

Status of Conservation Plan Certification Form

NOTE: All three parts must be completed and signed by those identified below before the Grantee submits this completed form (one per each conservation easement comprising this awarded project) to the Department as part of a complete Project File as required by the Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) contract awarded to the Grantee for this project.

Farm Name _____

Farm Operator Name _____

Part 1: Status of Conservation Plan Completion – Please select “A” or “B”:

(To be completed/signed by person preparing the Conservation Plan)

A. ___ Conservation plan development underway; anticipated date of completion: _____

OR

B. ___ Conservation plan or an acceptable AEM Tier 2 Assessment¹ completed on _____

If “B,” select ONE:

(1) ___ Conservation plan or assessment documents the agricultural practices and management that will address any resource concerns within the designated Farm Area that were identified in the overall assessment of the land to be protected by the proposed perpetual agricultural conservation easement(s).

(2) ___ Conservation plan or assessment documents the agricultural practices and management that will address any resource concerns within the designated Farm Area that were identified in the overall assessment of the land to be protected by the proposed perpetual agricultural conservation easement(s) **and also documents** the agricultural practices and management that will increase the resiliency of the Farm Operation to changing climate impacts (e.g., intense storms, drought, increased pests, heat stress, etc.). **OR**

(3) ___ Conservation plan or assessment documents the agricultural practices and management that will address any resource concerns within the designated Farm Area that were identified in the overall assessment of the land to be protected by the proposed perpetual agricultural conservation easement(s) **and also documents** the soil and water conservation practices and agricultural management that will provide protection to known or potential source(s) of public drinking water that underlie, abut, or transect the Property.

I hereby affirm that the information provided in Part 1 on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Planner: _____ Date: _____

¹ An acceptable AEM Tier 2 Assessment (or equivalent) is one that documents a high level of stewardship and no resource concerns across the management areas for the lands to be encumbered by the proposed agricultural conservation easement(s) associated with this proposed project.

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Part 2: Acknowledgment of Status by Landowner(s) – Please select “A” or “B”:

(To be completed/signed by each Grantor of the proposed conservation easement)

- A. ___ Required plan not yet provided to Grantee. If so, you must provide an explanation as to why the required plan has not yet been completed and delivered to Grantee; please provide your response in the box below.

OR

- B. ___ Required plan has been provided to Grantee on _____.

I hereby affirm that the information provided in Part 2 on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Landowner: _____ Date: _____

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Part 3: Acknowledgment of Status by Grantee – Please select “A” or “B”:

(To be completed/signed by Grantee (or Lead Grantee))

A. Plan has not been received from landowner(s).

If “A,” select ONE:

- (1) Closing of the conservation easement transaction associated with this FPIG contract will proceed as anticipated by the milestones identified in that FPIG contract even though we have not yet received the required conservation plan.
- (2) Closing of the conservation easement transaction will NOT occur until such time that the required conservation plan has been received from Grantor and deemed acceptable. If necessary, we shall request a no-cost date extension amendment to this FPIG contract to enable the closing to proceed at a later date.
- (3) Other: (Please provide your response in the box below.)

B. Plan has been received from landowner(s).

If “B,” select ONE:

- (1) Required plan has been received from Grantor and is deemed acceptable.
- (2) Required plan has been received from Grantor and is not deemed acceptable. If so, you must provide an explanation as to why the required plan is not acceptable; please provide your response in the box below.

I hereby affirm that the information provided in Part 3 on this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Grantee: _____ Date: _____