

CITY OF ANN ARBOR  
GREENBELT DISTRICT PROGRAM



COMMUNITY SERVICES AREA  
CITY OF ANN ARBOR  
301 East Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Please complete the attached application completely. In addition, please include a copy of the deed for the nominated property, a copy of any and all existing easements, as well as any additional documents requested as part of the application.

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Application Number

## GREENBELT PROGRAM APPLICATION

*This information is required by authority of the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Ordinance of the City of Ann Arbor (Ordinance No. 17-04, 1 5-3-04) for Greenbelt Initiative Acquisitions and Easement Purchases*

### LANDOWNER INFORMATION

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

Landowner's Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Home Telephone Number
Street Address or PO Box Number			Business Name (if applicable)
City	State	Zip Code	Business Telephone Number
Best time of the day to call			Email

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

County Where Nominated Property Is Located	Township
Town, Range and Section Number(s)	
Tax Parcel Number(s) of Nominated Property	
Total Number of Acres Nominated	Type of Land <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Acres <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space / Natural Area Acres
Land Use on Nominated Property <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Area <input type="checkbox"/> River or Stream Frontage	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash Crops <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater Recharge <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic View
<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse and/or Nursery <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Trees <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

I own the nominated property by:       Deed       Land Contract \*

\* The Land Contract Seller's signature is required in the Certification Section on Page 5.

Are there any existing surface or subsurface leases, easements, liens or other encumbrances on the property (i.e. mineral rights, utility easements, mortgages etc.)? Your land is eligible for consideration even if some easements, leases or liens exist.

No       Yes    If yes, please explain:

Type of Sale

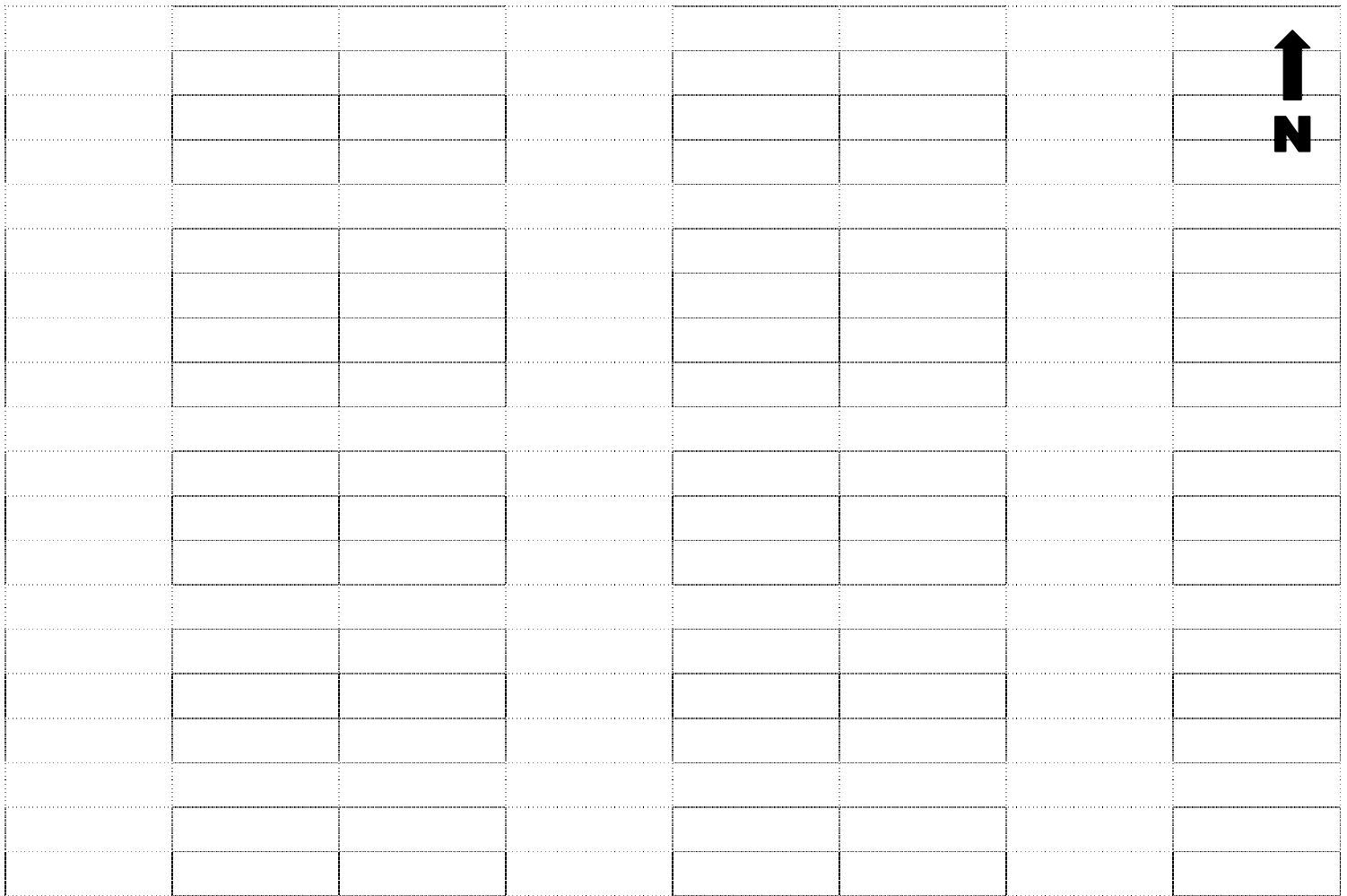
Fee Simple       Purchase of Development Rights

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:

Please provide a copy of deeds or land contracts, which contain the legal description of the property you wish to nominate. Please specify if you are not including the whole parcel described in the deed or land contract. Existing building sites should be excluded from the legal description of the property offered in the application since the City will not pay for areas that have already been developed. In addition, we recommend you also consider excluding future home site(s). You need not provide a survey of the excluded areas when you submit this application, but you may be asked to do so if your land is selected.

Please include a sketch of the nominated property, including areas to be excluded from the application, in the area provided below. This sketch should include property boundaries, existing roads and buildings.



Are there any contingencies that you would like to make the Greenbelt Advisory Commission aware of that may affect the property in the future (such as farm leases, oil or gas leases, death/estate plans etc)?

- No                       Yes If yes, please explain

How much public road frontage exists on the nominated property? This would not include seasonal roads or private farm lanes, but would include public paved, dirt, gravel, etc. roads. (Check only one box.)

- None                       Less than ¼ mile                       ¼ mile or more, but less than ½ mile  
 ½ mile or more, but less than ¾ of a mile                       ¾ mile or more

Is the nominated property enrolled in any of the following programs?

- Private Forestry Act (Part 513 of NREPA)  
 Commercial Forest Act (Part 512 of NREPA)  
 Hunter Access Program (Part 435 of NREPA)  
 Wetland Reserve Program  
 Crop Reserve Program

Is the nominated property (or a portion of the nominated property) currently enrolled in a PA 116, Farmland Development Rights Agreement (FDRA)?

- No                       Yes,                      If yes, list the agreement number(s):

Are there any matching funds available to assist toward the purchase of the property or development rights? A private conservancy or local government may provide money toward the purchase. A landowner, willing to take less than the appraised value, would also be a match. Landowners who accept less than the appraised value need to identify the percentage of the property value or development rights value they are willing to donate. The donation may result in an income tax benefit. Discuss this with your CPA or tax attorney to confirm your eligibility. **Applicants 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 the application confirming the matching funds or individual donation.

Are there any matching funds available?

- No     Yes -- If yes, check the source below and list the percentage amount offered \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Private Conservancy                       Local Government                       Landowner     Other

**Would you like to donate a portion of your sale price or development rights?**                       Yes                       No

- 5%                       10%                       20%                       Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a description of the property (including features such as water bodies, scenic views, streams, wetlands, rare species, or other desirable features):**

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**Please check the box if you do NOT want the City of Ann Arbor to share this application with other agencies or organizations that have matching funds available for land preservation? It is the City’s goal to be able to protect as much land as possible by leveraging as many funds as possible.**

***The information contained in this Application may be considered exempt from disclosure to the public under the provisions of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act until purchase of the land / land rights offered in the Application is submitted to the Ann Arbor City Council for consideration. Some information may continue to be exempt thereafter on privacy grounds if so identified when the Application is completed (e.g. unlisted telephone numbers).***

**CERTIFICATION**

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 real property or development rights but simply permits the City of Ann Arbor to consider purchase of real property or development rights. I (we) also understand this information will be subject to public record if the nominated property is selected, and will grant reasonable access to the property for purposes of inspection and appraisal of the parcel by the City, its employees or contractors and the Greenbelt Advisory Commission.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

**Attachments:**

- 1. Deed / Land Contract**
- 2. Existing Easements**

**Land Acquisition Criteria**

Sites for consideration shall be evaluated using the criteria listed below together with any criteria determined by the Green Belt Advisory Committee to be appropriate to accomplishing the purpose of this Ordinance.

**1. Agricultural Land Criteria**

Characteristics of the land: type of agricultural land, parcel size, road frontage, wetlands and/or floodplain, groundwater recharge and natural features

Context: distance from city limit, adjacent zoning classification, adjacent land use, proximity to protected land, scenic and/or historical value, fits within the Greenbelt Strategic Plan

Acquisition considerations: matching funds, landowner contribution, urgency for acquisition, recreation potential

**2. Open Space Land Criteria**

Characteristics of land: mature trees or rare species, parcel size, road frontage, wetlands and/or floodplain, groundwater recharge

Context: distance to city limit, adjacent land use, proximity to protected land, proximity to water resource frontage, scenic and/or historical value, number of vehicle trips per day, fits within the Greenbelt Strategic Plan

Acquisition considerations: matching funds, landowner contribution, urgency for acquisition, recreational potential

