

2008-09 KENT COUNTY PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDR) PROGRAM		Kent/MSU Extension Attn: Kendra Wills 775 Ball Ave NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Tel: (616) 336-2028	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY Application Number
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PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDR) APPLICATION

This information is required by authority of Kent County Farmland Preservation Ordinance adopted November 26, 2002 for farmland development rights to be considered for purchase by County of Kent.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 30, 2008 to Kent/MSU Extension

PART 1 - LANDOWNER INFORMATION

LANDOWNER: Please clearly print or type all information. **Be sure to complete the front and back sides of all pages.**

1. Landowner's Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Home Telephone Number
Street Address or PO Box Number		Email Address	Business Name (if applicable)
City	State	Zip Code	Business Telephone Number

PROPERTY INFORMATION

2. Township(s) Where Nominated Property Is Located: _____

More than one parcel may be submitted as one application if the parcels are owned by the same person(s) and are LESS THAN ½ MILE APART. For parcels more than ½ mile apart, a separate application must be completed.

Tax Parcel Number(s) of Nominated Property. (You may use a separate sheet if necessary.)

3. Total Number of Acres Nominated in this Application:	4. Total Number of Nominated Acres Currently in Agricultural Production. (see lands eligible for Development Rights Purchase)
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5. If applicable, list parcel numbers and acreage amounts for each parcel currently in the PA 116 program. (You may use a separate sheet if necessary.)

Parcel number: _____	Acreage in PA 116: _____
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6. Type of Agriculture Practiced on Nominated Property (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash Crops	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse and/or Nursery
Type: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Trees
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> CRP or Other Set Aside Program
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

7. I own the nominated property by: (You must attach a copy of the appropriate document.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Deed	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Contract *
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*Land Contract Seller's signature must appear on back page indicating agreement with this application.

PART 1 - LANDOWNER INFORMATION (continued)

8. Ownership of Mineral Rights on the Nominated Property: Your land is eligible for consideration even if you do not own the mineral rights. However, the owners of the mineral rights must be willing to sign a subordination agreement. (Check one box only)

I own all mineral rights. I own some mineral rights. Name the other party that also owns some mineral rights: _____

I do not own any mineral rights. Name the other Party that owns the mineral rights: _____ I do not know who owns the mineral rights.

9. Is the nominated property already restricted from being developed? Are there any restrictive covenants, leases or easements on the nominated property, such as land entered into the Federal Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), an existing conservation easement with a private conservancy, or a long-term lease that restricts the use of the land for agricultural purposes only?

No Yes If yes, please explain:

10. **Please include an aerial photograph** from the Farm Service Agency (616-942-4111) and attach it to this application. Attach additional sheets if necessary. An online map of your property can also be found and downloaded free of charge from www.terraserver.microsoft.com.

Please specify if you are not including the whole parcel described in the tax bill, deed or land contract by drawing on the aerial photo. A survey is not required for this application. If appropriate, please indicate by drawing on the aerial photograph which part(s) of the parcel will be left out of the PDR Program with dimensions in feet.

Applications reserving more than one future building site will be penalized a minimum of 10 points (out of a total of 118 points). For example, applications excluding two future building sites will be penalized 10 points, three building sites equals a loss of 15 points. Federal guidelines state that the one allowed future building site be reserved for a person/family connected with the farming operation. Applicants who exclude non-prime farmland in order to meet federal/state 50% prime and/or 51% tillable/productive agriculture criteria will not be penalized. See 2008-09 Scoring Criteria for more detail. Applicants excluding future building sites will want to make the sites meet township regulations.

In addition, **we recommend you exclude your existing home site(s)**. You need not provide a survey of the excluded areas when you submit this application, but you will be asked to cover the cost of a survey if your application is funded. New structures and/or improvements that are necessary to continue the farming operation are permitted on land entered into a PDR easement.

11. **Do you as the landowner plan to donate a portion of the development rights value as matching funds?** In order to apply for state matching funds in the fall of 2008, 25% of the appraised value of your development rights must be secured. In order to apply for federal matching funds in early 2009, 50% of the appraised value of your development rights must be secured. Without matching funds, Kent County cannot move forward with your application.

_____ Yes _____ No (Please do not answer "Maybe." If you need to, write a letter to explain your intentions.)

If yes, please indicate the dollar amount. \$ _____

If yes, please calculate what percentage of the property's SEV (State Equalized Value found on your property tax bills) that your donation equals. _____ % of property's SEV. SEV of property is \$ _____.

A donation may result in an income tax benefit. Discuss this with your CPA or tax attorney to confirm your eligibility. Applicant's offering to take less than the appraised value will be scored higher, but must honor that offer at time of closing. **A letter must be included with this application confirming your donation.**

Applicant's offering to take less than the appraised value will be scored higher, but must honor that offer at time of closing. A letter must be included with this application confirming the matching funds or individual donation.

12. Unique or historical characteristics of the property will be awarded points. Do any of the following apply to the property: prime and unique agricultural soils, Centennial Farm, National Historical Registry for historical or archeological value, property contains a natural water course or water body such as a stream, river, or lake shoreline, property contains threatened or endangered species? (You may use a separate sheet if necessary.)

Yes Explain: _____ No

13. Is the property currently in compliance with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regulations?

Yes No If answered No, please explain: _____

Answering "No" will not automatically disqualify the application, however the Board will use their discretion on this issue in considering the application.

14. Did you apply for PDR on this property in the past? If so, please mark the appropriate years you applied:

_____ 2003-2004 _____ 2004-05 _____ 2005-06 _____ 2006-07 _____ 2007-08

15. Does the property have a USDA approved conservation plan of any type? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please list type: _____

16. Is the property enrolled in the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)?

Yes No If yes, list year that property was enrolled: _____

17. Is the property located within two miles of an existing livestock operation? (If your property is a livestock operation do not count it. We want to know how close you are to another livestock operation.)

Yes, between 1 mile and 2 miles. List address or cross streets of livestock operation: _____

Yes, 1 mile or less. List address or cross streets of livestock operation: _____

No

18. Is the property enrolled in any type of public access program? (Hunters Access Program, trail easement, etc.)

Yes No If yes, please list program: _____

CERTIFICATION

PLEASE NOTE: *All individuals who own an interest in the nominated property, including the Land Contract Seller, must sign below, if necessary, for Kent County to consider this application.*

I (we) certify that the statements made above are a true and accurate representation of the facts regarding the nominated parcel(s). It is understood that signature does not obligate sale of development rights but simply permits the State to consider purchase of the development rights. I (we) also understand this information will be subject to public record if the nominated property is selected.

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Landowners Signature	Date
_____	_____
Landowners Signature	Date
_____	_____
Landowners Signature	Date
_____	_____
Land Contract Seller's Signature (If Applicable)	Date