

# Application for Rural Preserve Property Tax Program (M.S. 273.114)

Provides property tax relief to taxpayers who own class 2b rural vacant land which was enrolled in the Green Acres program for the 2007 assessment year (for taxes payable in 2008) or that is contiguous to agricultural homestead land that is enrolled in Green Acres.

Please read instructions before completing. For assessment year 2011 only, this application must be signed, dated and returned to the county assessor's office (along with all attachments) by August 1 to be eligible for deferral for taxes payable in 2012. (For future years, the application deadline will be May 1 for taxes payable the following year.)

**Before you complete or submit this form the following statements must be true:**

I have read the instructions on this form and have determined that I and the land I wish to enroll meet the requirements to participate in Rural Preserve.

I certify that the land is not enrolled in the Green Acres program, Open Space program, Metropolitan Agricultural Preserves program, the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act, nor classified as 2c Managed Forest Land.

I certify that there are no delinquent property taxes owed on any of the land being enrolled in Rural Preserve.

I have attached the required most recent available aerial photograph by the Farm Service Agency of the USDA or the County GIS service clearly outlining the land I wish to enroll. (See instructions on back for more detailed information.)

**This section to be completed by all applicants. Please fill out the following information for the owner or authorized representative of the entity that owns the property.**

Name of owner(s)

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Property is owned by:  Private individual  Family farm entity  Authorized farm entity under section 500.24  Corporation owning a nursery

Other Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**To qualify for Rural Preserve, at least one of the following must apply:**

- The property you are enrolling was properly enrolled in Green Acres for taxes payable in 2008 under your ownership and is contiguous to class 2a agricultural land currently enrolled in Green Acres.  Yes  No
- The property you are enrolling is part of an agricultural homestead and contiguous to class 2a agricultural land that is currently enrolled in Green Acres.  Yes  No

Provide the following information for each parcel of land you wish to enroll. (If you fail to provide the required information, including number of eligible acres for each parcel, your application will be delayed or denied.)

Property identification number (PID)	Number of acres to be enrolled	Property identification number (PID)	Number of acres to be enrolled
Total of acres to be enrolled:			

(If you need more space, please attach another application)

By signing below, I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, I am an owner of the property or an authorized member, partner, or shareholder of the entity that owns the property for which Rural Preserve is being claimed, and I understand the consequences that will result if I terminate my enrollment, or no longer qualify for enrollment, in the Rural Preserve Program which are explained in the instructions on the back of this form.

**Making false statements on this application is against the law. Minnesota Statute, Section 609.41 states that anyone giving false information in order to avoid or reduce their tax obligations is subject to a fine of up to \$3,000 and/or up to one year in prison.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This section is for assessor use only.**

The property was properly enrolled in Green Acres for taxes payable in 2008 under the current owner's name and is contiguous to class 2a agricultural land currently properly enrolled in Green Acres.  Yes  No

The property being enrolled is part of an agricultural homestead and contiguous to class 2a agricultural land that is currently properly enrolled in Green Acres.  Yes  No

Application is:  approved  denied Assessor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If denied, note main reason: \_\_\_\_\_