



Protect the
FARM

with Ottawa County's
PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM

This voluntary program works with landowners to preserve and protect eligible farms!

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616.738.4852

Applications must be submitted by **4.30.22!**

The Ottawa County Farmland Preservation Program is accepting applications for our [Purchase of Development Rights Program](#) now through April 30, 2022. All Ottawa County landowners that have agriculturally zoned parcels of 5 acres or more will receive a post card inviting them to apply (attached). A dozen additional postcards will also be mailed to each township office - please feel free to set these postcards out for landowners who may stop by.

This program creates easements on eligible land through the sale of development rights, guaranteeing the land is used for ag purposes for future generations. Landowners are compensated for lost development potential, yet still own the land and retain all other rights associated with it.

We recognize that not every township in the County participates in this Program, however we still want to raise awareness about protecting farmland!

If a landowner whose parcel(s) are in a non-participating township still wants to protect their farmland, we can visit with them about other alternatives that are available to them.

For more information on the farmland preservation program, visit miottawa.org/farmland.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if your township would like to learn more about participating in the Program.

Thank you

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