

**PROPERTY OWNER APPLICATION FOR
A CONSERVATION EASEMENT**

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Dear property owner,

We appreciate your interest in placing a conservation easement on your property with the Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy. We commend you for your desire to help protect the natural beauty and resources of central Pa. Our goal is to assist you in understanding the process of developing an easement document and to work with you and your legal counsel to produce a document that serves your desires and the mission of the Linn Conservancy.

Please be advised that an easement might limit future uses of the property affecting resale value, tax status and other issues. Annual site inspections by representatives of the easement holding organization will be done. Certain legal fees and other costs will be the responsibility of the easement donor. In time, an official appraisal of your property will have to be conducted. It might be of value to you to have a pre-appraisal done in order to help guide your thinking in terms of determining your desires for the parcel. In the meantime, we ask that you complete the non-binding application form below to the best of your ability so that our site/stewardship committee can begin its review process.

Thank you for your interest; we look forward to working with you.

Merrill Linn Conservancy

NAME of PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(city) (state) (zip)

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

**WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLACING AN EASEMENT ON YOUR
PROPERTY?**

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PROPERTY OFFERED FOR EASEMENT:
(Provide maps if possible)

(Township/borough) (County)

DIMENSIONS (approx): _____

ACREAGE (approx): _____

ARE THERE ANY LIENS OR OTHER INDEMNITIES AGAINST THIS PROPERTY?

YES NO

IS THE ENTIRE PROPERTY BEING OFFERED FOR EASEMENT PROTECTION?

YES NO

IF NOT, APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY ACRES WILL BE WITHHELD FROM THE EASEMENT? _____

PLEASE IDENTIFY THE EXCLUDED AREA ON THE PROPERTY MAP.

WHAT IS THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPERTY? (FOREST, AGRICULTURAL, OPEN GRASSLAND, WETLANDS, ETC)

ARE THERE ANY BUILDINGS ON THE PROPERTY? YES NO (If yes, note type; locate on map; condition)

ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY SUBSURFACE FEATURES (MINE SHAFTS, CAVES, STORAGE TANKS, ABANDONED DUMP SITES, ETC.) LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY? YES NO (If yes, please describe and locate on map):

IS THE VALUE OF TAX DEDUCTIONS THAT MIGHT APPLY TO THE DONATION OF YOUR PROPERTY A CRITICAL FACTOR IN YOUR FINAL DECISION WITH RESPECT TO PLACING THE PROPERTY UNDER EASEMENT?

YES NO

WHAT SPECIAL FEATURES DOES YOUR PROPERTY HAVE THAT WOULD MAKE IT ATTRACTIVE TO THE CONSERVANCY? (Check all that apply)

- VISTAS
- OPEN SPACE
- AGRICULTURAL LAND
- HISTORICAL FEATURES

- WATERWAYS/SPRINGS
- WETLANDS
- OLD GROWTH FOREST
- RARE PLANTS
- RARE ANIMALS
- IT IS NEAR OTHER AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
- OTHER: (explain/describe) _____

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RESERVING THE RIGHT FOR YOURSELF OR FUTURE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY TO (Check all that apply)

- SUBDIVIDE/BUILD ON A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY
- HARVEST TIMBER
- FARM
- HUNT
- CONSTRUCT TRAILS
- OTHER: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE DIRECTIONS TO THE PROPERTY FROM LEWISBURG:

Applicant's signature

Date: _____

RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH ANY MAPS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO:

MERRILL W. LINN LAND AND WATERWAYS CONSERVANCY
 ATTN: SITE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
 PO BOX 501
 LEWISBURG, PA 17837

Alternatively, you may take the materials to our office at the Historical Society at the Union County courthouse.

A member of our staff will contact you following review of your application by our site/stewardship committee. Again, we thank you for your interest.

OFFICE USE:

Date application received: _____

Actions of the site/stewardship committee:

Date application reviewed: _____

Date of site visit: _____

New information gathered at site:

Recommendation of site committee to the board:

Proceed with development of an easement: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, list any special concerns that should be addressed in the easement discussions.

If no, list reasons that this property was not deemed desirable for easement protection.

Date applicant notified of committee's recommendation and board decision: _____