

CATAWBA COUNTY ENHANCED VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PROGRAM APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print)

Owner Name(s) (as recorded on deed) _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ evening) _____

E-mail address _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION

	Parcel #1	Parcel #2	Parcel #3
Parcel Identification Number (PIN) ¹			
Number of Acres			
Current Land Use (field crops, grassland, livestock, horticulture, forestry)			
Is this property currently in present-use value assessment program through the Catawba County Tax Office? ²	_____(Y/N)	_____(Y/N)	_____(Y/N)
Do you have a farm plan on file with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)?	_____ (Y/N or don't know)	_____ (Y/N or don't know)	_____ (Y/N or don't know)
If so, are you following the soil conservation plan on your farm?	_____(Y/N)	_____(Y/N)	_____(Y/N)
If not, are you willing to develop and follow a plan with NRCS?	_____(Y/N)	_____(Y/N)	_____(Y/N)

¹ Found at Catawba County's GIS site: http://www.gis.catawba.nc.us/website/Parcel/parcel_main.asp, the Planning Department or on your Catawba County Tax Notice

² For more information on the present-use value assessment program, contact the Catawba County Tax Office

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO LIST PROPERTY INFORMATION

	Parcel #4	Parcel #5	Parcel #6
Parcel Identification Number (PIN) ¹			
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**FOR FARMS NOT ENROLLED IN THE
PRESENT USE-VALUE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
(Supplemental Information)**

To participate in the Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District Program, you must be enrolled or ELIGIBLE to meet the following criteria for the present-use value assessment program.

The following types of land qualify for the present-use value assessment program:

- a. **AGRICULTURAL LAND** consisting of one or more tracts, one of which consists of at least **10 acres** that are in actual production and that for the **three years** preceding January 1 of the year for which the benefits of this section is claimed, have produced an average gross income of at least one thousand dollars (\$1000) per year. Gross income includes income from the sale of the agricultural products produced from the land and any payments received under a governmental soil conservation or land retirement program. Land in production includes land under improvements used in the commercial production or growing of crops, plants or animals which is under a sound management program.
- b. **HORTICULTURAL LAND** consisting of one or more tracts, one which must consist of at least **five acres** that are in actual production and that for the **three years** preceding January 1 of the year for which the benefit of this section is claimed, have produced an average gross income of one thousand (\$1000) dollars per year. Land in actual production includes land under improvements used in the commercial production or growing of fruits, vegetables or any nursery or floral products which is under a sound management program.
- c. **FORESTLAND** consisting of one or more tracts, one of which consists of at least **20 acres** that are in actual production and are not included in a farm unit which has a written forestry management plan.

QUESTIONS:

1. Have you owned your property for at least 4 years? Yes _____ No _____
2. Do you live on your property? Yes _____ No _____
3. Have all the parcels been in active agricultural, horticultural and/or forestry production for at least 4 years? Yes _____ No _____
4. If not, which parcels have **not** been in production for at least 4 years? Parcels # _____
5. For the three (3) preceding years, have the parcels produced an **average** gross income of at least \$1000 per year?
Yes _____ No _____
6. List the amount of acreage you have on your farm for each of the following categories
Agricultural land _____ acres Horticultural land _____ acres Forestland _____ acres
7. If your property includes forestland, do you have a written forestry management plan?
Yes _____ No _____
If so, what year was the plan prepared? _____

APPLICATION SIGNATURE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DECLARE THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I FURTHERMORE UNDERSTAND THAT IN ORDER TO PROCESS THESE APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY VAD ORDINANCE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND TO ACCESS PERSONNALLY PROTECTED INFORMATION MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY TAX OFFICE, FARM SERVICE AGENCY, CATAWBA CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE.

Owner Signature

Date

Owner Signature

Date

RETURN APPLICATION TO: NC Cooperative Extension - Catawba County Center
P. O. Box 389
Newton, North Carolina 28658-0389

**CATAWBA COUNTY ENHANCED VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT
CONSERVATION AGREEMENT**

Catawba County and the undersigned real property owner(s) ("Owner") enter into this Conservation Agreement for the Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District covering the following property(ies)

(list Property Identification Numbers)

The parties understand and agree that this Agreement is being entered into in order to protect farmland, horticultural land and/or forestland in Catawba County as contemplated by Article 61 of Chapter 106 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Catawba County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance (Chapter 4 of the Catawba County Code) and to permit said property to qualify for the benefits granted by these laws and ordinances.

During the term of this Agreement, the Owner agrees to voluntarily preserve and protect the conservation values of the property described above by prohibiting the non-farm use of the property for a period of 10 years from the date of signing this agreement, except for the creation of not more than three (3) lots that meet applicable County zoning and/or subdivision regulations.

This Conservation Agreement is irrevocable by the Owner for a period of ten (10) years from the date of its execution and is binding on all successors in title during this time period. After the ten year period, the Conservation Agreement shall automatically be renewed for an additional three year period unless either the County Agricultural Advisory Board or the landowner gives sixty (60) day written notice to the contrary prior to the termination date of the conservation agreement. Upon renewal, a new conservation agreement shall be signed and recorded in the Register of Deed's Office.

Landowner Signature	Date
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Landowner Signature	Date
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Chair, Catawba County Agricultural Advisory Board	Date
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CATAWBA

I, _____, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that _____ personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the _____ day of _____, 20 ____

Notary

My commission expires _____ (Seal)

_____, 20 ____

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