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To **Preserve and Protect**
Ohio's viable farmland for future agricultural use and to
Educate and Partner
with the public, governments,
and communities.





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- 1950-2000 Ohio lost over 6.9 Million acres of farmland
- Food & Agriculture is Ohio's No. 1 Industry
- 2nd Nationally for farmland loss and 22nd in population growth



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Programs

- I. Ohio Agricultural Easement Donation Program (AEDP)
- II. Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (AEPP)
- III. Ohio Agricultural Security Area (ASA) Program
- IV. Century Farms





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Agricultural Security Area (ASA)

Allows one or more land owners of at least **500 or acres of contiguous farmland** to enroll in an Agricultural Security Area (ASA) for a **10-year period**.



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ASA Benefits

- Protects against non-farm development
- Assembles a critical mass of land to help keep farming viable
- Can provide a new local tax benefit for investment on new agricultural real property
- Voluntary
- Respect private property rights
- Locally controlled



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Agricultural Easement

- Agreement between farmland owner and the Ohio Department of Agriculture that limits usage of the land to predominantly agricultural activity
- While the landowner may sell, or pass the property on at any time, the agricultural easement stays with the property in perpetuity
- ODA acquires easements by donation or by purchase





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2001 Clean Ohio Fund



- Brownfield Redevelopment
- Open Space
- Trails
- Farmland



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Clean Ohio AEPP 2002-2009

- 172 Farms
- 34 Counties
- 33,161.22 acres





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- Continuation passed in November 2008
- \$25 million toward Farmland Preservation



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2010 Funding Round

- Tentative application opening: Late January
- \$6.25 million currently available





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Clean Ohio AEPP

- Local Sponsors apply on the landowner's behalf
- Local Sponsor = county, township, municipality, soil and water conservation district, or charitable organization





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Eligibility

- At least 40 acres in size
- Enrollment in CAUV & Agricultural District Program
- Minimum 25% donation of the agricultural easement value from the Landowner and/or local sponsor
- Parcels are contiguous



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Eligibility

- Parcels are owned by same legal entity
- No portion of applicant farm is omitted from application
- Property cannot contain hazardous substances
- Landowner must be in compliance with state and federal agricultural laws



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Tier One

- Soils = 20 points
- Proximity to Protected Properties = 15 points
- Development Pressure = 15 points
- Local Planning Efforts = 16 points
- Best Management Practices = 5 points
- Other Factors = 29 points



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Soil

- Maximum 20 points
- Preference- prime soils, unique or locally important soils
- Purpose- to protect the most agriculturally productive and conducive soils





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Proximity to Protected Properties



- Maximum 15 points
- Preference- to land that is adjacent to or in close proximity to other agricultural land or land that is conducive to agriculture
- Purpose- ensure long-term farm viability



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Development Pressure

- Maximum 15 points
- Preference- to land that is imminent, but not currently, in the direct path of urban development
- Purpose- protect farms facing intermediate development pressures





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Local Planning Efforts



- Maximum 16 points
- Preference- areas identified for agricultural protection in local comprehensive land use plans
- Purpose- acknowledge the importance of local efforts to manage growth and preserve productive farmland



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Best Management Practices

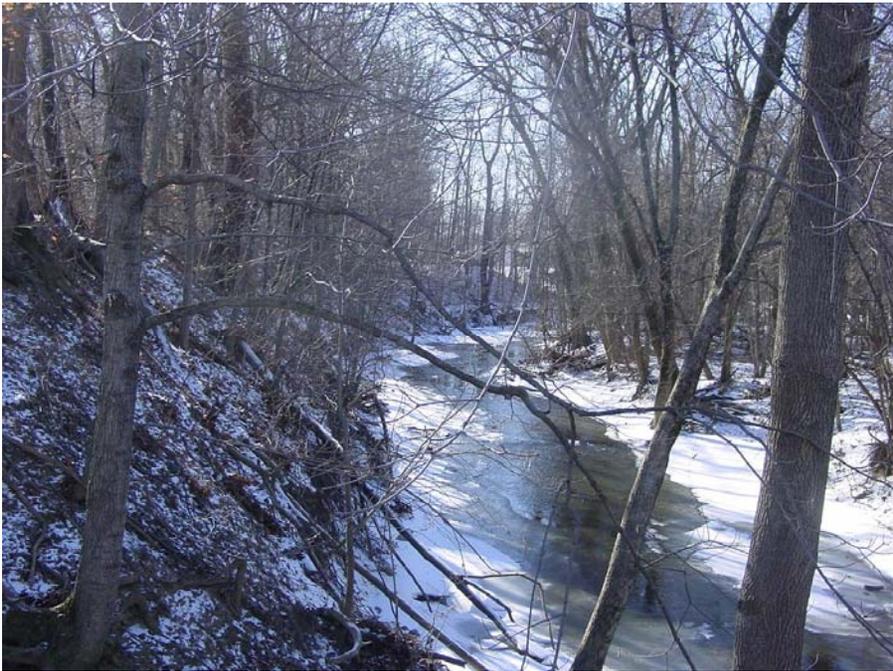
- Maximum 5 points
- Preference- farms which have federally or state approved conservation plans and a history of substantial compliance with applicable federal and state laws
- Purpose- acknowledge the importance of conservation planning





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Other Criteria



- Maximum 29 points
- Purpose- allow for the director to determine other preferential criteria for selecting applications
- Ex: ASA, historical designation, local match



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Tier Two

- Agricultural Support Infrastructure
- Management, estate & business planning, investments in the farm
- Showcase for farmland preservation
- Local government's preservation efforts
- Sustainable agriculture



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Regional Balance





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2002-2009

Applicant Farms	Funded Farms
2,006 applications	172 applications



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Expected Limitations



- \$500,000/County
- \$500,000/Farm
- \$2,000/Acre
- One funded application per legal entity
- Additional guidelines



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Resources

- Sample Deed of Agricultural Easement
- 2010 Guidelines and Policies
- Tier One Estimator
- Local Sponsors
- Applicant Handbook
- AEPP Participants
- ODA's Web Site: www.agri.ohio.gov





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Total Preserved Acres

42,101 acres

- Donation 6,000 acres
- Clean Ohio AEPP 33,161 acres
- Tobacco 2,940 acres



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