

Join Today.

Working together we can make a difference. The time to protect farmland and other important land resources is now, before it's too late. Help by adopting an acre through your membership dues and donations. It takes thousands of dollars to protect an acre of land for agricultural use. Our investment today will keep fertile soils producing food, filtering water, and providing habitat for wildlife.

Annual Memberships

Make checks payable to Adopt An Acre Inc.

Friend:	_____	\$45
Associate:	_____	\$75
Supporter:	_____	\$150
Sponsor:	_____	\$250
Steward:	_____	\$500
Preservationist:	_____	\$1,250 +

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

You can help Adopt An Acre, Inc. raise dollars for farmland preservation by participating in the following opportunities. See our website or call us for details.

"Memorial Gifts" or donations made in honor of an individual for a special occasion, such as retirement, birth of a new child, or any memorable event, are also encouraged. A special "thank you" to donors and a family notification of gifts received is sent out by Adopt An Acre, Inc. to acknowledge these contributions to farmland preservation.

"Cash for Causes" You can help us raise funds by purchasing GIANT FOOD STORES gift cards for your grocery shopping or gift needs. Adopt an Acre buys the cards at a discount through a special GIANT program for non-profit organizations. You pay face value and Adopt an Acre keeps a portion of the card value to further farmland preservation. Phone or email us to order.

"Directed Giving" A great way to assure the future of farmland preservation efforts is to direct a contribution through your will. Contact us for more information.

Contributions for membership or any other donations to this 501(c)(3) organization are tax deductible, EIN 20-0951607.

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*Supporting Land Preservation
For Future Generations*



George and Faye Ludwig, North Heidelberg Township, Berks County, preserved their 12.46-acre farm on December 14, 2011. The Agricultural Conservation Easement is in cooperation with the Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board.

An educational non-profit organization created to preserve and protect productive agricultural land through conservation easement donations or purchases.

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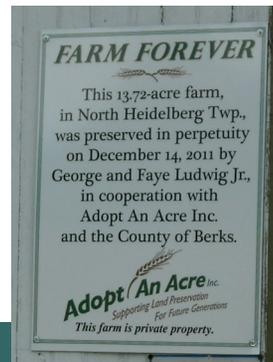
Adopt An Acre, Inc. is a non-profit organization created to save farmland. To accomplish this goal, Adopt An Acre, Inc. will partner with other programs supported by federal, state, and local governments and other non-profit organizations to prevent suburban sprawl and the loss of farmland. Agricultural preservation zoning and the purchase of conservation easements are the tools through which farms are protected from conversion into houses or industrial sites.

Incorporated in Pennsylvania as a 501c (3) in 2004, Adopt An Acre, Inc. is operated by a volunteer Board of Directors and is headquartered in office space located on the campus of Wernersville State Hospital.

Why is saving farmland important?

Saving farmland is a priority issue for all citizens who value the availability of locally grown food and the benefits of a strong agricultural industry. Pennsylvania farmers generate nearly \$5 billion in cash receipts and \$45 billion in total economic impact, according to state Department of Agriculture statistics. Each farmer produces food and fiber for 165 people on more than 58,000 farms across the Commonwealth, comprising 7.7 million acres of cropland, woodland, and pastures.

Pennsylvania leads the nation in saving farmland. But, to remain number one in this effort, more people are needed to stay ahead of the bulldozers that threaten to convert fertile fields into the final cash crop of houses or industrial buildings. Together we can protect more farms.



This " FARM FOREVER" sign was designed and crafted by students at the Berks Career and Technology Center . It was presented to George and Faye Ludwig and is now proudly displayed on their barn commemorating the Agricultural Conservation Easement.

- Farmland is the sustainable natural resource where farmers raise the crops needed for our food and fiber industries, something people depend on for three meals a day and the clothing they wear.
- Farmland, pastureland, and woodland allow rainfall to soak into the soil and recharge the groundwater reservoirs.
- When farms remain in agriculture, local taxes from that land don't have to increase to pay for more schools and government services that follow when land is converted to houses.
- A locally grown food industry provides jobs and economic development for local businesses in the farm supply, food processing, and marketing areas. The food and fiber industry employs approximately twenty percent of America's labor force.
- Ethanol for fueling our vehicles will rely on raw materials, like corn or switchgrass, as key ingredients. Farmers will help lessen our nation's dependence on foreign oil imports by raising a renewable resource on the land.

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