



**COUNTY OF LEHIGH**  
Bureau of Agricultural Land Preservation

**Application for New Residence on Preserved Farm**

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Landowner(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Easement Acreage \_\_\_\_\_ Township(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Residential Site Plan**

Please include all requirements stated in Appendix P-1, number 4, unless directed otherwise by the Office Staff.

The Farmland Preservation Office can provide aerial photographs and soil maps at the applicant's request.

**Tax Parcel ID # where the new residence is proposed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Does this tax parcel already have a residential structure located on it?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you planning to do a 2 acre or less subdivision for the purpose of building your new residence?**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you spoken to the Lehigh County Assessment Office about this application and how it will impact your Act 319/515 Agreement? YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you spoken to your township and is subdivision required by the township?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will the location of the proposed residential structure and its driveway harm the economic viability of the farm for agricultural production?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What impact will the construction of the proposed residence have on prime and statewide importance soils that are located on your farm?**

**What impact will the proposed new residence have on existing soil and water conservation practices and structures on your farm (i.e. grassed waterways, diversions, terraces, etc.)?**



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How will the proposed residence impact water resources (surface and groundwater) and water access points for future farm operations (i.e. ponds, wells, springs, streams, etc.)?

How will the proposed new residence impact the ability of future farm operations to use existing farm buildings and existing farm infrastructure (i.e. fencing, farm lanes, etc.)?

How will the proposed new residence impact existing crop, hay and pasture fields on your preserved farm?

How does the location of the proposed new residence fit in with your agricultural plans for your farm? (i.e. new agricultural enterprises, farm expansion plans, etc.)

What is square footage of the building footprint for the proposed new residence? \_\_\_\_\_

The total area of current building coverage and proposed new coverage area for the new residence shall not be more than 10% of the total conservation easement area. See Addendum 1 of Deed of Easement and Section X in the County Program.

Owner Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this application to:

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Lehigh County Farmland Preservation Office  
4234 Dorney Park Road, Suite 2  
Allentown, PA 18104  
Email: [dianemattthews-gehringer@lehighcounty.org](mailto:dianemattthews-gehringer@lehighcounty.org)

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Date Complete New Residence Application was Received \_\_\_\_\_ staff name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Original Easement Purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Easement ID # \_\_\_\_\_

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