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### **Farmland Preservation Board Seeks Interested Applicants**

*Indiana, PA – January 6, 2025* - The Indiana County Farmland Easement Board is currently accepting applications for the Farmland Easement Program until **March 25, 2025**.

Established in 1998, The Agricultural Conservation Easement Purchase Program, commonly referred to as Farmland Preservation, identifies properties and slows the loss of prime farmland to non-agricultural uses. It enables state, county and local governments to purchase conservation easements, also called development rights, from owners of quality farmland. To date, the Indiana County Farmland Easement Board has preserved 1,416 acres of farmland on 13 farms for a purchase price of over \$2.9 million dollars.

To apply, please contact the Indiana County Office of Planning & Development or visit [icopd.org](http://icopd.org) to download and complete an application. Submit completed applications to the Office of Planning & Development at 801 Water Street, Indiana, 15701.

For questions, contact Janis Long (724-349-9474) or David Bork (724-388-1335).



Caption: Farm Pasture in Indiana County