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PT-283E REV 7/98

**APPLICATION FOR CONSERVATION USE ASSESSMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE PROPERTY**

To the Board of Tax Assessors of _____ County: In accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-5-7.4, I hereby make application for conservation use assessment on the property described herein.

Name of Owner(individual(s), family owned farm entity, trust, estate, or non-profit conservation organization)			
Owner's mailing address		City, State and Zip:	Total number of acres owned in GA by family farm entity:
Property location (Street, Route, HWY, etc.)		City, State and Zip:	No. Of acres included in this application:
District	Land Lot	Sublot and Block	Recorded Deed Book and Page
Has property been certified by the Department of Natural Resources as environmentally sensitive? [] Yes [] No If yes, Attach Certification			

FOR EACH TYPE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE PROPERTY LISTED BELOW, PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF ACRES OF EACH TYPE IN THIS APPLICATION:

TYPE	ACRES	TYPE	ACRES	TYPE	ACRES
SIGNIFICANT GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AREA		MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN		WETLANDS	
HABITATS CONTAINING ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES		UNDEVELOPED BARRIER ISLANDS		RIVER CORRIDORS	

List other counties where preferential assessment applications have been made:

FOR TAX ASSESSORS USE ONLY

MAP & PARCEL NUMBER:	DATE APPROVED:	DATE NOTIFIED:
TAX DISTRICT:	DATE DENIED:	DATE APPEALED:
TAXPAYER ACCOUNT NUMBER:	YR. COVENANT BEGINS: JAN. 1,	YR. COVENANT ENDS: DEC. 31,

IF APPLICABLE, COVENANT IS RENEWAL FOR TAX YEAR BEGINNING JAN. 1, _____.

CONSERVATION USE ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE PROPERTY COVENANT AGREEMENT

In consideration of my receiving conservation use assessment of environmentally sensitive property provided for in O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-7.4, I, the undersigned, do hereby solemnly swear, covenant and agree that: (EACH POINT BELOW MUST BE INITIALED BY APPLICANT)

1. I am a natural or naturalized citizen and the lawful owner of the property described on this document or if said property is owned by a family-farm entity, estate, trust, or nonprofit conservation organization, I am authorized to execute this document on behalf of said owner. _____
2. If this covenant is for a family farm entity, I acknowledge that the family farm entity owns no more than 3,000 acres in this state. _____
3. If said property is owned by a family farm entity, 80% or more of its gross income for the year immediately preceding the year for which this covenant will begin was derived from bona fide conservation uses within Georgia. _____
4. The primary use of said property is its maintenance in its natural condition as environmentally sensitive property and it has been certified by the Department of Natural Resources as meeting the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-7.4(2). _____
5. No person who has a beneficial interest in this property will receive any benefit of conservation use assessment as to more than 2,000 acres in this state in any tax year. _____
6. I agree to maintain this property in the above use for a period of 10 years to begin on January 1st of the year in which said property first receives conservation use assessment as environmentally sensitive property and to continue through the last day of December of the final year of the covenant period. _____
7. I hereby agree to notify the Board of Tax Assessors, in writing, on or before the last day for filing tax returns in the event there is a change in the qualifying use or ownership of said property and understand that a penalty of twice the entire tax savings will be assessed if this requirement is not followed. _____
8. I understand that, if this covenant is breached by either me or any person or entity to whom I may transfer all or part of this property, a penalty of twice the entire tax savings that I have received during the life of this covenant shall be imposed as provided by law. I further understand that the penalty shall bear interest and that said penalties and interest shall constitute a lien against the property under this covenant. _____
9. All information given on this document is true, correct and complete. _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ___ day of _____, ____.

Authorized Signature

Approved By: Board of Tax Assessors

Notary Public

Date Filed

Date

Georgia law, O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-7.4 provides that, if this application is denied, the applicant may appeal. Such appeal shall be made in the same manner that other property tax appeals are made pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-311.

APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF CONSERVATION USE ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE PROPERTY

I, the owner of the above described property, having satisfied all applicable taxes and penalties associated with the covenant above, do hereby file this application for release of conservation use assessment with the county board of tax assessors. In conjunction with this application for release, the recording fees required for the clerk of superior court to file and index this release in the real property records of the clerk's office accompany this application.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this ___ day of _____, ____.

Authorized Signature

Approved By: Board of Tax Assessors

Notary Public

Date Filed

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