

Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program Survey

1. Town or city closest to the majority of your land: _____

2. Approximate number of acres that you:

Own: _____

Lease or rent: _____

3. Do you currently own land that is enrolled in the APR program?

Yes

No

4. Is all of the land you own enrolled in the APR program?

Yes

No

5. Have you applied to the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program in the last 5 years?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the status of your application?

Land Enrolled in APR Program

Withdrew (please explain)

Voted for Nomination and Appraisal

Final Voted

Voted Little Likelihood

Comments: _____

6. If you have not applied to the APR program, is it because your land is not eligible?

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the reasons why it is ineligible.

Too much wooded acreage (> 2/3 of the parcel)

Too small (< 5 acres)

Too few prime or statewide important soils (< 1/2 of the parcel).

Primary use is for equestrian boarding/recreational riding

Majority of land is in cranberry production

Land owned by someone else

Other (please explain): _____

7. If your land is eligible and you have not applied to the APR Program within the last 5 years, please rate the following on your decision not to apply:

	Not important		Very Important		
The APR program is unlikely to pay what the restriction would be worth.	1	2	3	4	5
(If your answer is 3 or above, please give us what you believe to be the approximate <i>per acre</i> value of your land if it were sold for development):					
My land is likely to escalate in value, and I want the option to sell it at full market value in the future.	1	2	3	4	5
Comments:					
Finding the required local match could be difficult.	1	2	3	4	5
Comments:					
The restriction may make it more difficult to find a buyer should I decide to sell the land.	1	2	3	4	5
Comments:					
The restriction may reduce my borrowing capacity.	1	2	3	4	5
Comments:					
Information about the price I receive for my restriction might become public.	1	2	3	4	5
Comments:					
The restriction may affect my ability to provide housing for my family or farm labor in the future.	1	2	3	4	5
Comments:					

	Not Important			Very Important	
The restriction might limit my ability to change or expand my farm operation in the future. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
APR program rules might change or additional constraints may be imposed on my land once it is enrolled in the program. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
My land is enrolled in the Farm Viability Enhancement Program and I would have to return the full grant amount to transition to the APR program. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
The APR program may be something I will explore, but it is just not a priority at the moment. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
I am not ready to make a decision about the future of my land. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
The application process is too complicated. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
The application process takes too long. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
I don't know enough about the program to consider enrolling. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5

8. Are you aware that the APR Program has a spending cap of \$10,000 per acre?

Yes No

9. Are you aware that in particular circumstances the APR Program can pay up to \$20,000 per acre, if your land meets certain requirements?

Yes No

10. Are you aware that through local match or other funding sources the price paid for restricting your land can be higher than that paid by the Department's APR Program itself?

Yes No

11. Are you aware that there is a federal tax incentive that allows you to write-off, in certain cases, up to 100% of any donated value of the APR?

Yes No

12. If you decided in the future to apply for the APR program, would you know who to contact?

Yes No

Additional comments:

Thank you for your willingness to complete this survey. Please use the enclosed return envelope, or mail to:

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