

**CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDR) PROGRAM
MATCHING FUNDS – FY 2024**

Application Deadline: Monday, November 13, 2023

The _____ of _____ hereby certifies that on
(County Administrator/City Manager) (Locality)
this _____ day of _____, local funds in the amount of
\$ _____ were appropriated for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 fiscal year,
and that local funds in the amount of \$ _____ are currently available from
previous fiscal years for the purpose of purchasing agricultural conservation easements. Added
together, this equals a total of \$ _____ in local matching funds currently
available to match funding from the Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund as established in § 3.2-
201 of the *Code of Virginia*.

It also is certified that none of the funds listed above are from any of the following: grants made by the United States of America; the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF), or any other agency or political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia; payments made by any other funding sources either directly to the landowner or to reimburse the locality; or in-kind donations or contributions. It is further certified that the total amount above is comprised only of local funding available for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements by the locality.

It is the intent of _____ to use these funds to purchase perpetual conservation
(Locality)
easements on working farm and forest land through participation in the agricultural conservation easement program administered by VDACS' Office of Farmland Preservation pursuant to Va. Code § 3.2-201.

It is understood and agreed that participation in VDACS' agricultural conservation easement program requires meeting additional criteria as promulgated by the Office of Farmland Preservation and that certification of the locality's available funds does not guarantee or obligate acceptance into the agricultural conservation easement program.

County Administrator/City Manager

County/City Chief Fiscal Officer

Date

Date

Completed certification form and any questions should be addressed to:

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