Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program Survey

1. Town or city closest to the majority of your land: _____

2. Approximate number of acres that you:

   Own: _____

   Lease or rent: _____

3. Do you currently own land that is enrolled in the APR program?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Is all of the land you own enrolled in the APR program?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Have you applied to the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program in the last 5 years?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, what is the status of your application?

   ☐ Land Enrolled in APR Program ☐ Withdrew (please explain)
   ☐ Voted for Nomination and Appraisal ☐ Final Voted
   ☐ Voted Little Likelihood

Comments: _____

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6. If you have not applied to the APR program, is it because your land is not eligible?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, please indicate the reasons why it is ineligible.

   ☐ Too much wooded acreage (> 2/3 of the parcel)
   ☐ Too small (< 5 acres)
   ☐ Too few prime or statewide important soils (< ½ of the parcel).
   ☐ Primary use is for equestrian boarding/recreational riding
   ☐ Majority of land is in cranberry production
   ☐ Land owned by someone else
   ☐ Other (please explain): _____

7. If your land is eligible and you have not applied to the APR Program within the last 5 years, please rate the following on your decision not to apply:

	Not important				Very Important
The APR program is unlikely to pay what the restriction would be worth. (If your answer is 3 or above, please give us what you believe to be the approximate *per acre* value of your land if it were sold for development):	1	2	3	4	5
My land is likely to escalate in value, and I want the option to sell it at full market value in the future. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
Finding the required local match could be difficult. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
The restriction may make it more difficult to find a buyer should I decide to sell the land. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
The restriction may reduce my borrowing capacity. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
Information about the price I receive for my restriction might become public. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
The restriction may affect my ability to provide housing for my family or farm labor in the future. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5

	Not Important				Very Important
The restriction might limit my ability to change or expand my farm operation in the future. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
APR program rules might change or additional constraints may be imposed on my land once it is enrolled in the program. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
My land is enrolled in the Farm Viability Enhancement Program and I would have to return the full grant amount to transition to the APR program. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
The APR program may be something I will explore, but it is just not a priority at the moment. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
I am not ready to make a decision about the future of my land. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
The application process is too complicated. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
The application process takes too long. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5
I don’t know enough about the program to consider enrolling. Comments:	1	2	3	4	5

8. Are you aware that the APR Program has a spending cap of $10,000 per acre?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Are you aware that in particular circumstances the APR Program can pay up to $20,000 per acre, if your land meets certain requirements?

   ☐ Yes ☐ No

10. Are you aware that through local match or other funding sources the price paid for restricting your land can be higher than that paid by the Department's APR Program itself?

    ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Are you aware that there is a federal tax incentive that allows you to write-off, in certain cases, up to 100% of any donated value of the APR?

    ☐ Yes ☐ No

12. If you decided in the future to apply for the APR program, would you know who to contact?

    ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional comments:

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Thank you for your willingness to complete this survey. Please use the enclosed return envelope, or mail to:

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