

Northern Macomb County Townships Now Accepting PDR Applications

Macomb County's Purchase of Development Rights Committee is happy to announce they will be accepting new PDR Applications through December 3, 2020 until 10:00 a.m.

The townships of Bruce, Armada, Richmond, Washington, Ray and Lenox are now accepting PDR applications from residents wishing to preserve prime agricultural parcels. The Macomb Agricultural Purchase of Development Rights Committee was formed as a multi township program under the Urban Cooperative Act of 1967 for the purpose of establishing and operating a PDR program. The Macomb County program was first established in 2003 and provides a tool for preserving Macomb County's agricultural industry. Applications will be accepted through December 3, 2020 until 10:00 a.m.

Agriculture is a leading industry in Macomb County and a critical mass of farmland is necessary for the continued vitality of the economic engine of production agriculture. Macomb County has 475 farms on nearly 62,000 acres and produces over \$50 million dollars in revenue annually.

The program is a voluntary program that pays landowners to protect the farmland and natural resource assets of their property. The PDR Program allows landowners to enter into agreements to sell the development potential of qualifying property while maintaining the right to continue to own and use the property. The purpose of the PDR Program is to protect farmland and retain the agricultural industry's sustainability, in particular, farm parcels that are economically viable operations.

Farmland owners interested in preserving their farm and natural character of their property may be eligible to have development rights purchased in conjunction with the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Funds and local funding sources.

Applications and information regarding this program are available from your township clerk.

Handouts Available Upon Request:

2020 Application Checklist, Application Form, Flowchart and Scoring System

Application Notice, PDR Examples, Flowchart of process

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