



## APPLICATION TO THE ASSESSOR FOR CLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS OPEN SPACE LAND

Declaration of policy: it is hereby declared that it is in the public interest to encourage the preservation of farm land, forest land and open space land in order to maintain a readily available source of food and farm products close to the metropolitan areas of the state, to conserve the state's natural resources and to provide for the welfare and happiness of the inhabitants of the state [and] that it is in the public interest to prevent the forced conversion of farm land, forest land and open space land to more intensive uses as the result of economic pressures caused by the assessment thereof for the purposes of property taxation at values incompatible with their preservation as such farm land, forest land and open space land.

FILE A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH PARCEL. PLEASE PRINT. COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS. SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM. ATTACH ANY ADDITIONAL PAGES.

NEW APPLICATION     UPDATE APPLICATION (EXCEPTED TRANSFERS ONLY) ATTACH EXPLANATION     ACREAGE CHANGE ATTACH EXPLANATION     USE CHANGE ATTACH EXPLANATION

NAME OF ALL OWNERS				MAILING ADDRESS			
CONTACT PERSON'S NAME				CONTACT PERSON'S TELEPHONE NUMBER:		CONTACT PERSON'S E-MAIL ADDRESS	
PROPERTY LOCATION	MAP	BLOCK	PARCEL	TOTAL ACREAGE	ASSESSOR'S OPEN SPACE ACREAGE ESTIMATE	ASSESSOR'S USE VALUE PER ACRE	

PLEASE ATTACH A MAP/SKETCH OF YOUR PROPERTY SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE OPEN SPACE

IS THIS PROPERTY INDICATED IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AS OPEN SPACE ON THE MUNICIPALITIES PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT?  YES  NO

HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE IN THE PROPERTY'S USE SINCE THE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT WAS ADOPTED?  YES  NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE THE CHANGE \_\_\_\_\_

## OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT (ALL OWNERS MUST SIGN)

I DO HEREBY DECLARE under the penalty of false statement that the statements made herein by me are true according to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have received and reviewed § 12-504a through 12-504e, inclusive of the Connecticut General Statutes concerning a potential tax liability upon a change of ownership or use of this property.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

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## ASSESSOR'S VERIFICATION SECTION

ACQUISITION DATE	DATE RECORDED	VOLUME/PAGE	MAP/BLOCK/LOT	TOTAL ACREAGE	TOTAL ACREAGE CLASSIFIED
APPLICATION APPROVED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES; AS NOTED ABOVE <input type="checkbox"/> NO; REASON: _____					
ASSESSOR _____			DATE _____		

**APPLICANT FILING INFORMATION: APPLICATION TO THE ASSESSOR FOR CLASSIFICATION AS OPEN SPACE LAND**

The term "open space land" means any area of land, including forest land, land designated as wetland under §22a-30 of the Connecticut General Statutes and not excluding farm land, the preservation or restriction of the use of which would (1) maintain and enhance the conservation of natural or scenic resources, (2) protect natural streams or water supply, (3) promote conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches or tidal marshes, (4) enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries or other open spaces, (5) enhance public recreation opportunities, (6) preserve historic sites or (7) promote orderly urban or suburban development. A local planning commission may designate areas of open space land that it recommends for preservation, on the municipal plan of development. Areas so designated must be approved by a majority vote of the municipality's legislative body. Land included in any designated area on a plan of development as finally adopted by a municipality's legislative body may be classified as open space land for purposes of property taxation or payments in lieu thereof if there has been no change in the use of such area which has adversely affected its essential character as an area of open space land between the date of the adoption of such plan and the date of such classification. An application for open space classification must be filed on this form, as prescribed by the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to §12-107e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The property owner must complete this form and file it with the assessor of the town where the land is situated. *If there is more than one owner, each must sign the application.* The filing period is between September 1st and October 31st, except in a year in which a revaluation of all real property is effective in the town, in which case the filing deadline is December 30<sup>th</sup>. Failure to file in the proper manner and form shall be considered a waiver of the right to such classification under §12-107c(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes. *A separate application must be filed for each parcel of land.* You are responsible for contacting the assessor to update your application if there is a change in use, acreage or ownership of this property after the assessor approves its classification.

**If there is a change of use or a sale of the classified land, the classification ceases (pursuant to §12-504h of the Connecticut General Statutes) and you may be liable for an additional conveyance tax. Please review the attached copies of the statutes concerning the imposition of this tax (§12-504a through §2-504e, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes).**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSESSOR:**

Forward a completed copy of this application and a copy of the property record card (a.k.a., field card) to the applicant.