

# Franklin County

## Agricultural Land Preservation Program

The Agricultural Land Preservation Program is a voluntary program that pays the land owner a price per acre for an agricultural conservation easement to be placed on their farm. The county partners with the state to purchase the easements that are placed on the property in perpetuity or forever.

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The Franklin County Agricultural Land Preservation Program began in 1990 following the passing of the agricultural security Area law. Since then, The county has purchased agricultural conservation easements on 151 farms, thus preserving 18,900 acres of agriculture land for future generations.

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### Two criteria must be met before you apply to the program

- Your Farm must comprise of at least 35 acres and be part of an Agricultural Security Area established by the township where it is located.
- The farm must have an active conservation plan in place. Please contact your local Conservation District for information regarding conservation planning.



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