

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Landowner Incentive Program Grassland Protection and Management State Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Pre-Application Form

Landowners must meet all the following criteria to qualify:

- 1) Land must be privately owned. Applicants will be required to provide proof of ownership in the form of a deed if their pre-application scores high enough in the Stage 1 scoring to be considered in the Stage 2 evaluation process. At that time, DEC will contact such applicants and request a copy of the deed, which must be submitted within 30 days of receiving DEC's letter.
- 2) Property must be located within one of the identified grassland focus areas (see map on Page 4 of the application booklet). Properties that have appropriate habitat and are contiguous but just outside of a focus area will generally be considered eligible. There is a 25-acre minimum requirement.
- 3) Acres of land already enrolled in similar incentives (e.g., USDA Farm Bill programs) are not eligible. However, landowners may be enrolled in more than one program as long as different parcels are committed to each.
- 4) Landowner must be willing to enter into a five-year state assistance contract with DEC. Contract amounts greater than \$50,000 must be approved by the Attorney General and the State Comptroller.
- 5) If your land is eligible for the program, you will need to allow DEC or its representative access to your property at reasonable hours and after notification.
- 6) If you are claiming not-for-profit tax-exempt status, you must submit proof of your 501(c)(3) designated tax status when applying. All not-for-profit entities must include their Federal Employer ID number and New York State Charities registration number.
- 7) DEC employees and their immediate families are not eligible to apply for funding. Former DEC employees are not eligible to apply for funding within two years of leaving DEC employment.

- Please remember to include a map showing the location of your property with your pre-application form.
- If you are claiming not-for-profit status, remember to submit proof of your 501 (c)(3) designated tax status, your Federal Employer ID number and your New York State Charities registration number and to provide a resolution for support, as shown in Attachment C of the application booklet.
- This pre-application is not valid unless it is signed and dated by the applicant.
- Mail completed Landowner Incentive Program pre-applications to:
(Pre-applications must be post-marked by February 1, 2013)

Wildlife Services
Attn: LIP Grassland Protection and Management Program
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12214-0334

PART A. Lead Applicant Information

Applicant (*Last Name, First Name, MI*)

Street 1

Street 2

City/Town

State

Zip

Email Address

Home Tel.

Work Tel.

Cell Tel.

Fax Tel.

Classification of Applicant
(Check the choice that applies
to you):

Individual

Not-For-Profit

For-Profit

If a Not-For-Profit or For-Profit (*Provide federal ID number and NYS Charities Registration below*):

Federal ID:

NYS Charities Registration (if applicable):

CONTACT PERSON (*If different from above*):

Name (*Last Name, First Name, MI*)

Title:

Business (*Name of Building*)

Street, Suite, PO Box

City/Town

State

Zip

Email Address

Home Tel.

Work Tel.

Cell Tel.

Fax Tel.

PART B. Project Location (*Required*):

You must include an aerial photograph (preferred), highway, local, tax or other map clearly showing the project location and the contours of the field(s) you wish to apply to enroll.

County where project is located:

Is the project located at the above address?

Yes

No

If not, please provide Address (*Street*)

City/Town

State

Zip

Coordinates (*if available*):

N:

W:

Or UTM:

PART C. Site Information *(Required):*

Tax Lot ID:

Total Parcel Size *(acres)*:

Total field Acreage you are applying to enroll in LIP *(acres –25 acre minimum)*:

If more than one contiguous field, please break down acreage here:

Please do not include forested, developed or water acreage in this calculation.

You must be prepared to manage this acreage as a grassland largely devoid of shrubs, trees or crops.

Do you maintain the grassland yourself with a brush-hog, haybine or other equipment?

Yes No

Do you have a standing agreement with another individual for maintenance of your grasslands?

Yes No

Are you willing to remove trees and shrubs from in and around the grassland, if required?

Yes No

Is there any additional information you would like us to know about your property?

PART D. Ecological Information *(Optional):*

Please place a check next to the predominant habitat types of the property. If known, please estimate the approximate percentage of each:

Grass or low herbs		%	Wetland		%
Pasture		%	Lake/Open Water		%
Row Crops		%	River Stream		%
Brush		%	Developed		%
Forest		%	Other		%

(All habitat types combined should = 100%)

Are you aware of any endangered, threatened or special-concern species that use the property?

Yes

No

What Kind:

Part F. Affirmation *(Required)*:

I affirm under penalties of perjury that all statements made on this form (including any attached papers) are true. I affirm that I meet the eligibility criteria as listed herein. I understand that all statements made by me in connection with this pre-application are subject to investigation and verification and that a material misstatement or fraud may disqualify me from being eligible for the Landowner Incentive Program or lead to the revocation of my award.

Date

Signature of Lead Applicant

Please Print Your Name