aquifer Recharge areas and the property's Natural Floodplain.
 8. 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).
 9. 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.
 10. 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:

- Vesting deed, or deeds if the property was acquired in multiple transactions
- Abstract of title or title insurance policy, if available
- Boundary survey and environmental site assessment, if available
- Management or stewardship plan, if available
- 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
- **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

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
RURAL & FAMILY LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM
DIRECTOR’S OFFICE
3125 CONNER BOULEVARD
SUITE “J”
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-1650

QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION:
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
RURAL & FAMILY LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM
(850) 681-5828

E-MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
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