

Securing Our Agricultural Future



Agricultural security areas represent a commitment among landowners and local officials to keep land in agricultural production for at least 10 years and to incentivize future investment for agricultural purposes. In order to create an ASA, landowners, township trustees and county commissioners need to enter into a cooperative agreement affirming their intent to protect the land's agricultural use.

Why?

"We joined the Ag Security Area in our township for an additional measure of protection against the risk of development of our bicentennial family farm."

Elmer and Carolyn Baer, Marshallville

This card was created by the Wayne County Ag Success Team. Interested in learning more or for assistance in contacting neighboring landowners to put together an ASA in your township? Contact wayne@ofbf.org or 330-263-7456.

Benefits:

A county or township may not install any new roads, or water or sewer lines, except under order of the US or OH EPA.

Landowners may request, from township trustees and county commissioners, a tax exemption on new investments in a building, structure, improvement, or fixture that is used exclusively for agricultural purposes within the ASA after enrollment.

Finally, all non-agricultural development will be prohibited within the ASA during its 10 year term.

Requirements:

- The area considered for an ASA must be at least 500 contiguous acres of farmland.
- The land can be owned by different owners and in different parcels but must be contiguous.
- All landowners must agree to be in the ASA and all land must be located in an unincorporated area of a township or county.
- The land must be enrolled in the Ag District program and the Current Agricultural Use Value program with the county auditor.
- Applicants must not have any criminal record pertaining to violations of environmental laws in the past 10 years and farm must be conducted in accordance with best practices as certified by the USDA NRCS or the local SWCD.