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Whatcom County Conservation Easement Program (CEP) Application

The undersigned Property Owner(s) is applying to convey a perpetual conservation easement to Whatcom County. Qualifying lands identified on this application will be processed as one easement. Multiple applications must be used when Property Owner(s) intends to convey more than one easement or when tracts of land are not contiguous. It is recommended that you speak with the CEP Administrator before submitting an application. You are encouraged to seek legal and financial council regarding any matters pertaining to this program.

Documents Required for Submittal

- Legal description (can be obtained from deed)
- Copies of any survey maps and/or deed history, if available
- Site plan showing structures and proposed building envelope, if applicable

***Submit all application materials as PDF to ePermits@co.whatcom.wa.us**

You will receive an automated reply. If you need assistance completing and/or submitting the application, contact the CEP Administrator at 360-778-5956.

Property Owner Information

Property Owner Name(s)

Contact Person Name

_____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

Are you a: Corporation* Partnership* Sole Proprietorship

If Corporation: identify State of Incorporation _____

** Articles of Incorporation or Partnership Agreement will be required prior to formal negotiation.*

Are you a Whatcom County employee, elected official, CEP oversight committee member, or immediate family member of an employee, elected official, or CEP oversight committee member? Yes No

Are you interested in partially donating (i.e. bargain sale) your easement value? Yes (owner will donate 25% 50% 75% of value) No

Which conservation easement type are you interested in pursuing? Agricultural Forestry Ecological

Do you wish to retain any unused development rights? Yes, # _____ No

Do you wish to subdivide the property? Yes No
If Yes, you will need to start the required subdivision permitting process.

Property Information

What is your County zoning/comprehensive plan designation? _____

List all Assessor parcel numbers and their respective acreage:

Are there any easements for access, utilities or any other purposes? Yes No
If yes, please describe:

List all lienholders (mortgages, deeds of trust, lessees or other encumbrances).
Lienholders will be required to subordinate their mortgage or deed of trust to the conservation easement.

Identify all residences and buildings on the property:

Building	Sq. Ft.	Building	Sq. Ft.

Please complete one Land Use Information page (Page 3) for the type of conservation easement you are interested in pursuing (ex. Agricultural, Forestry, or Ecological)

Land Use Information- Agricultural

Describe the agricultural use of the land, including number and types of livestock, general description of crops and pastures with acreage, forest products, specialty crops, etc.:

Describe your farm business, including number of employees, locations where products are sold, and any educational opportunities:

Do you currently have any environmental stewardship practices in place that benefit fish and wildlife? Yes No If yes, explain:

Are you willing to pursue environmental stewardship practices that benefit fish and wildlife? Yes No If yes, explain:

Do you have any of the following? If yes, explain:

Water Rights _____

Drain Tile _____

Irrigation _____

Farm Plan _____

Other Conservation Plan _____

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Land Use Information- Forestry

Describe the forestry use of the land, including past timber harvests, long-term forest management, etc.:

Describe your forestry business, including number of employees, locations where products are sold, and any educational, recreational, or research opportunities:

Do you currently have any environmental stewardship practices in place that benefit fish and wildlife? Yes No If yes, explain:

Are you willing to pursue environmental stewardship practices that benefit fish and wildlife? Yes No If yes, explain:

Do you have a management plan, such as a Tree Farm Management Plan (WA Tree Farm Program), Forest Stewardship Plan (DNR), Conservation Activity Plan (NRCS), or Timber Management Plan (County Assessor)? Yes No If yes, explain:

Is your property enrolled as Designated Forest Land? Yes No

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Land Use Information- Ecological

Describe the ecological benefits of the land, including notable fish and wildlife, vegetation, waterways, etc.:

Does the property provide any educational, recreational, or research opportunities?
 Yes No If yes, explain:

Do you currently have any environmental stewardship practices or restoration in place that benefit fish and wildlife? Yes No If yes, explain:

Are you willing to pursue environmental stewardship practices or restoration that would benefit fish and wildlife? Yes No If yes, explain:

Do you have a conservation plan to protect and enhance the natural resources on the property? Yes No If yes, explain:

Is your property enrolled as Open Space Land, Designated Forest Land, or Farm and Agricultural Land? Yes No If yes, which:

I/we _____ hereby certify that the above statements and the information contained in any papers or plans submitted herewith are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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