

Press Release: Van Buren County Land Preservation Board Announces Opportunity for Landowners to Apply for Land Preservation Grants

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Van Buren County Land Preservation Board (LPB) Invites Landowners to Apply for Farmland Preservation Grants

Van Buren County, MI — The Van Buren County Land Preservation Board is pleased to announce that applications are now open for landowners interested in preserving their farmland through the County's Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program. This initiative allows landowners to voluntarily sell the development rights to their land, protecting it for agricultural use and preventing future development.

The Agricultural Preservation Fund, in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), offers grants that help local governments purchase agricultural conservation easements. These funds are available to townships within Van Buren County that participate in the County's PDR program, including Almena, Antwerp, Decatur, Hamilton, Lawrence, Paw Paw, Pine Grove, Porter, South Haven, and Waverly Townships.

Grant recipients will have up to two years to close on the purchase of development rights, with the possibility of a two-year extension if needed.

How to Apply:

Eligible landowners are encouraged to apply through Van Buren County's local PDR program. Applications will be prioritized based on scoring criteria that consider the land's agricultural productivity, location, and commitment to farmland preservation. Interested parties can contact the Land Preservation Board at the Van Buren County Community Services Department for more details or visit the [Van Buren County LPB website](#).

Grant Benefits:

By participating in this program, landowners receive compensation for the development rights of their land while ensuring that it remains dedicated to agriculture. In addition to financial benefits, this program helps protect the county's rich agricultural heritage for future generations.

For further information, please contact the Van Buren County Land Preservation Board at communityservices@vanburencountymi.gov or visit our website at [Van Buren County LPB website](#).

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