

Declaration of Grantors to ADD Land, ESTABLISH an Agricultural Security Area (ASA)
 in the Township of _____ (“Grantee”) Or to CORRECT Previously Recorded Declaration

DATE: _____

Landowner’s/Grantor’s Signature & Printed Name	Mailing Address	Acres	Account Number (or Map Block Lot Number)	Property Deed Book/Page (Document ID No.)

IMPORTANT: THE TOWNSHIP MUST RECEIVE DECLARATION VIA CERTIFIED MAIL. ALL LANDOWNERS LISTED ON PROPERTY DEED MUST ALSO BE IDENTIFIED ON THIS DECLARATION AND THEIR SIGNATURES MUST ACCOMPANY THEIR PRINTED OR TYPED NAMES.

- Under the provisions of Pennsylvania law, Act 149. The effects of the proposed Agricultural Security Area are:
1. The Township Supervisors would agree to support agriculture by not passing laws, which restrict normal farming operations.
 2. Limitations would be placed on the ability of government to condemn farmland for highways, parks, schools, etc.
 3. Farmland preservation options would be available to landowners on a voluntary basis.

STANDARD PROCEDURE

1. Landowners submit a declaration (petition) to the Township via certified mail to establish or add their land to the Township's Agricultural Security Area (ASA). The declaration must include all landowners' signatures, addresses, acres, account numbers and property deed (Bk/Pg., Document ID) numbers that correspond to the subject property.
2. If the proposed property contains land in more than one township, a declaration to add or establish an ASA must be submitted to each township involved.
3. The Township Supervisors acknowledge the receipt of the declaration at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Township should post five notices in conspicuous places stating that the declaration to form or add to an ASA has been received. Public notices should include the following:
 - The declaration has been filed pursuant to Act 43, as amended, Section 9.
 - The proposal will be on file and open to public inspection at the Township office.
 - Any local government unit or adjacent or nearby landowner to the proposed ASA who wants additional lands to be included or the proposed lands to not be included, may submit modifications and/or objections within 15 days of the date of the publication of the notice.
 - At the end of 15 days the proposed area(s) and submitted modifications go to the local Planning Commission and ASA Advisory Committee for review.
4. The Planning Commission and ASA Advisory Committee have 45 days to make recommendations to the Supervisors on whether or

not the proposed area or additions and any modification should be approved.

5. After recommendations have been received, a public hearing on the proposed ASA/addition must be announced. This may be part of the regular Township meeting.
6. At the public hearing, the Supervisors must act to adopt the ASA proposal addition and/or any modifications, or reject it.

After receiving confirmation that the declaration has been approved by action, the Agricultural Preserve Board will record an Agricultural Security Area Declaration with the original declaration in the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Office. The original recorded document will be sent to the Township and the landowner will receive a copy. Within 10 days of adoption, the ASA proposal/addition must be recorded at the Recorder of Deeds Office. Within 10 days of recording the ASA proposal/addition the Secretary of Agricultural must be notified.