



Application Form Henderson County Voluntary Agricultural Districts Program

Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Requirements:

1. You must join an existing Agricultural District based on location. (Districts: Blue Ridge, Edneyville, Flat Rock, French Broad, Fruitland, Green River, Jeter Mountain, Lower Hoopers Creek, Mills River, Mountain Page)

****SWCD Staff can help place you in the correct district(s)****

- a. Existing District(s) you wish to join: _____

2. Your land must be qualified farmland, which requires that it is:

- a. Located in an unincorporated area of Henderson County or in the Town of Mills River
- b. Managed, if highly erodible land exists on the farm, in accordance with the Natural Resources Conservation Service defined erosion-control practices
- c. Be participating in or qualify for the present-use value taxation program

OR

Be engaged in "agriculture" as defined by NC General Statute 106-581.1 and qualify as a "bona fide farm" under NC General Statute 160D-903(a).

PRESERVATION AGREEMENT

The landowner requests acceptance into the Henderson County Voluntary Agricultural Districts program to sustain, promote and encourage agriculture. The landowner hereby agrees that the tract will not be converted to non-farm or development use for a period of at least 10 years, except for the creation of not more than three lots that meet applicable county zoning and subdivision regulations.

SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER: _____ DATE: _____

Printed name of Property Owner: _____

Please Initial:

_____ By signing this form, I certify that I meet the requirements for VAD set forth in Henderson County's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 45. The Henderson County Soil and Water Conservation District may request that the County Assessor's Office certify PUV qualification and/or require the landowner to present acceptable documentation.

_____ This preservation Agreement may be revoked by the property owner with written notice to the Henderson County Agricultural Advisory Board or by this Board if the property owner fails to abide by the requirements stated in Henderson County's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 45.

For purposes of determining whether a property is being used for bona fide farm purposes, any of the following is sufficient evidence that the property is being used for bona fide farm purposes according to NC General Statute 106D-903(a):

- (1) A farm sales tax exemption certificate issued by the Department of Revenue.
- (2) A copy of the property tax listing showing that the property is eligible for participation in the present-use value program pursuant to G.S. 105-277.3.
- (3) A copy of the farm owner's or operator's Schedule F from the owner's or operator's most recent federal income tax return.
- (4) A forest management plan.

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