

Haywood County Farmland Preservation Program  
Voluntary Agriculture District (VAD) and Enhanced Voluntary Agriculture District (EVAD)  
Landowner Application

Please check the program you are applying for: VAD \_\_\_\_\_ EVAD \_\_\_\_\_

While both programs are entirely voluntary and are for a duration of ten (10) years, the VAD status can be revoked at any time. EVAD can only be revoked at the conclusion of the ten (10) years. Additionally, VAD status needs to be renewed every ten (10) years, while EVAD is automatically renewed every three (3) years after the initial term, unless the landowner or the Board revoke the agreement.

As part of the agreement, the landowner is due to receive signage that indicates they are a member of VAD/EVAD. Please indicate how many signs you would like to receive. You may request up to two: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information:**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Details:**

Number of acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax PIN/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for applying, please choose one of the following:

Forestry \_\_\_\_\_ Horticulture \_\_\_\_\_ Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Aquaculture, agritourism, e.g.) \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the agricultural uses taking place on the property (type of crop and/or livestock, e.g.)

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**Preservation Agreement**

The landowner hereby agrees that if the above listed tract/s are accepted into the Haywood County VAD or EVAD program, that the tract/s will be subject to a conservation agreement for a period of ten (10) years. This conservation agreement states that the tract will not be converted to non-farm or development use, except for the creation of not more than three (3) residential lots that meet applicable county and/or municipal regulations. Further, the landowner agrees to sustain agriculture within the district in accordance with the purpose of this program.

Recordation of this conservation agreement with Haywood County Register of Deeds, is **required** for **EVAD** participants. It is **optional** for **VAD** participants.

By providing written notice to the Haywood County Agricultural Advisory Board, a landowner may revoke the agreement, or the Board may revoke the agreement for noncompliance.

Finally, this form serves as written proof that all parties agree that the property conforms with the requirements of this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Haywood County Soil and Water at 828-452-2741 ext. 3. Or you can contact the Agricultural Board Chairman, Don Smart at 828-456-3061.

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