

Application Form
for the Acquisition of Conservation Easements (ACE)
Albemarle County, Virginia
(please type or print in dark ink)

1. Owner/Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

2. Mailing Address: _____

3. Tax Map & Parcel Number: _____ (can be more than one).

4. Other Owners of Record:
Name: _____ Address: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____

5. Entity Owning Property (sole owner, partnership, corporation, limited liability company etc.):

6. Property Location (state road, town):

7. Principle uses of property (grazing, timber harvesting, crops, livestock, recreation etc.):

8. Do you own other land in Albemarle County? _____ (yes/no) Is it contiguous to this parcel? _____ (yes/no)

9. Is property in an existing "Agricultural-Forestal" district? _____ (yes/no)

10. Do you have a Forest Stewardship Management Plan? _____ (yes/no) Date of Plan _____
Soil Conservation and Water Quality Plan? _____ (yes/no) Date of Plan _____

11. Is the parcel(s) of land identified on this application form threatened with a "forced sale" (see definition below).
_____ (yes/no). If yes, complete "Questionnaire" at end of this application.

12. Is the parcel of land identified on this application form threatened with other "hardship" (see definition below).
_____ (yes/no). If yes, complete "Questionnaire" at end of this application.

13. The parcel of land identified on this application form is a "working family farm, including forestry, and at least one family member's principal occupation and income (more than half) is farming or harvesting timber from the parcel".
_____ (yes/no) **or** "at least one family member produces farm products derived from the parcel". _____ (yes/no).
If yes to either question, complete "Questionnaire" at end of this application.

14. List all Deeds of Trust, mortgages and liens against property (by date, parties involved and deed book reference & page number): _____

15. Is the property subject to any other pending liens, judgments, zoning violations or court proceedings? _____ (yes/no)
If yes, describe (by date, parties involved, legal reference or case number):

16. If you wish to include additional restrictions in the Deed of Easement (beyond those described in the sample), please describe and enumerate them:

In addition, **please provide the following information with this application:**

- a) Tax returns, for all owners of record, for each of the past three (3) tax years so as to verify adjusted gross income. All income and tax information will remain confidential.
- b) A completed "Request for the Determination of Parcel of Record/Division Rights".

Definitions Contained in Questionnaire

"Forced sale" means the sale of a parcel with unused development rights in a manner prescribed by law conducted under a judgment, order or court supervision, other than a sale arising from a partition action; a sale resulting from the foreclosure under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; or a sale that is not the voluntary act of the owner but is compelled in order to satisfy a debt evidenced by mortgage, judgment or tax lien.

"Hardship" means an economic hardship, other than a circumstance causing a forced sale, experienced by the landowner of the parcel compelling him to place a parcel with unused development rights for sale or to use such development rights.

I/We hereby make application to the County of Albemarle for the sale of development rights on the tax parcel(s) identified above on this application form pursuant to Albemarle County Ordinance No. 00-A.1 (1), the Acquisition of Conservation Easements. I/We understand and acknowledge that I/we incur no obligation by completing this application, and that the County of Albemarle incurs no obligation by its acceptance of this application. I/We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the information contained in this application and attached materials is true and correct. I/We agree grant permission to the ACE Program Administrator or his designee to enter the property, after reasonable notice to the owner, for the purposes of evaluating the parcel(s) and verifying required information on the application form and the independent appraiser who must appraise the property to determine the value of the development rights.

ALL OWNERS OF RECORD MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS APPLICATION.

Signature Date

Print Name

Signature Date

Print Name

Signature Date

Print Name

Disclaimer: This Application Form is not a legally binding agreement between the Applicant(s) and the County of Albemarle. It is strictly for informational purposes in processing the application.

Questionnaire for Ranking Criteria in ACE Program Eligibility Criteria

1. The parcel of land identified on this application form is threatened with a “forced sale” (see attached definition). _____ (yes/no). If yes, describe and/or document:

2. The parcel of land identified on this application form is threatened with other “hardship” (see attached definition). _____ (yes/no). If yes, describe and/or document:

3. The parcel of land identified on this application form is either: “a working family farm, including forestry, and at least one family member’s principal occupation and income (more than half) is farming or foresting the parcel _____ (yes/no) **or**; “at least one family member produces farm products derived from the parcel”. _____ (yes/no) If yes to either question, describe the type of farming (including horticulture) or forestry you engage in.

I/We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the information provided on this questionnaire is true and correct.

Landowner

Date

Landowner

Date