

"Promoting Innovation in Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Business"

The Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program Application Package

Program Description

The Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program (Next Gen Program) was established by MARBIDCO with the support of the State of Maryland to help qualified young and beginning farmers who have trouble entering the agricultural profession because of relatively high farmland costs and lack of access to adequate financial capital to purchase farmland. The Next Gen Program is essentially a fast-moving farmland conservation easement option purchase program that is designed to help facilitate the transfer of farmland to a new generation of farmers, while also effectively helping to preserve the subject agricultural land from future development.

With the strong support of the Governor and General Assembly, MARBIDCO was able to launch the Next Gen Program in FY 2018 and the program is planned to be funded through FY 2027. In FY 2022 (beginning July 2021), MARBIDCO received an additional \$2.5 million in program funding to assist qualified "Beginner Farmers" (and possibly other) applicants on a competitive basis. A "Beginner Farmer" is defined on page 38; which includes not owning a farm or ranch (or owning less than 20 acres), not operating a farm or ranch as a principal operator for more than 10 years, having at least one year of farming experience, and expecting to substantially participate in the farming operation on the subject property.

The key tool that MARBIDCO will use when making Next Gen Program awards is the "easement option purchase contract". The option is a contractual agreement that allows the "Next Gen Farmer" to use the farm that is purchased only for agricultural purposes and to stop any development on the farm property.

Under the Next Gen Program, MARBIDCO will pay up to 51% of the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the land only (with a cap of \$500,000), and following the land sale transaction the Next Gen Farmer will then have a period of several years to sell the permanent easement to a rural land preservation program that is able and willing to hold the permanent easement (thus extinguishing the development rights on the property forever). Once a permanent easement has been subsequently facilitated, the Next Gen Farmer is obligated to repay MARBIDCO the original Next Gen Program Option Purchase amount, plus a 3% administrative fee. If the Next Gen Farmer cannot sell the permanent easement within the specified timeframe, the Option will be exercised (for no additional money) and the permanent easement will be held by a "third-party default easement holder" (either a county agricultural land program or a private land trust designated by MARBIDCO).

In short, the Next Gen Program enables MARBIDCO to provide a young or beginning farmer with the money needed to make a large down-payment towards a farm purchase, in order to meet the equity requirements of a commercial lender, which then allows the lender to make a loan to help complete the financing needed for the transaction. An additional benefit of this program is that the farmland being purchased is firmly on a path to becoming permanently preserved for agricultural purposes only.

The Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program application package (including any required attachments) <u>is now accepted on a monthly basis and must be submitted to the MARBIDCO office on the last business day of the month</u>. All required submission forms that are to be completed by the various parties (including property seller(s), program applicant(s), county agricultural land preservation administrators, and commercial lenders) are attached to this application package. <u>MOREOVER</u>, <u>applicants should contact their respective county agricultural land preservation staff a month in advance</u> (since the respective county government staffs have a major role to play in the application process).

Additional information about the Next Gen Program is provided in the following pages.

The Next Gen Program

Program Terms and Conditions

Maximum Down-Payment Amount: \$500,000

Easement Option Purchase Amount: Maximum of 51% of the Fair Market Value (FMV) of land only (and

excluding improvements) but may be as low as 48% FMV.

Closing Transaction Fee: \$2,500 fee will be collected at settlement.

Maximum Repayment Amount: Up to 100% of the original Easement Option Purchase amount,

plus an administrative fee of 3%.

Length of Time for Repayment of

Funds:

Up to 4 years (if a County is the default easement holder), OR Up to 7 years (if MARBIDCO designates the easement holder).

If the permanent easement is not sold to a rural land preservation program within the required time, then the designated easement holder

will be granted the permanent easement for no more money.

Send Completed Applications to: MARBIDCO, Attn: Next Gen Program, 1410 Forest Drive, Suite 21,

Annapolis, MD 21403

Timeline of Activities and Deadlines

Month in Advance Applicants contact their county agricultural land preservation administrators and

other agricultural service providers to prepare their Next Gen Program applications. The <u>deadline to make initial contact</u> with the appropriate county agricultural land preservation administrator (or their staff) is a month prior to submission.

Month in Advance Property Seller's Information Form (FORM 1) is due to be received by the county.

End of Month Deadline The Application (one complete copy of an entire original with FORMS 1-4) is due to

be received in the MARBIDCO office no later than 4:00 p.m. on the last business

<u>day of the month</u>. Late applications will <u>not</u> be accepted.

2 Months After Due Applications are reviewed and ranked by the Next Gen Program Review Committee.

2 Months After Due Successful applicants are notified that they have been approved for Next Gen Program

funding and will have 30 days to secure commercial lender financing for the subject

property (if lender financing had not already been secured previously.)

3 Months After Due Appraisals are ordered and conducted.

4 Months After Due A Commitment Letter will be issued to the Next Gen Farmers with an Easement

Option Purchase offer amount, and all necessary preparations are performed for the real estate transfer settlements. Applicants are notified that they may schedule a real estate settlement with the farm sellers and commercial lender. Please note that preparing for settlement can take some time to coordinator between all interested

parties (including commercial lender, title company, property sellers, etc.)

Five to Nine Months After Due Date Next Gen Program farm purchase settlements take place. Please note that the Next Gen Program Easement Option Purchase Contracts (with payments) are executed at

the real estate property transfer settlement.

End of Ninth Month All the Next Gen Program farm purchase transactions for this Fiscal Year should be

completed by this date.

Application Instructions Summary

For the Applicant(s)

Applicants are required to have the farm's Property Sellers complete **FORM 1: Property Seller's Information** (on pages 9 through 12) which needs to be provided first to the county agricultural land preservation staff (a month in advance), and later to the MARBIDCO office (by the end of the month deadline). Applicants must also complete **FORM 2: Applicant Information** (found on pages 13 through 22). In addition, applicants are required to provide and attach all additional information identified in a Checklist (located on page 23). All required items must be submitted to MARBIDCO by the last business day of the month.

For the County Agricultural Land Preservation Administrator

A county agricultural land preservation administrator must complete **FORM 3: Subject Property Information Form** (on pages 25 through 31). In addition, the county agricultural land preservation administrator must complete **FORM 4: County Government Submission Form** (on pages 33 and 34). (NOTE: A Chief Elected/Appointed Official or County Director of Planning and Zoning must review and sign **FORM 4.** If the County is going to serve as the "default easement holder", then additional information will be required to be submitted.)

For the Commercial Loan Officer (if applicable at time of initial application)

A bank officer must complete **FORM 5: Commercial Lender Information Form** (on pages 35 and 36). (Note: Conventional commercial financing is a requirement for the Next Gen Program. This means that a commercial bank or Farm Credit Association will be providing a loan to help facilitate the farm purchase.)

The Next Gen Program Application and Approval Process

The Application Process

Applicants are required to submit a completed and signed application package (including any required attachments). Applicants are also required to complete **FORM 2** (on pages 13 through 22) including items listed in the <u>Applicant Checklist</u> (found on page 23). As part of the application process, the applicant and the county agricultural land preservation staff will identify the "default easement holder" of the subject property. Applicants should have a solid plan for the type of agricultural activity that they intend to pursue on the subject property. Applicants will be required to submit a farm business plan of the proposed farm operation/project, as well as two years of most recent tax returns (if filed/available) and additional financial information which is described in the Applicant's Checklist. Finally, for those applicants that do not have a commercial loan for the farm purchase already approved at the time of application, a commitment from a commercial lender (a bank or Farm Credit Association) will be required within 30 days following notice of Next Gen approval.

Applicants are required to have a county agricultural land preservation administrator review the proposed property to be purchased. A county agricultural land preservation administrator is required to complete, sign and return **FORM 3** (on pages 25 through 31) by the established submission deadline. The county agricultural land preservation administrator will determine whether or not the subject property is eligible to apply for the county's land preservation program to serve as the "default easement holder" (which will likely enable a faster sale of the permanent conservation easement), or whether the subject property will be applying for MARBIDCO to designate the "default easement holder". If the county agricultural land preservation administrator believes that the county should hold the permanent conservation easement, the

county official will facilitate a county commitment to become the "default easement holder". If the subject property does not meet the designated default easement holder's program eligibility criteria, then the subject property is not eligible for the Next Gen Program.

In addition, a county government official will need to complete **FORM 4**, providing certain information required by MARBIDCO from the county government. If the county is going to serve as "default easement holder", then additional information will also be required to be submitted by the county (as explained on pages 33 and 34).

Applicants are advised that MARBIDCO cannot pay more than 51% of the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the agricultural land (with a cap of \$500,000), as confirmed by an appraisal. Applicants (if selected) should also be aware that MARBIDCO's Easement Option Purchase offer may be less than the 48% - 51% of the actual appraised value of the farmland since the Next Gen Review Committee with be relying on estimated ranges of the FMV on the agricultural land located within individual counties.

Applicants are not required to have a commercial lender commitment for a mortgage loan at the time of submission of an application. If applicants have a commercial lender commitment, the loan officer should complete and sign **FORM 5** (on pages 35 and 36). MARBIDCO strongly encourages applicants to contact a commercial lender prior to submitting the Next Gen application package to get a clear sense of the lender's financing requirements.

The Selection Process

Since the demand for the program is expected to be high, MARBIDCO plans to direct its limited program funding towards assisting qualified, but otherwise challenged, "Beginner Farmers" (and possibly other more experienced farmers) to help them in obtaining access to productive farmland. Accordingly, qualified Beginner Farmers with relatively limited financial resources and/or who are without current access to farmland may be ranked higher than those with more farming advantages. MARBIDCO's Next Gen Review Committee will rank the applications received by the deadline. Please refer to **Attachment 1** in this application packet for detailed information concerning the scoring criteria that will be used. Failure to complete and submit ALL required attachments with the application package will potentially result in the deduction of points during the ranking process and/or applications could be deemed insufficient or incomplete. ["Beginner Farmer" has the meaning defined on page 38; which includes not owning a farm or ranch (or owning less than 10 acres), not operating a farm or ranch as a principal operator for more than 10 years, having at least one year of farming experience, and expecting to substantially participate in the farming operation on the subject property.] Applicants who own more than 20 acres of farmland currently are not eligible to apply. [However, MARBIDCO will allow Applicants who own more than 20 acres of farmland currently to apply under the following circumstances: 1. the Applicants do not have majority ownership interest in the family trust (that owns more than 20 acres of farmland currently) and 2. the subject property is located within a Priority Preservation Area.

MARBIDCO will use estimates of agricultural land values in each county during its review process to determine approved Next Gen applicant's range of Next Gen funding. If after funding all the applications that rank the highest there are significant funds remaining unused, MARBIDCO reserves the right to select lower-ranked applications. In addition, MARBIDCO reserves the right to proportionately trim the higher ranked awards by up to 3%, if this would enable one additional Beginner Farmer that is ranked lower to receive Next Gen funding in that particular round. MARBIDCO reserves the right to make a second round of offer(s), if funds are available.

Once applicants have been ranked and selected, MARBIDCO will notify selected applicants in writing, and the Approved Letter will include the estimated range of the Next Gen Program Easement Option Purchase value. Applicants will then have 30 days from the date of the Approved Letter to accept the commit to move forward with the Next Gen Program Easement Option Purchase. In addition, the approved applicants must return a signed MARBIDCO Approved Letter and Appraisal Authorization Form (allowing MARBIDCO to order an

appraisal on the subject property) within 15 days; and confirm the commercial lender commitment by submitting **FORM 5** (if not previously submitted) within 30 days. (Note: A commercial lender financing participation is a requirement for the Next Gen Program.)

Purchasing the Option Contract (by MARBIDCO)

Once MARBIDCO has received and reviewed the required documentation identified in the Approved Letter, MARBIDCO will order at least one appraisal to determine the FMV of the agricultural land. The FMV will be used by MARBIDCO to help determine the final easement option purchase price amount. MARBIDCO will pay the costs for an appraisal. MARBIDCO may order a second appraisal if MARBIDCO finds it to be necessary. The cost of a second appraisal will be paid by MARBIDCO as well. (Note: Separate from MARBIDCO-ordered appraisals, the commercial lender will likely require its own appraisal. MARBIDCO will not pay for that cost.)

Special Note: It is possible that a land survey will be needed. Surveys may take several weeks to complete, so the Next Gen Applicant will want to factor this into the timing of the real estate closing. Surveys can be relatively expensive depending upon the circumstances. Please note that MARBIDCO does not pay for costs of surveys. (In addition, a survey may be required when selling a permanent farmland conservation easement to a third-party rural land conservation program.)

After MARBIDCO has received and reviewed the appraisals for the property, MARBIDCO will determine, based upon all of the available information, the amount MARBIDCO will offer for the Easement Option Purchase Price. MARBIDCO will then mail a Conditional Commitment Letter (including the Easement Option Purchase Price amount), and a copy of the Easement Option Purchase Contract for review.

Once MARBIDCO has issued a Conditional Commitment Letter, the Next Gen Applicant will have up to 30 calendar days to accept the offer amount and fully commit to moving forward with the real estate purchase using Next Gen Program funding. The Next Gen Applicant will need to notify the commercial lender with their decision, so that the bank's loan closing and title work can commence (along with MARBIDCO's). Please note that MARBIDCO does not pay for any costs of the real estate transaction, commercial lender, or title company work. Those costs are to be borne by the Next Gen Farmer and the property seller, as may be appropriate. In addition, MARBIDCO has a closing transaction fee of \$2,500 and will be collected at settlement.

Selling the Permanent Easement (by Next Gen Farmer)

From the date that the Easement Option Purchase Contract is executed, the Next Gen Farmer will have entered into an "Option Period" that will run for a defined period of time. If MARBIDCO is the designator of the "default easement holder", the option period will be seven years. If the county program is the "default easement holder", the option period will be four years. During the Option Period the Next Gen Farmer may use the farmland only for agricultural purposes and may not permit any development to occur on the property. Also, during this Option Period, the Next Gen Farmer must attempt to sell a permanent farmland conservation easement to a rural land conservation program (a "Third-Party Easement"), extinguishing all development rights on the subject property forever. MARBIDCO expects the Next Gen Farmer to report annually on their efforts to try to sell the Third Party Easement on the property.

If the Next Gen Farmer is successful in selling a Third-Party Easement, they must use the proceeds from the sale of the Third-Party Easement to repay MARBIDCO the amount of money it paid for the Easement Option Purchase amount, plus a fee of 3%. Any additional proceeds from the sale of the Third-Party Easement belong to the Next Gen Farmer.

The Next Gen Farmer can sell the Third-Party Easement at any time during the Option Period, so long as they follow the Third-Party Easement sale offer acceptance schedule.

If MARBIDCO is the designator of the "default easement holder", the acceptance schedule is as follows:

(1) For the first four years of the Option Period, the Next Gen Farmer must accept a Third Party Easement sale offer price that is at least 125% of the Easement Option Purchase amount; (2) In years 5 and 6 of the

Option Period, the Next Gen Farmer must accept a Third-Party Easement sale offer price that is at least 115% of the Easement Option Purchase amount; and (3) In year 7 of the Option Period, the Next Gen Farmer must accept any offer for the Third Party Easement sale that is at least 100% of the Easement Option Purchase amount. In years 1 through 6, if the Next Gen Farmer is inclined NOT to accept a lower offer price, they must first consult with MARBIDCO before declining. In year 7, offers of less than 100% of the Easement Option Purchase amount must be approved by MARBIDCO. Please see the TABLE below for more details.

If the county program is the "default easement holder", the acceptance schedule is as follows:

(1) For the first two years of the Option Period, the Next Gen Farmer must accept a Third-Party Easement sale offer price that is at least 125% of the Easement Option Purchase amount; (2) In year 3 of the Option Period, the Next Gen Farmer must accept a Third Party Easement sale offer price that is at least 115% of the Easement Option Purchase amount; and (3) In year 4 of the Option Period, the Next Gen Farmer must accept any offer for the Third-Party Easement sale that is at least 100% of the Easement Option Purchase amount. In years 1 through 3, if the Next Gen Farmer is inclined NOT to accept a lower offer price, the Next Gen Farmer must first consult with MARBIDCO before declining. In year 4, offers of less than 100% of the Easement Option Purchase amount must be approved by MARBIDCO. Please see the **TABLE 1** below for more details.

TABLE 1: 0	ption Period	Permanent Sale	Offer Acce	ptance Schedule
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If the County is the Default Easement Holder:

Minimum Offer Acceptance Amount
125% of Easement Option Purchase
amount*
115% of Easement Option Purchase
amount*
Any offer amount must be accepted*

If MARBIDCO is the Default Easement Holder Designator:

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<u>Year</u>	<u> Minimum Offer Acceptance Amount</u>
1 – 4	125% of Easement Option Purchase
	amount*
5 – 6	115% of Easement Option Purchase
	amount*
7	Any offer amount must be accepted*

^{*}Note: Next Gen participants receiving offers below 125% or 115% must consult first with MARBIDCO before declining an offer. In the final year, offers below 100% must also be approved by MARBIDCO.

If the Next Gen Farmer is unable to sell the Third-Party Easement for at least 103% of the Easement Option Purchase Price amount, MARBIDCO will only collect what was actually paid to the Next Gen Farmer for the Third-Party Easement and forgive the difference.

If for any reason the Next Gen Farmer cannot sell the Third-Party Easement within the Option Period, the option in the Easement Option Purchase Contract will be exercised on the property at the end of the Option Period. In that case, MARBIDCO will designate a private land conservation program/land trust to hold the permeant easement on the property. The Next Gen Farmer will receive no additional compensation if the option in the Easement Option Purchase Contract is exercised and this easement will extinguish all of the development rights on the property forever.

Finally, if the Next Gen Farmer is unable to sell a Third-Party Easement during the Option Period, the Next Gen Farmer may choose to terminate the Easement Option Purchase Contract by notifying MARBIDCO with

a decision no later than two months before the end of the Option Period. The Next Gen Farmer will then have until the end of the Option Period to repay MARBIDCO the original Easement Option Purchase amount plus interest calculated from the date that the Easement Option Purchase Contract was executed at the per annum rate, which is equal to the Prime Rate plus 1.00% at the time the Option Contract was prepared.

Suggestions for the Contract of Sale and Related Items

MARBIDCO strongly recommends that Next Gen Program applicants incorporate the following provisions into their contracts of sale of the subject farm properties. The buyers and sellers of Next Gen Farmer agricultural properties need to negotiate and sign a contract of sale for the subject farm property before the final day of the month (since these sales contracts are a requirement for MARBIDCO to process applications).

- 1) It is recommended that the property sales contract not expire within 6 months (if possible).
- 2) It is recommended that there be a provision for the return of an earnest money down-payment to the beginner farmer, in the event that Next Gen funding is not approved.
- 3) It is recommended that these contracts specify whether the buyer and/or the seller will be responsible for paying the costs of a <u>required land survey for the subject property</u>, as well as any other land transfer closing costs.

In addition, the SELLERS of all Next Gen purchase properties must complete "Form 1" and completed copies of Form 1 must be provided to the designated county farmland preservation program staff and later submitted to MARBIDCO in the application package. As such, it may be a good idea for Next Gen farm buyers to ask the farm sellers to complete Form 1 while they are also in the process of negotiating the terms of the farm sale.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Further information about the Next Gen Program may be obtained by contacting Allison Roe, MARBIDCO Financial Programs Officer, by telephone at (410) 267-6807, or by email at: aroe@marbidco.org.

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NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM PROPERTY SELLER'S INFORMATION FORM

(To be completed by the Farm Property Seller **and** a copy must be received by the county staff at least 30 days prior to submitting an application to MABRIDCO)

SECTION 1: PROPERTY SELLER INFORMATION

1.) Naı	me		
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2.) Nai	me		
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su he	bject property /she must agi	y, that will conti ree to the terms	an those identified above) or leases any interest, including options, on the use after the purchase of the subject property by the Next Gen farmer, of the MARBIDCO Easement Option Purchase Contact. Please disclose after the purchase of the subject property by the Next Gen farmer.
1.	Does anyon	e hold a lease, r	tht of first refusal, or option to purchase for the subject property?
	□Yes	\square No	If yes, please explain:

	□Yes	□ No	If yes, please explain:			
3.	Has any m	ining been done	on the subject property?			
	□Yes	□ No	If yes, please explain:			
4.			party interests in the subject property? (Foons, ground leases, etc.)	or example,	life esta	ate, right-of-wa
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5.	Are there a	any railroad trac	ks that cross the subject property?			
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3.	Has the subject property ever contained areas used to dispose of waste other than normal and customary household and agricultural waste?	□Yes	□ No	□ Don't Know
	If yes, indicate the kinds of material disposed and method of disposal:			
4.	Has there ever been a chemical spill or leak on the subject property to your knowledge?	□ Yes	□ No	□ Don't Know
	If yes, indicate what was spilled, where it was spilled, approximately actions were taken in response.	how mu	ıch was	spilled, and wl
5.	Have any previous environmental assessments/tests/samplings/impact statements been conducted for the subject property, to your knowledge? If yes, attach copies of appropriate documentation.	□ Yes	□No	□ Don't Know
6.	Have any government officials ever investigated, cited, or been involved with any violations of any environmental law at the subject property to your knowledge?	□Yes	□ No	□ Don't Knov
	If yes, explain:			
7.	Are there/have there been any disputes, including claims of adverse possession, or written or oral agreements with adjacent landowners regarding boundary lines? If so, explain and provide detail on map.	□ Yes	□ No	□ Don't Knov
	If yes, explain (and provide details on map):			
	YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE AT ONG WITH ANY SUPPORTING DETAILS TO THE APPLICATION.	TACH A L	ETTER (OF EXPLANATI
Ple	ON 5: EXISTING PROPERTY RESTRICTION(S) case state whether there are any known existing restrictive easements of the case of th			

SECTION 6: STRUCTURES

List and briefly describe any/all residential structures and non-agriculturally related structures (all structures currently existing on the property may be listed, however only the residential and non-agriculturally related structures are required to be listed at the time of application). On a current aerial map, locate and label by corresponding letter (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.) all structures listed here. A current aerial map may be obtained through the county program administrator. Use separate page if necessary.

	Structure	Approximate Dimensions or Capacity
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	Best Telephone Number	er to Reach You:

THANK YOU!

NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

(To be completed and signed by the applicant(s).)

SECTION 1: APPLICANT(S) INFORMATION

1. Prin	nary Applicant			
Name ₋				
Date of	f Birth Email Address			
Addres	SS	City		
State _	Zip Code T	elephone		
2. Seco	ondary Applicant (if applicable)			
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Date of	f Birth Email Address			
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Prin	CANT(S) BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE nary Applicant Do you currently own any agricultural land? If yes, please state how many acres of agricultural lands are a primary experience.	ıltural land you own	□ Yes 	□ No acres
2.	Have you operated as a primary operator or 10 years?	a farili of falleli for illore tifali	⊔ res	□ No
3.	Do you expect to substantially participate in the subject property?	the farm operation on	□ Yes	□ No
4.	Do you have any farming experience?		☐ Yes	□No
	If yes, please briefly describe your farming e	xperience (<u>including how many y</u>	ears)	

NOTE: Please attach a copy of a resume and any additional sheets of paper as needed.

	program that includes substantial fieldwork experience?	□ Tes	□ NO
	If yes, please describe the completed farm management training program. (A validating letter from an authorized program representative on the institution equivalent documentation, is required.)	on's letterhead, or	
6.	Have you received an agricultural degree from an accredited college or university?	□ Yes	□ No
	If yes, please provide the following information: (A copy of an unofficial transcript must be provided.)		
	University/Institution		
	Major/Minor/Program		
	Graduation/Completion Date		
Seco	ondary Applicant (if applicable)		
1.	Do you own any agricultural land in addition to the Primary Applicant?	☐ Yes	\square No
	If yes, please state how many acres of agricultural land you own		_ acres
2.	Have you operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years?	□ Yes	\square No
3.	Do you expect to substantially participate in the farm operation on the subject property?	□ Yes	□ No
4.	Do you have any farming experience?	□ Yes	\square No
	If yes, please describe your farming experience (including how many years)		
	NOTE: Please attach a copy of a resume and any additional sheets of p	aper as needed.	
5.	Have you completed a qualified farm management training program that includes substantial fieldwork experience?	□ Yes	□ No
	If yes, please describe the completed farm management training program. (A validating letter from an authorized program representative on the institution documentation, is required.)	on's letterhead, or	equivalen

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	If yes, please provide the following information: (A copy of an unofficial transcript must be provided.)		
	University/Institution		
	Major/Minor/Program		
	Graduation/Completion Date		
7.	Do you (the applicant) currently produce food/feed/fiber products on agricultural land as a farm enterprise operator or manager?	□ Yes	□No
	If yes, please answer Items a. through c. below:		
	a. Do you currently farm ONLY on a property owned by a relative? If yes, please answer the following:	□Yes	□No
	Is the family-owned property you farm the subject property for this program?	□ Yes	□ No
	b. Do you currently farm ONLY on leased land (in your own name)?	☐ Yes	\square No
	If yes, please provide the following information:		
	Annual Rental Expense Size (acres) _		
	Location		
	Owner/Farm Name Phone Nur	nber	
	c. Do you currently farm BOTH on leased land (in your own name), as well as, on property owned by a relative?	□Yes	□ No
	If yes, please answer the following question:		
	Is the family-owned property you farm the subject property to be purchased using the Next Gen program?	□ Yes	\square No
	Is the family-owned property you farm 5% or more of your operation?	□ Yes	\square No
8.	If your answer was "No" to Question 6, are you a farmer that does not <u>currently</u> have access to agricultural land to work as a farm enterprise operator or manager?	□ Yes	□ No
9.	What is your Total Net Worth (all applicants combined)? ("Net Worth" <i>EQUALS</i> Total Assets <i>MINUS</i> Total Liabilities. Please refer to Attachment 2 for more information used in calculating Net Worth.)		

	ditional information, based for the reviewers to know:	on your knowle	edge and	experiei	nce in agr	riculture, that
(To be completed by the	BJECT PROPERTY INFORMA applicant, detailed informatio tural land preservation progr	n will be comple			operty Sel	ler(s) using FOR
Street Address		"OR"				
Tay Man	Crid			J #		
	Grid					
	Stat					
County	Zoning c	of Property:				
Total Size of Subject Pro	operty (acres)		Nur	nber of I	Parcels	
1. Is the property	a working farm today?			□Ye	S	\square No
• •	rty include any existing dwel		1 11:	()	□ Yes	 □ No
If yes, please pr	rovide the following informat	ion of the existir	ig awellir	ig(s):		
<u>Dwelling 1</u> Size (so	quare feet)	Condition:	□ Poor	□Fair	\square Good	☐ Excellent
Explain	intended use of dwelling					
Is this o	dwelling a tenant house?				\square Yes	\square No
<u>Dwelling 2</u> Size (so	quare feet)	Condition:	□ Poor	□Fair	□ Good	☐ Excellent
Explain	intended use of dwelling					
Is this o	lwelling a tenant house?				☐ Yes	\square No

	Dwelling 3 Size (square feet)	Condition:	\square Poor	□Fair	\square Good	☐ Excellent
	Explain intended use of dwelling					
	Is this dwelling a tenant house?				☐ Yes	□ No
	If no, does the property have development ri	ghts?			☐ Yes	□ No
3.	Is there currently any existing restrictive eas the subject property?	sements or cove	enants on		□Yes	□ No
	If yes, please list and explain the restrictive e	easement or cov	enants pl	aced on	the subjec	t property:

SECTION 3: DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

NOTE: The development rights information provided in this application will be provided to the appraisers to determine the fair market value of the subject property.

The term "development right(s)", as used by MALPF and the Next Gen Program, is the maximum number of residential structures legally allowed to be placed on the subject property as of the date of the application.

"Legally allowed" takes into consideration such limiting factors such as: zoning, septic law, Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas regulations, existing easements, etc. It does not include any additional structures allowed by virtue of a specific owner, nor does it include any allotted transferrable development rights ("TDRs"). As used herein, "development rights" does not address TDRs. TDR's should be considered as an addition if a current market exists.

Intended Lot Selection (see *NOTES below for explanation)

In the Deed of Easement, I/we hereby intend to (check one):

☐ reserve unrestricted lot(s)

☐ waive all rights to lots

NOTES: Lot Selection Definitions:

- "Unrestricted lot" is a right that is reserved to any owner of the property, regardless of who the original
 owner is or relationship to them. An unrestricted lot is tied to the land, not a person(s), and transfers to
 subsequent owners until that right is exercised. Therefore, when an unrestricted lot is selected, the value
 of one development right is subtracted from the total available development rights in the appraisal of the
 value of the property.
 - o Depending on subject property acreage, 1 or 2 unrestricted lots may be allowed.
 - The term "unrestricted" is a description of the type of lot refers to the fact that there are no obligations/requirements on who is permitted to live/own a dwelling that was created through this lot option selection.
- "Waive all rights to lots" refers to the wish to extinguish all rights to new dwellings on their properties. Note: This does not affect the right to request future tenant house(s).

SECTION 4: PROPOSED BUSINESS OPERATION INFORMATION

PROJECT BUSINESS TYPE (Chec	ck any that may apply.)					
☐ Beef Cattle☐ Sheep/Goats/Swine		☐ Greenhouse & Nursery ☐ Poultry & Eggs				
□ Equine		☐ Vegetables & Specialty				
□ Dairy (please see below for spec□ Grain & Row Crops	cialized response)	□ Value Added Products□ Other:				
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJE						
(A <u>brief</u> description of the proposed a and a summary of the proposed a Business Plan that you will submi	gricultural business acti	ivity on the subject property. A	ls a reminder, the Far			
				7		
If Dairy is the primary business dairy operation?	<u>type</u> , is the subject prop	perty currently a milking	□Yes	□ No		
		acilities in some detail here (i xeting outlet, labor needs, typ				
PROJECT ADVISOR(S) (If Applic	able)					
1.) Name		Title		_		
Institution/Firm						
Work Telephone	E-mail					
2.) Name		Title		_		
Institution/Firm						
Work Tolophono	E mail					

SECTION 5: FARM BUSINESS INFORMATION (If Applicable)

Has your business been legally incorpo	\Box Yes	□No	
If YES, please complete the following	information:		
Year & State Established/Incorporated			
☐ Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Propr	rietorship \Box LLC SIC/NAICS	Code	-
Business/Farm Name			
Business Address		County	
City	State	Zip Code	
Contact Person		Title	
Work Telephone	E-mail		
Home Telephone	Mobile Pho	ne	
MANAGEMENT/OWNERSHIP OF BUS	INESS:		
1.) Name	Title	% Ownership	
Relationship to Applicant	Email		
Address	Ci	ity	
StateZip Code	Telephone		
2.) Name	Title	% Ownership	
Relationship to Applicant	Email		
Address	Ci	ity	
StateZip Code	Telephone		
3.) Name	Title	% Ownership	
Relationship to Applicant	Email		
Address	Ci	ity	
State Zip Code	Telephone		
4.) Name	Title	% Ownership	
Relationship to Applicant	Email		
Address	Ci	ity	
State Zip Code	Telephone		

SECTION 6: DEFAULT EASEMENT HOLDER SELECTION (choose one option)

The "Default Easement Holder" will agree to hold and administer a permanent conservation easement on the subject property you are purchasing, if a permanent conservation easement has not been secured for the subject property within the designated timeframe. If MARBIDCO is the "default easement holder - designator", the permanent conservation easement must be sold within *seven years* to one of the approved land conservation programs*. If the county program is the "default easement holder", the permanent conservation easement must be sold within *four years* to one of the approved land conservation programs*. (Note: In either scenario, MARBIDCO can extend this time period to sell the permanent easement for one additional year for good cause.) If the Next Gen farmer fails to sell the permanent conservation easement within the prescribed option period timeframe, then a permanent easement will be exercised with the designated default easement holder.

*Approved land conservation programs authorize the land held under a conservation easement to be used for agricultural purposes. These programs may include, but are not limited to: MALPF, Rural Legacy, other public land preservation program, a rural land trust, or other approved land preservation organization.

CHECK ONLY ONE:

☐ COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION ROGRAM

I/We propose to have the county be the "Default Easement Holder" with the presumption that I/we must pursue selling a permanent farmland preservation easement on the subject property within four years if awarded Next Gen funding. In addition, I/we understand that the county must be willing to provide appropriate documentation stating their commitment to serve as the "Default Easement Holder".

(Note: It will likely be up to the county program administrator to decide whether or not this can happen.)

☐ MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE-BASED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

I/We propose to have MARBIDCO designate which land conservation program will be the "Default Easement Holder" with the presumption that I/we must pursue selling a permanent farmland preservation easement on the subject property within seven years if awarded Next Gen funding.

(Note: Not all agricultural properties may be eligible to meet the requirements of MARBIDCO'S Designated Program easement holder.)

SECTION 8: SIGNATURE(S)

DECLARATIONS

If answering "y	es" to an	v of these a	auestions.	please	provide an ex	xplanation oi	ı a ser	oarate sheet	and attach.
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1.	Is the business or any of the top management pguarantor or co-signer for obligations not listed statements?		□Yes	□ No
2.	Is the business or any of the top management p any claim or lawsuit?	ersonnel a party to	□ Yes	□ No
3.	Has the business or any of the top management declared bankruptcy?	personnel ever	□ Yes	□ No
4.	Does the business or any of the management per taxes for prior years?	ersonnel owe any	□Yes	□ No
5.	Have any managers or owners received a felony	y conviction?	□ Yes	\square No
progra The Fe Comm AUTH This ir	er into a binding contract), because all or part of m, or because the applicant has in good faith exert ederal agency that administers compliance with ission, Equal Credit Opportunity, Washington, D. ORITY TO COLLECT PERSONAL INFORMATION of ormation is provided pursuant to Public Law on of an item means your application might not a	rcised any right under the Consum this law concerning this cred C. 20580. V 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974).	mer Credit Prote itor is the Feder	ction Act. ral Trade
I/We a	authorize disclosure of all information submitt tion agreeing to participate in the project finance al institution or MARBIDCO.	ted in connection with this ap		
I/We o	FICATION rertify all information in this application and the edge and is submitted so the MARBIDCO's Next Gence.			
Signati	ure	Signature		
Printe	d Name	Printed Name		

Note: MARBIDCO agrees to hold Recipient's Application and Financial Reports in confidence to the extent reasonably permitted by Title 4 of the General Provisions Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*. Notwithstanding the foregoing, MARBIDCO shall not be obligated to maintain in confidence any information: 1) which was already known to MARBIDCO; or, 2) which is or comes into the public domain through no fault of MARBIDCO; or, 3) which is independently developed by MARBIDCO; or, 4) which comes to MARBIDCO from a third party which is not in violation of any obligation of confidentiality to Applicant or MARBIDCO

Tŀ	HE A	APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST (of required items to be submitted with the application):
	1.	\square A contract for sale of the subject property.
	2.	☐ Applicant(s) Statement: separate document describing Applicant's experience and/or education related to
		agriculture (Including: a copy of an unofficial college transcript; and/or, a description and proof – or certification – of completion of an appropriate farm training program).
	3.	☐ Applicant(s) Resume (if available)
	4.	\square Description and history of the applicant company or farm operation (if applicable).
	5.	\square Applicant <i>and</i> farm operation Tax Returns for the two preceding years (if available).
	6.	☐ Completed Balance Sheet (Attachment 2). If applicable, complete an additional Balance Sheet for the agricultural business.
	7.	☐ Completed Income Statement for the past 2 years (Attachment 3a & 3b).
	8.	☐ Completed Pro Forma Income Statement (Attachment 3c).
	9.	☐ Completed Debt Repayment Schedule (Attachment 4).
	10.	. \square A Farm Business Plan – must include all of the following categories:
		NOTE: Failure to address ALL categories in the Farm Business Plan will result in a deduction of points during
		the application's ranking process and/or the application could be deemed incomplete. For additional
		guidance on how the applications will be ranked, please see the Ranking Worksheet on page 37. If you need
		assistance on completing the Farm Business Plan, please contact MARBIDCO for referral to appropriate
		resources.
		☐ Executive Summary
		☐ Mission Statement & Goals
		\square Background Information (Applicant's Experience & Education; and if applicable, Farm
		Business Operation's History & Overview)
		☐ Farm Business and Production Strategy
		☐ Farm Marketing Strategy and Plan
		☐ Farm Management Plan
		☐ Farm Financial Plan (including Pro Forma Financial Projections)
	11.	□ Completed FORM 1.
	12.	□ Completed FORM 2.
	13.	□ Completed FORM 3.
	14.	□ Completed FORM 4.
	15.	☐ A commercial lender loan commitment form (optional at time of application, but is <u>required once the</u> <u>application is approved</u> . Please complete FORM 5: COMMERCIAL LENDER COMMITMENT FORM .

NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM SUBJECT FARM PROPERTY INFORMATION FORM

(To be completed by a county program administrator or other agricultural land preservation official)

SECTION 1: SUBJECT PROPERTY INFORMATION

1.	Is the subject property eligible to apply for a permanent conservation easement through a designated County Program? <i>This does not imply that the Country Program will be the default easement holder.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No☐ No County Program		
2.	Is the subject property eligible to apply for a permanent conservation easement through the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)?	□ Yes	□No	
3.	Has the subject property applied to the County Agricultural Preservation Program in years prior to applying to the Next Gen Program?	□ Yes □ No	o □ N/A	
4.	Has the subject property applied to MALPF in years prior to applying to the Next Gen Program?	□ Yes	\square No	
5.	Is the subject property located within a designated Priority Preservation Area?	□ Yes	□ No	
6.	Is the subject property located within a designated Rural Legacy Area?	□ Yes	\square No	
	If yes, name of Rural Legacy Area			
7.	Is the subject property approved for a county administered easement program and/or is it a county priority?	□ Yes □ No	o □ N/A	
	tion to the conservation easement, briefly describe additional informati e informative to the Next Gen Program.	on of subject pro	operty that	

INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION FOR PART A:

1. <u>Total property acreage determination</u>:

The total acreage of property is the total property described in this application as the subject property. It refers to the entire acreage that is to be under common ownership, once the Next Gen farmer has successfully purchased the subject property. The total acreages of the property includes the total area before any withheld acreages and the total area before any excluded acreage (any area to be encumbered by the easement that the Next Gen farmer will not be potentially paid for). The total acreages of the property does not include any tax map parcel which may be contiguous and under common ownership, but for which no portion is being considered for eligible easement sale.

2. <u>Pre-existing dwelling(s)</u>:

Enter the total number of pre-existing dwellings, tenant houses, or permanently affixed trailers, i.e., those with electrical and sewage hook-ups and wheels removed.

3. Withheld acreage:

Provide an explanation for withholding the acreage on a separate sheet. Be advised that some rural land conservation programs may discourages the exclusion of acreage from the easement. Please be aware that withholding acreage from the eligible easement could potential decrease the appraised value. The appraisers will deduct the total development potential associated with the excluded acreage. If the request is approved to withhold acres, a survey plat with metes and bounds description will be required at the Next Gen farmer's expense prior to settlement of the Easement Option Contract. Please note, at the settlement of the sale of the permanent easement, some rural land conservation programs may have policies that limit a certain amount of development rights, depending on county zoning regulations.

4. Easement Option Purchase Price Acreage:

The Easement Option Purchase Price Acreage is the total acreage of property minus one (1) acre per preexisting dwelling and total withheld acreage described in this application as the subject property. It refers to the acreage used to calculate and determine the Easement Option Purchase Price that MARBIDCO will pay for the subject property to be entered into the Easement Option Contract.

PART A

wi	ng (a copy of which is attached to this application):		
	property deed(s)	survey	
	tax assessment records	other (identify)):
1.	The total acreage of property is:		
2.	The number of Pre-Existing Dwelling(s) is (are):		
3.	The intended Acreage to be Withheld is: (Size, configuration, and location must be approved by MARI Show withheld area on map – see instructions Part A: 3. With		
4.	The Easement Option Purchase Price Acreage is (1. minus 2	2. and minus 3.):	
5.	The total acres to be encumbered by Easement Option is (1	. minus 3.):	

For purposes of valuation, I/we affirm that the acreage of the total property was determined by one of the

INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION FOR PART B:

1. Planning and Zoning Information:

Pre-existing Dwelling(s) and Tenant House(s) Certification by Landowner

Depending on some rural land conservation programs, special consideration may be made on tenant houses with regard to potential development density when appraising properties for easement sale. The rural land conservation program may recognize the designation by a county of certain pre-existing dwellings as tenant houses which would otherwise be counted as a used density right. MARBIDCO shall inform the appraisers selected to assess the property to not assign a development right to any county-designated tenant house.

2. <u>Development Rights</u>:

The residential lot rights information provided in this section will be provided to the appraisers and used for valuation purposes.

3. <u>Transferable Development Rights</u>:

The TDR information provided in this section will be provided to the appraisers and used for valuation purposes.

PART B

1. PLANNING AND ZONING INFORMATION

a. **ZONING** Current Zoning of Property: _____ Does the property lie within the boundaries of a planned 10-year ☐ Yes \square No water and sewer service district? If yes, please describe Is the encumbrance of this property by an agricultural land ☐ Yes \square No preservation easement consistent with county plans? (Master Plan, Comprehensive Land-Use Plan, Growth Management Plan, etc.) b. Is there any withheld acreage? ☐ Yes \square No If yes, what is the reason for the withheld acreage? c. Is the property adjacent to other protected lands (fee or easement)? ☐ Yes \square No If yes, what is the approximate size of protected block of land (without subject property acres included)?

	d. Is/are there a county-designated tenant house located on the property? $\ \ \Box$ Y				\square No		
2.	<u>DEV</u>	VELOPMENT RIGHTS					
	a.	a. Has the County adopted a Tier Map under The Sustainable Growth & Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 (Senate Bill 236), also known as the septic law? ☐ Yes					
	b.	If a Tier Map has been adopted, in which Tier is the subject pr	operty locate		Tier Tier Exemption		
	c.	What is the maximum number of residential lots permitted in	a minor subc	livision?			
	d.	Taking into consideration underlying zoning, the restrictions septic law, and any other known restrictions (Chesapeake Bay Areas regulations, forest mitigation easements, etc.), what is t maximum number of development rights for the subject prop (Same as below. If different, please explain.)	r Critical he				
	*	Permitted On-Site Development Rights	Lot Rights	s A	Acres		
	i	. Total development rights/acres associated with the					
	ii	· • ,					
		subject property Total development rights/acres associated with pre- existing dwelling (within easement area)					
	iii	subject property Total development rights/acres associated with pre-existing dwelling (within easement area) Total development rights/acres associated with withheld acres (includes any dwelling(s) in withheld acres)					
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INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION FOR PART C:

1. <u>Deed References</u>:

All deeds and surveys with metes and bounds descriptions that cover the entire property should be listed here. The Liber and Folio should be stamped either on the top or bottom of all documents that have been recorded in the county land records. The Liber is the first number and the Folio is the second number shown on the recorded document.

2. Existing Property Restriction(s):

List any restrictive covenants, easements, or restrictive long term contracts on your property (e.g., forest conservation easements, open space easements, CREP easements, CRP contracts, forest mitigation easements, wetland mitigation easements, historical easements, environmental easements or residential covenants). FOR THE APPLICANT: Be advised that such restrictions may reduce the acreage on the eligible easement.

5. **Qualifying Soils**:

The Program Administrator is responsible for determining whether the property meets the minimum soils criteria.

PART C

1.	LOCATION OF PROPERTY	
	Tax Map Grid	Parcel #
	Tax ID#	_ (List all if more than one)
	Tax Map Grid	Parcel #
	Tax ID#	_ (List all if more than one)
	Tax Map Grid	Parcel #
	Tax ID#	(List all if more than one)
2.	DEED REFERENCE(S)	
	liber folio liber folio	liber folio
	If acreage reflected in deed is different from (Please refer to FORM 2, SECTION 3: Intended I	m acreage of proposed easement, please explain: Lot Selection for applicant(s) explanation.)

3. **EXISTING PROPERTY RESTRICTION(S)**

	Please provide informations Forest Conservation End of the required prior to app	asements, Op	en Space Eas				
	LAND UCD (or or day or day	.1					
•	LAND USE (round to who Tillable Cropland:	ne numberj:				acres	
	Pasture:						
	Woodland:						
	Wetland(s):						
	Orchard; Nursery:						
	Structure(s): (Farm buildings and dwe	llings)				acres	
	Pond/lake:					acres	
	Other:(Describe other land use)		_			acres	
	TOTAL ACRES: (Acres must equal Part A	– rounded to	a whole nur			acres	
	QUALIFYING SOILS : (To C: 5. Qualifying Soils)	be complete	d by the Cour	nty Program A	Administrato	r, see instruct	cions for Part
	ACRES: PERCENT OF TOTAL:					GROUP 2	
	Other information(Please indicate if the we					percent of tota	al figure.)
	CERTIFICATION OF SOIL			<u>-</u>			
	Seller Name						
	Property Address Tax Man Pare						

		es the subject property currently have a cer d water quality plan?	tified soil conservation	□ Yes	□ No		
7.		PROPERTY HAS 25 ACRES OR MORE OF CO REQUIRED FOR A MALPF EASEMENT	NTIGUOUS WOODLAND, A FORE	ST STEWARDSH	IP PLAN		
	a.	Is a Forest Stewardship Plan required for t	chis property:	□ Yes	\square No		
	b.	If yes, is it still in effect:		□ Yes	\square No		
8.	RE	QUIRED DOCUMENTATION to be included	with this Application				
	a.	\square All deeds, surveys, and/or plats that des	cribe the property.				
		Md. Ann. Code Agriculture Article, § 2-510 MALPF be accompanied by a complete des Easement. Failure to submit a complete de result in rejection of the Application.	scription of the property to be en	cumbered by an			
	b. \square Assessments and Taxation Data sheet from website.						
	c. \Box A tax map outlining property boundaries, and clearly indicating withheld acreage, if any, includ legal and practical access to the withheld acreage.						
	d. Aerial map with identified structures on the property located. Please use FORM 1, Section 6: Structures list, provided by the Property Sellers, as a reference when identifying structures on aer map.						
	e. A county map with subject property identified and including shading of neighboring (or contiguous) properties that are already preserved (i.e., protected land). The shading should identithe type of preserved land (MALPF, Rural Legacy, State parks, preserved county farmland, etc.)						
SECTION 1	ON :	2: SIGNATURE					
		firm, to the best of my knowledge, informat TON FORM is complete and accurate.	ion and belief, that FORM 3: SUB)	ECT PROPERTY			
	Co	unty Program Administrator	Date				
	— Pri	nt name					

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NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT SUBMISSION FORM

(To be signed by the chief elected/appointed county official, or the county director of planning and zoning or equivalent position at the time of application, or within 30 days following notice of the Next Gen award selection.)

SECTION 1: CONTACT INFORMATION (of county program administrator)

Name			
Title			
Agency		County	
Address			
City			
Telephone	Emai	I	
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SECTION 2: PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND	OWNER INFORM	ATION	
Applicant Name(s)			
Seller Name(s)			
Subject Property Information			
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	County
Tax Map Grid	Parcel #	Tax ID#	
Please offer any comments about how this	s property fits into	o the County's prog	ram ranking, etc.:

SECTION 3: DEFAULT EASEMENT HOLDER SELECTION (choose one option)

The "Default Easement Holder" agrees to hold and administer a permanent conservation easement on the subject property, if a permanent conservation easement is not placed on the subject property within the designated timeframe. If MARBIDCO is the "default easement holder - designator", the permanent conservation easement must be sold within seven years a land conservation program or MARBIDCO will designate the land conservation program to hold and administer the permanent easement. If the County program is the "default easement holder". ne er a

Print Name	
County Official/Director Signature	Date
SECTION 5: COUNTY GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION I, the authorized County Official, hereby have reviewed and affi information and belief, that this form is complete and accurate	
or county director of planning and zoning. <i>[optional]</i>	
agreeing to be the default easement holder which is signed	· ·
2. \Box A letter indicating that the County considers this property and it will move as rapidly as feasible to arrange for permanents.	
the chief elected/appointed county official or county direct	or of planning and zoning. [mandatory]
1. \Box A letter indicating that the County agrees to serve as the I	Default Easement Holder which is signed by
If the County is proposing to serve as the <u>Default Easement Holde</u>	${f r}$ than the following must be provided:
SECTION 4: REQUIRED COUNTY-PROVIDED INFORMATION FOR	R DEFAULT EASEMENTS SITUATIONS
☐ MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE-BASED B We propose to have MARBIDCO designate which land concast easement if there is "a default" (and the permanent ease the County is unwilling or unable to serve as the "Defaution concurs that this land should be permanently preserved.	onservation program will hold the permanent ement has not been sold in seven years), since alt Easement Holder" at this time. The County
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CHECK ONE:	
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Title

NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM COMMERCIAL LENDER INFORMATION FORM

(To be completed by a commercial bank or Farm Credit Association representative at the time of application, or within 30 days following notice of the Next Gen award selection.)

Loan Officer Name	Title		
Work Telephone	E-mail		
Mobile Telephone	Fax Number		
Lending Institution Name			
Address	City	7	
County	State 7	Zip Code	
LOAN INFORMATION			
Total Amount of financing to be provided by the Sponsoring Lender:			
Total Amount of manering to be provided by the Sp	onsoring Lender.		
Bank Terms: Int			
	erest rate to be charged		
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COLLATERAL

(List all collateral that can be used as security for the loan and any other lien holders on each item of collateral.)

Collateral	Value	Lien Holders	Lien Amount
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

SECTION 2: COMMERCIAL LENDER SIGNATURE

CERTIFICATION

The applicant is current on all existing financial obligations to our institution, and, to my knowledge, has not filed for Bankruptcy during the last 5 years:	□ Yes	□ No
We understand that our financial institution <u>must subordinate</u> our mortgage so interest in the subject real estate to a temporary and permanent conservation in order for the Next Gen funding to be advanced as a farm purchase down-pay	easement	□ No
I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.		
Loan Officer Signature	Date	
Print Name		
COMMERCIAL LENDER CHECKLIST		
1. \Box Loan commitment letter (including any conditions).		
2. \Box Lender's pro forma cash flow trend (or debt service coverage) analysis	sis, with projections f	or at least
three years into the future.		
3. \Box A recent appraisal report performed by a qualified real estate apprai	ser (if available).	

NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM APPLICATION RANKING WORKSHEET

SECTION 1. Characteristics of Subject Property Possible Points

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A. County as the Default Easement Holder (with 4 years to sell per	manent easement)
Property is a working farm and consists of:	
30% of acres is cropland/forage land	1 point
40% of acres is cropland/forage land	2 points
50% of acres is cropland/forage land	3 points
60% of acres is cropland/forage land	4 points
70% of acres is cropland/forage land	5 points
80% of acres is cropland/forage land	6 points
90% of acres is cropland/forage land	7 points
Property is located within the designated Priority Preservation	6 points
Area or a Rural Legacy Area	
Property size consists of:	
10 or more acres	5 points
20 or more acres	10 points
50 or more acres (or is MALPF-eligible)	17 points
Property already approved for a county administered easement program and/or is a county priority	5 points
Property includes an existing dwelling or has a buildable lot	5 points
Property has applied to county administered easement program (or MALPF round) in years prior to applying to the Next Gen Program.	5 points
NOTE: COMPLETE EITHER "A" OR "B" (BUT <u>NOT</u> BOTH)	
B. MARBIDCO, by default, Designating the Easement Holder (7 yea	rs to sell easement
Property is eligible for MALPF, Rural Legacy or a County Program [A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT]	10 points
Property is a working farm and consists of:	
30% of acres is cropland/forage land	1 point
40% of acres is cropland/forage land	2 points
50% of acres is cropland/forage land	3 points
60% of acres is cropland/forage land	4 points
70% of acres is cropland/forage land	5 points
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90% of acres is cropland/forage land	7 points
Property is located within the designated Priority Preservation	6 points
Area or a Rural Legacy Area	_
Property includes an existing dwelling or has a buildable lot	5 points
Property has applied to MALPF round in years prior to	5 points
applying to the Next Gen Program.	

SECTION 2: Characteristics of the Applicant Farmer Points Possible

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a. Applicant's Agricultural Experience and Agricultural Education	
Applicant is not a Beginner Farmer* (see definition below)	0 points
Applicant is a Beginner Farmer*	25 points
Applicant has received an agricultural degree from an accredited college or university	5 points
*Beginner Farmer Definition: A Beginner Farmer is defined as one who: Has not owned a farm or ranch (or currently owns less the agricultural land); and Has not operated a farm or ranch as a principal operator years; and Has at least one year of farming experience or has complemanagement training program that includes substantial (must be documented in an appropriate fashion); and Expects to substantially participate in the farm operation property.	for more than 10 eted a qualified farm fieldwork experience
3. Applicant's Current Access to Farmland (Select only one choice)	
Applicant currently farms ONLY on a property owned by a	
 relative which is the subject property (OR) but which is not the subject property 	5 points 7 points
OR	
Applicant currently farms BOTH on leased land (in the Applicant's name), as well as, on property owned by a relative. In addition, the property owned by a relative is	
 5% or more of Applicant's operation (OR) less than 5% of Applicant's operation. 	10 points 15 points
OR	
Applicant currently farms ONLY on leased land (in the Applicant's name).	17 points
OR	
Applicant currently does not have access to any farmland.	20 points
Applicant's Net Worth (Points only in one box are possible)	
Net worth is more than \$500,000 Net worth is between \$400,000 - \$499,999 Net worth is between \$300,000 - \$399,999 Net worth is between \$200,000 - \$299,999 Net worth is between \$100,000 - \$199,999 Net worth is less than \$100,000	0 points 3 points 6 points 9 points 12 points 15 points

SECTI	ON 3: Quality of the Farm Business Plan	Points Possible
A.	Farm Business Plan targets a clearly defined market with enough size and sales power to produce a profit. Scale: LOW: A small, specialty market with little or no growth potential. HIGH: A larger market with stable sales or high growth potential.	0 points to 10 points
В.	Farm Business Plan shows that applicant(s) have the skills and the experience to make the farm a success. Scale: LOW: Applicant(s) have never operated a farm business of their own before. HIGH: Applicant(s) have very substantial experience with the proposed enterprise.	0 points to 10 points
C.	Applicant's products offer local customers a direct benefit (e.g., retail food purchases are within a 100-mile radius). Scale: - LOW: Products are only exchange-traded commodities. - HIGH: Products are mostly or totally intended for local retail customers.	0 points to 10 points
D.	Farm Business Plan lays out a clear, well-conceived, workable strategy for getting their business up and running. Scale: LOW: No real strategy exists, except in their head. HIGH: A well-designed clearly formulated business strategy exists and has been explained in writing.	0 points to 10 points
	Section 3 Total (Max Points Possible):	40 Points

APPLICATION TOTAL SCORE: 150 POINTS

BONUS SECTION: Diversity in Applications Funded, Etc. Points Possible

	Bonus Section Total (Max Points Possible):	10 Points
D.	Overall impression of the application by the reviewer concerning extra credit that should be awarded.	3 points
C.	Dairy Operation (subject property currently includes a milking dairy operation, and Next Gen Applicant intends to continue the milking dairy operation).	3 points
В.	diversity of farm operational types should be supported throughout the Next Gen Program). If business operation is an operational dairy, please see below.	2 points
A.	Geography (to help avoid county or regional funding concentrations and/or better serve an under-served area).	2 points

MAXIMUM TOTAL SCORE WITH BONUS POINTS: 160 POINTS

NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM APPLICANT(S) BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet Date:

Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Credit Cards (specify):
Credit Cards (specify):
Notes Payable (specify):
Other Liabilities
Current Liabilities
Non Current Liabilities
Current Portion of Long Term Debt*
Mortgages (specify)
Car Loans (specify)
Other long-term Loans (specify)
Non Current Liabilities
Total Liabilities

 $^{{\}it *Current portion of long term debt represents the total amount of long-term debt that must be paid within the next year.}$

NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM INCOME STATEMENT

(Revenue and expenses from the <u>past</u> year)

Calendar Year: <u>2020</u>

Farm/Business Income and Expenses

Other Income and Expenses

Income	Income
Sales of: Rental Income Ag Program Payments Other Income (specify)	Salaries & Wages Interest & Dividends Non Farm Rental Pension/Social Security Alimony/Child Support Other Income (specify)
Less Cost of Goods Sold	Gross Other Income
Gross Farm/Business Income	_
Expenses	Expenses
Advertising Car & Truck Expenses Chemicals Salaries & Wages Labor Hired Custom Hire/Consultants Feed Purchased Fertilizer Freight, Trucking Gasoline, Fuel, Oil Insurance Rent of Machinery & Equip Rent of Farm, Pasture Repairs, Maintenance Seeds, Plants Purchased Storage, Warehousing Utilities Veterinary, Medicine, Breeding Miscellaneous Expenses (specify)	Social Security Withholding Self-Employment Taxes Income Taxes (State & Federal) Alimony/Child Support Other Expenses (specify) Total Other Expenses Net Other Income
Total Farm/Business Expenses	-
Net Farm/Business Income	

NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM INCOME STATEMENT

(Revenue and expenses for the <u>current</u> year)

Calendar Year: 2021

Farm/Business Income and Expenses

Other Income and Expenses

Income	Income
Sales of:	Salaries & Wages Interest & Dividends Non Farm Rental Pension/Social Security
Rental Income Ag Program Payments Other Income (specify)	Alimony/Child Support Other Income (specify)
Less Cost of Goods Sold	Gross Other Income
Gross Farm/Business Income	
Expenses	Expenses
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NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM PRO FORMA INCOME STATEMENT

(Revenue and expense projections for the <u>next</u> year)

Calendar Year: <u>2022</u>

Farm/Business Income and Expenses

Other Income and Expenses

Income	Income				
Sales of: Rental Income Ag Program Payments Other Income (specify)	Salaries & Wages Interest & Dividends Non Farm Rental Pension/Social Security Alimony/Child Support Other Income (specify)				
Less Cost of Goods Sold	Gross Other Income				
Gross Farm/Business Income					
Expenses	Expenses				
Advertising Car & Truck Expenses Chemicals Salaries & Wages Labor Hired Custom Hire/Consultants Feed Purchased Fertilizer Freight, Trucking Gasoline, Fuel, Oil Insurance Rent of Machinery & Equip Rent of Farm, Pasture Repairs, Maintenance Seeds, Plants Purchased Storage, Warehousing Utilities Veterinary, Medicine, Breeding Miscellaneous Expenses (specify)	Social Security Withholding Self-Employment Taxes Income Taxes (State & Federal) Alimony/Child Support Other Expenses (specify) Total Other Expenses Net Other Income				
Total Farm/Business Expenses	-				
Net Farm/Business Income					

NEXT GENERATION FARMLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM DEBT REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

Personal Debt Repayment Schedule

(including car loans)
Date: _____

Lender and	Original	Date	Interest	Payments	Amount of	Loan
Loan Number	Amount	Incurred	Rate	Per Year	Periodic	Balance
					Payment	
					·	
Annual Totals					·	

Farm or Business Debt Repayment Schedule

Date: _____

Lender and	Original	Date	Interest	Payments	Amount of	Loan
Loan Number	Amount	Incurred	Rate	Per Year	Periodic	Balance
					Payment	
Annual Totals						