

New Website Launched & Farmland Stories Project Launched


News & Events page will eventually include articles from the:

“Farmland Stories Project”

The screenshot shows the Ohio Department of Agriculture website. At the top, the logo for Ohio Department of Agriculture is on the left, and navigation links for AGRICULTURE IN OHIO, SAFEGUARDING ANIMALS & PLANTS, PROTECTING CONSUMERS, and CONSERVING RESOURCES are on the right. Below the navigation, the breadcrumb trail reads 'Programs / Farmland Preservation Office / News & Events'. The main content area is titled 'News & Events' and 'News'. On the left, a vertical menu lists: WELCOME, ABOUT US, NEWS & EVENTS (circled in blue), RESOURCES, QUESTIONS, FORMS, LAWS & RULES, and LOCAL SPONSORS. The main content area features two news items: '2018 Local Agricultural Easements Approved for Purchase' (dated June 08, 2018) and 'ODA Announces 2018 Funding for Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program' (dated April 12, 2018). A pagination control at the bottom shows '1' in a green box, indicating the first page of results.

Farmland Stories Project

- ▶ Articles about preserved farms (any closed easement in our program is eligible for consideration)
- ▶ Goal is to publish farmland stories regularly
- ▶ Participation is optional
- ▶ Initiated by local sponsors or landowners by submitting completed form
- ▶ Important to always include a photograph (digital preferred)
- ▶ Thanks ODA Communications for your help with this project
- ▶ Questions? – Contact Jody Bowen @614/728-6210



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Farmland Stories Information

Periodically, the Office of Farmland Preservation publishes stories about easements in their programs on their website and other kinds of media. If you have a farm or have sponsored a farm in one of our programs and would like to have that farm considered for one of these articles, please complete the form below.


General Information		
Legacy Landowner Last Name:	Farm County:	Farm Township:
Farm Location (Address):	Easement Program & Year:	Date Easement Closed:
	Easement Acres:	ODA Farm ID (can be completed by ODA):

Contact Information	
Current Landowner	Local Sponsor
Primary Contact:	Primary Contact:
Phone Number/Email:	Phone Number/Email:
Mailing Address:	Mailing Address:

Story Information
<i>On a separate piece of paper (or in an email, etc.) think about the farm and what you would like to share. Below are some suggested topics; please pick the ones that best describe the farm. If there was a recent article about the farm, include a copy with your submission.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This farm has been in the family ... • The family farm was first purchased by ... • Our farm is currently ... • The primary focus of our farm operation is ... • In the future we would like to ... • The reason we entered the program ... • With the money we received from the easement, we plan on ... • Our farm has also been recognized for ...

Photo Information
<i>A photograph is essential to telling the story. Email pictures to: farmlandpres@agri.ohio.gov</i>
Photo description:

Story Submission Information
<i>Mail this form and supporting documents to the address above or send email to: farmlandpres@agri.ohio.gov</i>
Submitted by:
Phone number/email:



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“Farmland Stories” form is available on the ODA website on the Local Sponsor & Landowner pages

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Local sponsors apply for certification, accept landowner applications and help secure easements in the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP). The LAEPP has a two-tier application process. The first application is referred to as the Local Sponsor Certification Application process. During this process cities, counties, townships, soil and water conservation districts and non-profit organizations such as land trusts are eligible to become certified local sponsors.

In the second part of the application process, landowners apply through Certified Local Sponsors using an online application on the ODA website (see tab below). Each local sponsor receives a portion of the Clean Ohio funds appropriated that year to purchase easements from the highest scoring applicants in their area.

The documents below are used throughout the process of applying and securing an easement by local sponsors. Select the appropriate LAEPP funding round tab to access corresponding documents and reference materials. Local sponsors will use these materials typically over the course of an 18-24 month period. A chart of upcoming dates for the current funding rounds can be found on the [LAEPP Current Timeline](#).

Once the easement is secured, the local sponsor visits the farm once a year and completes an [2018 Monitoring Report](#)

Current Local Sponsor Certification Application Current Landowner Application LAEPP 2018

LAEPP 2017 LAEPP 2016 **Farmland Stories**

Current Local Sponsor Certification Application

- This is the Local Sponsor Certification Application. The application is currently closed but is scheduled to open between August 21, 2018 - October 12, 2018.

In applying to become a Certified Local Sponsor, an organization seeks to demonstrate that they have the capability to acquire, hold, manage and enforce agricultural easements and that they have the staff and

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The purpose of the Farmland Stories Project form is to:

- ▶ Organize the information about the farm
- ▶ Help guide local sponsors (especially those without a formal newsletter) through the thought process of developing an article
- ▶ Provide topic suggestions.

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Does our organization publish a newsletter?

- ▶ Complete the stories form and attach a copy of your newsletter/article.
- ▶ Include any additional information about the easement you would like to be considered.

Thank you



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