

## **2016 Application Period - Erie County Farmland Preservation Program**

The County of Erie is a proud participant in Pennsylvania's nationally recognized farmland preservation program. With the support of interested landowners, the program helps to permanently preserve farms for agricultural production. It helps to guarantee a future food supply and contributes to a healthier economy. It also assures that a way of life cherished by many Erie County residents will continue for generations to come.

This program is voluntary. In order to apply for the agricultural land conservation easement program, a landowner must complete and submit an application. Through the program, permanent easements are purchased. Landowners remain in possession of the land, but the easement limits subdivision, non-agricultural development and other uses inconsistent with commercial agriculture.

The Erie County Agricultural Land Preservation Board will be accepting applications from June 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. Applications may be obtained from the Erie County Department of Planning, or from the department's website, [www.eriecountyplanning.org](http://www.eriecountyplanning.org).

For more information, contact John McGranor at (814) 451-7329 or [jmcgranor@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:jmcgranor@eriecountypa.gov).

Completed applications should be submitted to:

The Erie County Department of Planning  
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Erie, PA 16507