Harnett County
Voluntary Agricultural District
Membership Application

Instructions

- Before completing this application please review the provisions of the Harnett County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance. Submitted applications should be filled out completely and accurately, including landowner(s) signature and notary. Notary service is available at the Harnett Soil and Water Conservation District Office.
- Completed applications should be returned to the Harnett Soil and Water Conservation District Office located at 126 Alexander Drive, Suite 200 in Lillington or mailed to PO Box 267 Lillington, NC 27546.
- An application fee of $30.00 is required for each application. Checks should be made payable to the Harnett County VAD.

Applicant(s) Information

Name(s):__________________________________________________________

Mailing Address:____________________________________________________________________________

City:________________________________________ State:________________________________________ Zip Code:__________

Phone Number: (Hm)________________________ (Cell)__________________________

Email:_____________________________________________________________________________________

Properties to Request Enrollment

1) Tax Parcel ID #____________________ Number of Acres______ Approved for Present Use Value Taxation______Yes______No

   Physical Address__________________________________________________________________________

2) Tax Parcel ID #____________________ Number of Acres______ Approved for Present Use Value Taxation______Yes______No

   Physical Address__________________________________________________________________________

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3) Tax Parcel ID # ___________________ Number of Acres _________ Approved for Present Use Value Taxation _____ Yes _____ No

Physical Address________________________________________________________

4) Tax Parcel ID # ___________________ Number of Acres _________ Approved for Present Use Value Taxation _____ Yes _____ No

Physical Address________________________________________________________

5) Tax Parcel ID # ___________________ Number of Acres _________ Approved for Present Use Value Taxation _____ Yes _____ No

Physical Address________________________________________________________

**Owner(s) Certification**

I (We), the applicant(s), hereby certify that to the best of my (our) ability, this application is complete and accurate. If certified by the Agricultural Advisory Board, I (we) agree to sustain, promote, and encourage agriculture in the District. I (we) agree to prohibit non-farm use of the land under this program for a period of ten (10) years from the date certified by the Agricultural Advisory Board and maintain additional qualifications in accordance with Article VII of the Harnett County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance. This agreement will automatically renew for an additional 10 years, unless either the Advisory Board or the landowner give written notice of termination. This agreement may be revoked by the landowner by written notice to the Board or the Board may revoke such agreement based on non-compliance by the landowner as outlined in Article IX of the Harnett County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

**Notary**

HARNETT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

I ____________________________, a Notary Public for _________________ County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that ____________________________

Personally came before me this day and acknowledged the execution of this foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this _________ day of ________________________________, 20______.

Signature: ____________________________

My commission expires: ____________________________
Voluntary Agricultural District Benefits

For Farmers
- Recognition and public education about agriculture.
  Members of the program will be provided a sign to post, identifying their farm as a members of a preservation district, indicating to any potential neighbors and passersby that their land is committed to the preservation of the agriculture way of life.
- Increased protection from nuisance suits.
  Notice on the property signaling Agricultural District membership and a notice in the Harnett County computerized land record system making those within one (1) mile of an Agricultural District farm aware of the potential for noise, odor, dust, or slow moving farm vehicles associate with farming.
- Public hearing required for proposed condemnation.
  Public hearings are held by the Agricultural Advisory Board if a farm in an Agricultural District is considered for a public project that may result in the land being condemned.
- Eligibility for funding.
  District members may be eligible for farmland preservation funds as local, state, and federal funds become available for further preservation projects.
- Official role in county government.
  The Agricultural Advisory Board acts as advisor to the governing board of the county or city on projects, programs, or issues affecting the agricultural economy or way of life within the county.

For the Public
- Preserving NC and Harnett County’s number one industry.
  NC agriculture is an over $68 billion business annually with greater than $236 million being generated by Harnett County farmers. The success of the VAD program will foster the growth, development, and sustainability of family farms as well as increase public awareness of agriculture in NC and Harnett County.
- County wide economic benefit.
  An American Farmland Trust study showed that for every dollar in taxes received from working land, only 34 cents in services is paid by the government. However, services paid to residential development are an average of $1.15 per dollar of taxes received. Therefore, it is a net gain of revenue for the tax base and thus an economic benefit for the county to preserve working lands.
- Quality of life.
  When farms are kept in agriculture, it maintains the quality of life that many Harnett County families enjoy each day. Field and woodlands are both a visual pleasure and contribute to the clean air and water. Rural working landscapes are an integral part of our heritage and must be preserved for future generations and to attract new families and industries to Harnett County.
- Ability to buy locally grown products.
  Maintaining the agriculture industry in Harnett County allows consumers to purchase and consume products from local agricultural producers and have a sound knowledge of where and how their food is produced.
Harnett County
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Supplemental Tract Form

Instructions

- Use this form to include additional tracts of land for consideration with your Harnett County Voluntary Agricultural District Application.

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Date: ____________________________

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12) Tax Parcel ID # ___________________ Number of Acres _________ Approved for Present Use Value Taxation _____ Yes _____ No

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