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Conservation Area: _____ Received By: _____

Farmland and Natural Areas Program

2010 Pre-Application

The Farmland and Natural Areas Program (FNAP) began in 2003 in response to citizen concerns about the loss of farmland and natural areas throughout Dakota County. The goals of the program are to:

- Protect Quality Farmland
- Protect Quality Natural Areas
- Protect and Improve Water Quality
- Protect and Improve Wildlife Habitat

County landowners are encouraged to consider participating in this voluntary program.

Step 1: Landowners should review the FNAP Guidelines by visiting the Dakota County website at http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/County Government/Project & Special Initiatives/Farmland and Natural Areas Program/Program Guidelines. If you have questions or are interested in receiving printed materials, contact the Dakota County Physical Development Division at (952) 891-7000.

Step 2: Complete this 2010 Pre-Application. County staff will use the information you provide to determine if your property is eligible for inclusion in the FNAP. The Eligibility and Prioritization Criteria are included in the FNAP Program Guidelines (Chapter 2).

A deadline for submitting this Pre-Application form is not yet approved by the Dakota County Board. The County is, however, accepting applications at this time in anticipation of a future submittal deadline sometime in 2010.

Applications should be submitted to:	Dakota County PDD – 3rd Floor Attn: Lisa West 14955 Galaxie Avenue Apple Valley, MN 55124

Once your Pre-Application is received, County staff will review it to determine if your property is eligible. Staff will contact you once a determination is made. If your project is eligible, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss your project, describe the prioritization criteria, and to conduct a preliminary property assessment.

If you are still interested in participating, you must submit a final application by a County Board-approved date that is not yet determined. When the deadline date for final application submittal is approved by the County Board, pre-applicants will be notified and a public notice issued.

Submission of the Pre-Application does not bind the applicant to proceed with a donation or sale of land or an easement. Likewise, the submission of an application does not bind Dakota County to accept or purchase land or an easement.

Public Information: Information contained in this pre-application will be subject to the provisions of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act; Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13. Unless otherwise classified, all data contained in the Dakota County Farmland and Natural Areas Program Pre-Application will be considered public data.

Note: Please use extra paper if your information does not fit within the space provided.

Please indicate whether you are submitting a pre-application for:

Farmland Protection _____ Natural Area Protection _____ Both _____ Not Sure _____

I. Applicant Information

FULL name (First, Middle & Last): _____

Address: _____

Phone numbers: Day_____ Evening_____ Cell_____

Email address: _____

II. Other Land-Interest Holder Information – please provide information for ALL landowners:

A. Interest-owner name(s), address(es), and phone number(s) – please list your spouse if you haven't above

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B. Are the other land interest owners aware that you are submitting this pre-application? Yes ____ No____

III. Property Description

A. Please list the Property Identification Number (PIN) for each parcel that is included in whole or in part in this pre-application. PINs are listed on yearly tax statements, or can be obtained at the Dakota County website at:: http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/assessor/real_estate_inquiry.htm , by calling the Dakota County Assessor's office at (651) 438-4200 or 1-800-247-1056 (non-metro), or by e-mail inquiry to: assessing.services@co.dakota.mn.us.

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B. Please include a visual property description of all parcels and portions of parcels proposed for consideration in this pre-application. The drawing/map should include:

- Perimeter boundary with approximate acreages of all areas
- Labeled roads
- Significant property features including streams, wetlands, etc.
- Existing pipelines, other utilities, or easements
- Areas to be exempted from the proposed easement such as current buildings and facilities, homesteads, future building sites, etc.

The visual property description can be a sketch, description drawn on a copy of a plat map, or drawn on maps from the Dakota County website at: http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/assessor/real_estate_inquiry.htm

C. Please provide any information that you think will be of interest to Dakota County in reviewing your pre-application. Applicants are encouraged to review the evaluation criteria and include information on special features of the land, significance of preserving the land, and overall goals of the project.

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D. Are there any answers to questions in this pre-application that you consider security data that should be protected pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 13.37? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, which question(s) do you believe requests such information?

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By signing this form, each signatory indicates their approval of the submittal of this Farmland and Natural Areas Program Pre-Application to Dakota County.

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Name **Date**

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Name **Date**

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Data Privacy Acknowledgment

In accordance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act; Minn. Stat. § 13.04 and § 13.591, Dakota County is required to inform you of your rights as they pertain to private or non-public information collected from you. **Unless otherwise classified, all data in this application will be considered public data.** "Private or non-public data" is information that is available to you, but not to the public.

NEED FOR INFORMATION: The information we collect or have collected from you or from other sources authorized by you is needed for evaluation of applications received by Dakota County for lands to be potentially included in the Dakota County Farmland and Natural Area Program.

REFUSAL: You are not legally required to supply the requested data by Dakota County. You have the right to refuse to supply the information we request. However, without this information, we may be unable to properly evaluate your application and may not be able to accept your land for inclusion in the County program.

ACCESS TO DATA: Public data may be shared or inspected on demand. Private or non-public information we collect from you may be shared, as a matter of program or service necessity, with the Citizen Advisory Committee or other consultants hired by Dakota County to evaluate and score applications.

You, as the subject of collected data, unless otherwise specified by law or court order, may view the information we have concerning you and may make written comments as to the accuracy of the information. Copies of information we have concerning your application may be made, for a reasonable fee, upon your request.

RETENTION: All information on you will be kept until federal, state and/or county retention requirements have been met, at which time the information will be destroyed. Unless otherwise noted, this consent will only be effective for a period of three (3) years from the date of signature.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 13.04, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF AND UNDERSTAND MY RIGHTS AS SUBJECT OF DATA.

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Name Date

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Name Date