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Case # _____
District: _____

**APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION
CUMBERLAND COUNTY
VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT PROGRAM**

PROGRAM INFORMATION

In order for farmland to qualify, it must be real property that:

- A. Is participating in the land present-use value taxation program established by N.C.G.S. 105-277.7 or is otherwise determined by the County to meet all qualifications of this program set forth in N.C.G.S. 105-277.3;
- B. Is certified by the North Carolina Forest Service and/or Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Cooperative Extension, as being a farm on which at least two-thirds of the land is composed of soils that (i) are best suited for providing food, seed, fiber, forage, timber, oil seed crops, and horticultural crops, including Christmas trees and ornamentals; (ii) have good soil qualities; (iii) are favorable for all major crops common to the County where the land is located; (iv) have a favorable growing season; and (v) receive the available moisture needed to produce high yields an average eight out of ten years; or on which at least two-thirds of the land has been actively used in agricultural, horticultural or forestry operations as defined in N.C.G.S. 105-277.2 (1), (2), and (3) during each of the five previous years, measured from the date on which the determination must be made as to whether the land in question qualifies.
- C. Is managed, if highly erodible land exists on the farm, in accordance with the Natural Resources Conservation Service-defined erosion control practices that are addressed to highly erodible land.
- D. Is the subject of a conservation agreement, as defined in N.C.G.S. 121-35, between the county and the owner of such land that prohibits non-farming use or development of such land for a period of at least ten years, except for the creation on not more than three lots that meet applicable zoning and subdivision regulations. This conservation agreement will become null and void if the land is removed from the Voluntary Agricultural District Program.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

If certified by the Cumberland County Farm Advisory Board, I agree to sustain, promote and encourage agriculture in this district, support protection against nuisance suits, undesired non-farm development and other negative impacts on participating farms and I agree to prohibit non-farm use of the land under this program for a period of ten years from the date certified by the Farm Advisory Board, except for the creation of not more than three lots that meet applicable zoning and subdivision regulations. The landowner may revoke this Agreement by written notice to the Cumberland County Farm Advisory Board or the Board may revoke such agreement based on noncompliance by the landowner.

Effective October 1, 2011 there is a \$26.00 charge for registering the Membership Application form with the Cumberland County Register of Deeds.

Signature of Owner(s) _____ Date _____

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NOTARY STATEMENT

_____ personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness by my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, _____.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public

