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Land Conservation – Natural Resource Protection

2023 Pre-Application

In response to citizen concerns about the loss of open space throughout the County, the County developed a land protection plan and program in 2003 and has protected nearly 12,000 acres since then. In 2020, a **Land Conservation Plan for Dakota County** was adopted with the following natural resource protection goals:

1. Ecologically important areas are prioritized for protection.
2. Water quality and quantity are enhanced and protected.
3. Natural resource quality is improved and sustained.
4. Biodiversity is restored and sustained.
5. The public supports and is involved in natural resource protection and management.
6. Recreational access to conservation lands is enhanced.

County landowners are encouraged to consider participating in this voluntary program.

Step 1: Landowners should review the program information relative to natural area and natural resource protection, by visiting the Dakota County website at <http://www.co.dakota.mn.us>, click on Environment at the top of the page, and then click on Land Conservation. If you have questions or are interested in receiving printed materials, contact Lisa West, in the Dakota County Environmental Resources Department at (952) 891-7018.

Step 2: Complete this 2022 Pre-Application. County staff will use the information you provide to determine if your property is eligible for inclusion in the Land Conservation Program (Program).

Submit a Natural Resource Protection Pre-Application by March 31, 2023.

Applications should be submitted to:

Dakota County PDD – 3rd Floor
Attn: Lisa West
14955 Galaxie Avenue
Apple Valley, MN 55124
Or to: Lisa.West@co.dakota.mn.us

County staff will review your pre-application to determine your property's eligibility for the program. Staff will contact you once a determination is made. If your project is eligible, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss your project, the conservation easement application process, the scoring criteria, and possibly conduct a preliminary property assessment. **Following the initial program meeting, if you're still interested in participating, you must submit a final application.**

Submission of this Natural Resource Protection pre-application does not bind the applicant to proceed with a donation or sale of land or an easement. Likewise, the submission of a pre-application does not bind Dakota County to accept or purchase land or an easement.

Public Information: Information contained in this pre-application will be subject to the provisions of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13. Unless otherwise classified, all data contained in this Dakota County pre-application will be considered public data.

Note: Please use extra paper if your information does not fit within the space provided.

PROJECT TYPE:	Natural Area Protection	Wetland Protection	Water Retention
PROJECT LOCATION:	Within a CFA*	Partially Within a CFA	Outside a CFA

* CFA means Conservation Focus Area

I. Applicant Information

Name:	First: Middle: Last:
Mailing address:	
Phone number(s):	Home: Cell:
Email:	
Name:	First: Middle: Last:
Mailing address:	
Phone number(s):	Home: Cell:
Email:	
Name:	First: Middle: Last:
Mailing address:	
Phone number(s):	Home: Cell:
Email:	
Name:	First: Middle: Last:
Mailing address:	
Phone number(s):	Home: Cell:
Email:	
Primary Contact:	

B. Are other landowners aware that you are submitting this pre-application? Yes ____ No ____

II. Property Description

A. Please list the Property Identification Number (PIN) for each parcel that is included, in whole or in part, in this pre-application. PINs are listed on yearly tax statements, or can be obtained at the Dakota County website at: http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/assessor/real_estate_inquiry.htm, by calling the Dakota County Assessor's office at (651) 438-4200 or 1-800-247-1056 (non-metro), or by e-mail inquiry to: assessing.services@co.dakota.mn.us.

- B. Please include a visual property description of all contiguous parcels and portions of parcels proposed for consideration in this pre-application. **The map/drawing should include:**
- Perimeter boundary of project with approximate acreages of all areas
 - Labeled roads
 - Location of significant property features including streams, wetlands, etc.
 - Any existing pipelines, other utilities, or easements
 - Areas to be excluded from the proposed project, including current buildings and facilities, homesteads, future building sites, etc. (Easements cannot include existing buildings of any kind.)

The property description can be a sketch drawn on a copy of a plat map, or drawn on maps from the Dakota County website at: http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/assessor/real_estate_inquiry.htm

- C. **Please provide information you think will be of interest to Dakota County** in reviewing your pre-application. Applicants are encouraged to review the evaluation criteria and include information on special features of the land, significance of preserving the land or its natural resources, and overall project goals. **Why does County land protection interest you?**

D.

Are there any answers to questions in this pre-application that you consider security data that should be protected pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13.37?	Yes		No	
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If yes, which question(s) do you believe requests protected information?

By signing this form, each signatory indicates their approval of the submittal of this Natural Resource Protection pre-application to Dakota County.

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Name:	Date:
Name:	Date:

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Data Privacy Acknowledgment

In accordance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act; Minn. Stat. § 13.04 and § 13.591, Dakota County is required to inform you of your rights as they pertain to private or non-public information collected from you. **Unless otherwise classified, all data in this application will be considered public data.** "Private or non-public data" is information that is available to you, but not to the public.

NEED FOR INFORMATION: The information we collect or have collected from you or from other sources authorized by you is needed for evaluation of applications received by Dakota County for lands to be potentially included in the Dakota County Farmland and Natural Area Program.

REFUSAL: You are not legally required to supply the requested data by Dakota County. You have the right to refuse to supply the information we request. However, without this information, we may be unable to properly evaluate your application and may not be able to accept your land for inclusion in the County program.

ACCESS TO DATA: Public data may be shared or inspected on demand. Private or non-public information we collect from you may be shared, as a matter of program or service necessity, with the Citizen Advisory Committee or other consultants hired by Dakota County to evaluate and score applications.

You, as the subject of collected data, unless otherwise specified by law or court order, may view the information we have concerning you and may make written comments as to the accuracy of the information. Copies of information we have concerning your application may be made, for a reasonable fee, upon your request.

RETENTION: All information on you will be kept until federal, state and/or county retention requirements have been met, at which time the information will be destroyed. Unless otherwise noted, this consent will only be effective for a period of three (3) years from the date of signature.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 13.04, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF AND UNDERSTAND MY RIGHTS AS SUBJECT OF DATA.

Name	Date
Name	Date