The undersigned landowner(s) hereby presents this PETITION for the creation of a Farmland Preservation Program to the Morris County Agriculture Development Board, (hereinafter “Board”) and requests that the Board review the contents thereof for conformance with the minimum eligibility criteria established both by the State Agriculture Development Committee, (hereinafter “Committee”) and by this Board in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq., P.L. 1983, c.32 and N.J.A.C. 2:76-3.

Upon completion of the review, the Board shall approve, conditionally approve or disapprove the PETITION.

Upon Board approval of the PETITION and subsequent to a public hearing held in compliance with the open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., each landowner(s) shall enter into a recordable written AGREEMENT with the Board in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq., P.L. 1983, c.32 and N.J.A.C. 2:76-3.

In support of this PETITION, each of the undersigned landowner(s) certifies that:

1. He/She or both are the present recorded owners of the title to the land identified in this PETITION. A true copy of the deed is attached.
2. All questions in this PETITION have been answered and are true and correct.
3. The land identified in Schedule A by a legal metes and bounds description:
   a. Qualifies for farmland assessment pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964, P.L. 1964, c.48, (C.54:4-23.1 et seq.);
   b. Is located within an “agricultural development area” as approved by the Board and certified by the Committee; and
   c. Meets the eligibility criteria established by the Board and the Committee.
4. The legal metes and bounds description contained in Schedule A is an accurate description of the lands owned by the petitioner(s) and being submitted for enrollment in the Farmland Preservation Program.
5. The tax map and any other documents as designated by the Board are included with this PETITION for identifying the boundaries of the proposed program.

The landowner understands that this PETITION is only preliminary in nature and is subject to final determination by the Board and the Committee.
LANDOWNER AND FARM INFORMATION

Name(s) of Petitioner(s): ______________________________
(Include all owners of record)

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Mailing Address: ______________________________

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Phone Number: ______________________________

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Property Location: Municipality ______________________________

Property Block/Lot and Deed Reference:

Block ______ Lot ____________________ in Book ___________ Page___________
Block ______ Lot ____________________ in Book ___________ Page___________
Block ______ Lot ____________________ in Book ___________ Page___________
Block ______ Lot ____________________ in Book ___________ Page___________

Area: Total Acreage ______________________________
(Reference)

Land Use:

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Acres of:
Cropland __________
Woodland __________
Pasture __________
Orchard __________
Other __________

(Approximate)

Easement/Right-of-Way:
(Please identify if any exist)

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Mortgage/Liens:
(Please identify if any exist)

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Owner’s Name (please print) Owner’s Signature Date