

York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board

2007 Accomplishments

- Preserved 17 farms covering 1,729 acres of preserved farmland by the York County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.
- Preservation totals include 193 farms, covering 32,381 acres in 24 municipalities. Hosted a public informational meeting with over 60 participants interested in the preservation of their family farm.
- Assisted the York County Agri-Business Council with the Annual Farm Tour.
- Hired two full time staff to assist, due to increasing preservation workload.
- County Commissioners Mitrick, Kilgore, and, Chronister allocated 1st \$2 million for agricultural conservation easement purchases using a draw down facility.
- Processed 18 farms on 1,815 acres of prime and productive farmlands for perpetual farmland preservation.
- Evaluated and ranked 58 easement applications on 5,597 acres of farmland; Utilized for the first time a \$4,500 farmland preservation cap to maximize the taxpayers investment in agricultural conservation easement purchases; Received approval for the second cooperative county and township agricultural conservation easement purchase with Lower Windsor Township.
- Inspected 180 farms, covering 31,108 acres; Developed or assisted with the development of 8 Resource Management System Conservation plans, covering 811 acres of farmland.
- Participated with the Smart Growth Coalition efforts; Continued the expansion of our Geographic Information Program to allow the qualification, ranking, and inspection of easement applications.

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