

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
AS QUALIFYING FARMLAND AND DESIGNATION AS AN ORANGE COUNTY
VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT
OR
ENHANCED VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

INSTRUCTIONS:

Before completing the application, please review the VAD/EVAD brochure provided;
Complete the form as completely as possible; sign and date the form, and return to:

Gail M. Hughes
Orange County Dept. of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation
Soil and Water Conservation Division
P.O. Box 8181 (306 Revere Road)
Hillsborough, NC 27278

APPLICANT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

E-Mail: _____

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Location/Address(s): _____

Agriculture District /Township: _____

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): _____ Acres _____

Total Number of Acres on all tracts of land: _____

Does this land have a plan on file with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service or the NC Forest Service?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If "No", please complete back of form

Is the land enrolled in Present Use Value taxation program with Orange County Tax Office?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If "No", please complete back of form

CONSERVATION AGREEMENT DETAIL of VAD and EVAD:

Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) conservation agreements are for a period of ten years. The landowner may revoke the agreement through a written request to the Orange County Agricultural Preservation Board. A Conservation Agreement for land within a Voluntary Agricultural District shall be automatically renewed for an additional term of ten years unless either the Agricultural Preservation Board or the landowner(s) gives written notice to the contrary prior to the termination date of the Conservation Agreement. At the end of each ten-year term, the Conservation Agreement shall automatically renew for an additional ten-year term unless notice of termination is given.

Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District (EVAD) conservation agreements are for a period of ten years, but cannot be revoked during the term of the agreement. EVAD enrollment, however, offers landowners additional benefits such as a higher percentage of cost-share funds under the Agricultural Cost Share Program. A Conservation Agreement for an Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District shall be deemed automatically renewed for an additional term of three years unless either the Agricultural Preservation Board or the landowner(s) gives written notice to the contrary prior to the termination date of the Conservation Agreement. At the end of each three-year term the Conservation Agreement shall automatically renew for an additional three-year term unless notice of termination is given.

I [We] have read the Conservation Agreement details above and I [we] understand the benefits of the VAD and/or EVAD program.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

____ I [WE] ARE SEEKING DESIGNATION AS A **VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

____ I [WE] ARE SEEKING DESIGNATION AS AN **ENHANCED VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

OWNER[S] CERTIFICATION:

I [We], the applicant[s] and landowner(s), hereby certify that, to the best of my [our] knowledge, the foregoing application is complete and accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please complete this section for general information about your farm.

1. How long have you owned and your farm? _____ years
2. How long have you lived on your farm? _____ years
3. How many acres on your farm are under cultivation? _____ acres (estimated)
4. What are the major crops you plant each year?

6. How many acres on your farm are used for pasture? _____ acres (estimated)
7. How many acres on your farm are used for woodland/forestry? _____ acres (est.)

For questions or more information, please contact:

Gail M. Hughes

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For more detailed information about the Voluntary Farmland Program:

Please refer to the Orange County Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program Ordinance, which can be found in Chapter 48 of the Orange County Code of Ordinances, at the following link: <http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientId=14983> or staff can provide a copy for you.