

CLEAN AND GREEN APPLICATION

Use Value Assessment of Farm Land and Forest Land Under
Act 319 of 1974, as amended by Act 156 of 1998 and Act 235 of 2004

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Use	Date Recorded _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Reserve	Book _____ Page _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Reserve	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	
_____ Chief Assessor Signature	

Clean and Green Application and Recording Fees
\$50.00 = New Application Fee, Payable to <u>Union County Treasurer</u> \$18.50 = New Application Recording Fee, Payable to <u>UC Recorder of Deeds</u> None = Amended Application Fee \$18.50 = Amended App. Recording Fee, Payable to <u>UC Recorder of Deeds</u> \$18.50 = Revocation Recording Fee, Payable to <u>UC Recorder of Deeds</u> <i>Additional recording fees may apply for each page over four.</i>

AMENDED APPLICATION - Note: The Assessment office must be notified 30 days prior to the change in use or status of ownership. Failure to do so may result in a Civil Penalty charge. **This Amended Application must be submitted within 30 days of transfer of lands or changes to parcels.** Original Approved Clean & Green application: **Deed Book _____ - Page _____**

INSTRUCTIONS: Any questions regarding the proper completion of this application are to be directed to the **Union County Assessment Office** by calling **(570) 524-8611**.

- This application must be completed and executed by all owners of the property for which application is being made. Should the property be titled in the name of a corporation, the application must be executed by the individual authorized by corporate resolution to do so. Should the property be titled to an entity other than a corporation, the application must be executed by an individual duly authorized to act on behalf of that entity. **A copy of the appropriate corporate resolution or authorization must be attached to this application.**
- All signatures on this application must be notarized.** This application may be filed in person or by mail to **Union County Assessment Office, Attention: Clean and Green, Union County Courthouse, 103 South 2nd Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837.**
- Act 319 or 1974 was amended by Act 156 of 1998 and Act 235 of 2004, and requires that all NEW applications be RECEIVED by the Assessment Office **on or before June 1st** of the year immediately preceding the tax year for which the property owner wants to enroll the property. Exception: In a year when a county implements a county-wide reassessment, the application deadline shall be extended to either a date 30 days after the final order of the county Board of Assessment Appeals, or by October 15 of the same year. This deadline is applicable regardless of whether judicial review of the order is sought.
- A one-time application fee and the recording fee for NEW Clean and Green applications must be remitted with this application, payable to the **"Union County Treasurer."** (There is no application fee for amended applications; however, a recording fee is due.)
- Once enrolled, if the landowner changes the use of the land to an ineligible use, roll back taxes, plus six percent simple interest, per year, will be charged against all parcels/deeds included in the application for current year and up to six prior years of enrollment in the program. Landowners who request any portion of their land to be declared ineligible for Use Value assessment must attach a site map showing the location and boundaries of the proposed ineligible land.
- Qualification for enrollment of your property into the Clean and Green preferential assessment program is determined by meeting the minimum requirements established for any one of three land use categories: Agricultural Use, Agricultural Reserve, or Forest Reserve. The specific eligibility requirements are described in the Union County Clean and Green booklet entitled, "Understanding the Clean and Green Program." The program is administered by the county. **ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED.** You may attach separate explanatory sheets should you feel your responses require additional detail.

This application complies with the uniform standards developed for use value assessment applications by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Agriculture – Form AAO-82. For more information, refer to Act 235 of 2004 and the Department of Agriculture's Rules and Regulations. You may obtain these documents from the Department of Agriculture.

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: (Must be contiguous parcels)

Property ID# _____	-	_____	.	_____
(District)		(Map)		(Acreage)
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(District)		(Map)		(Acreage)
Property ID# _____	-	_____	.	_____
(District)		(Map)		(Acreage)
Location Address: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Street, City	Township/Borough	County	School District	

OWNER INFORMATION:

Owner(s): _____
Last name (Individual or Entity Representative) First Middle Initial

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Entity: _____
Name of Partnership, Corporation, Institution, Cooperative, or other (if applicable)

Mailing Address: _____
Street

Mailing Address: _____
City, State, ZIP

Daytime Phone _____
Home Phone _____
Land for which application is being made is owned by (select one):
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual
<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/> Institution
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____

1. **Total Number of acres represented on this application.** _____
2. Is the land currently assessed under Act 515? *(There is No Land in Act 515 Recorded in Union County.)*
3. **Is the land in this application leased for minerals?** _____ yes _____ No
4. **Under which category do you intend to apply?**
 _____ **Agricultural Use** (Land in agricultural production for at least three years preceding the application for use-value assessment, and is either (1) comprised of 10 or more contiguous acres or (2) if less than 10 acres, is an individual tract of land contiguous to an eligible tract of land 10 acres or more in size or has anticipated yearly gross agricultural production income of at least \$2,000.)
 _____ **Agricultural Reserve** (Land that is open space land. In order to qualify, the land must be at least 10 contiguous acres in area, non-commercial, and must be open to the public for outdoor recreation or enjoyment of the land's scenic or natural beauty. The owner may not charge for public access to his or her property.)
 _____ **Forest Reserve** (Land that is presently stocked with trees such that the land is capable of producing annual growth of 25 cubic feet per acre, and the land is either (1) comprised of 10 or more contiguous acres, (2) if less than 10 acres, is an individual tract of land contiguous to an eligible tract of land 10 acres or more in size, or (3) is less than 10 contiguous acres, is used as a farm woodlot and adjoins land that is in agricultural use and has the same owner as the farm woodlot.)
5. **If you have documentation supporting soil types or timber types, such as a conservation plan or a forestry management plan, please supply copies of this information with your application.** This is not, however, a requirement for submitting an application.
6. **For any additional land you own which might be eligible for use-value assessment, but for which you do not intend to apply, list amount of acreage.** _____
7. **Has the land represented on this application been actively devoted to agricultural use for the past three (3) years?** _____ Yes _____ No
 Agricultural use is defined as "land which is used for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity or is devoted to and meets the requirements and qualifications for payments or other compensation pursuant to a soil conservation program under an agreement with an agency of the Federal Government [at least 51% of tillable land must be farmed]."
8. **Is there a cellular communication tower located on this property?** _____ Yes _____ No
9. Tier 1 Alternative Energy Source – Energy derived from solar photovoltaic energy, wind power, low-impact hydropower geothermal energy, biologically derived methane gas, fuel cells, biomass energy and coal mine methane.
Are there Tier 1 Alternative Energy Sources located on this property? _____ Yes _____ No
 If yes, is the majority of the energy (51%) annually generated utilized on the tract? _____ Yes _____ No
10. **Do you or anyone else conduct non-agricultural commercial activities on this land?** _____ Yes _____ No
 If yes, please describe the activity: _____

SIGNATURE(S) – The applicant for use-value assessment hereby agrees, if the application is approved for use-value assessment, to submit 30 days written notice to the County Assessor of a proposed change in use of the land, a change in ownership of any portion of the land, any type of division or conveyance of the land, or commencement of direct commercial sales of agriculturally-related products and activities on the enrolled land. Failure to provide notification may result in an assessment of a civil penalty of up to \$100. The applicant for use-value assessment acknowledges that, if the application is approved for use-value assessment, it will remain in effect continuously until the land owner changes the use from the approved category or until an ineligible split or separation occurs. At that time, a roll-back tax, plus interest (72P.S § 5490.5a) shall be paid for a period not to exceed seven (7) years. All owners of record must sign this application in the presence of a Notary Public.

The undersigned declares that this application, including all accompanying schedules and statements, has been examined by him, and to the best of his knowledge and belief is true and correct and makes this representation subject to the penalties of 18Pa C.S.A. Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Owner Signature (individual)	Print Name Here	Date
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Owner Signature (individual)	Print Name Here	Date
Owner Signature (individual)	Print Name Here	Date
Officer Signature (Entity: partnership, corporation, institution, cooperative, or other)	Print Name Here	Date

NOTARY PUBLIC

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:
 COUNTY OF _____: SS.
 On this, the _____ day of _____, 20 ____, before me, a Notary Public, the herein signed, did personally appear _____
 _____ known to me (or satisfactorily proven)
 to be the person whose name is sworn and subscribed and executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public: _____

Notary: Please attach additional sheets, if needed.

My Commission Expires:
 (SEAL)