Bona Fide Agricultural Use Review Questionnaire

Pursuant to section 253.0341(20), Florida Statutes, the Acquisition and Restoration Council (Council) is required to determine whether any land a local governmental entity, as defined in section 218.72, Florida Statutes, proposes to surplus is suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes, as defined in section 193.461(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

To assist the Council in determining whether the property is suitable for bona fide agricultural purposes, local governmental entities must submit the following information to the Council before surplusing any lands:

1. A completed Bona Fide Agricultural Use Review Questionnaire (include additional pages as necessary).

2. The county property appraiser's property tax card for each parcel proposed for surplus.

3. A vicinity map showing the property boundaries within a regional context.

4. An aerial map showing the property boundaries, including surrounding land uses and infrastructure.

5. A copy of current agricultural use lease for property, if applicable.

INFORMATION SUBMISSION

The required information must be provided in *pdf format and submitted electronically to ARC_MailingList@FloridaDEP.gov.

Information may also be submitted by mail to:

Office of Environmental Services
Division of State Lands
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Mail Station 140
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL INFORMATION

1. **Local Governmental Name:** _____
2. **Point of Contact Name and Title:** _____
3. **Mailing Address:** _____
4. **Email Address:** _____
5. **Telephone Number:** _____

LAND PROPOSED TO BE SURPLUSED

1. **Land Address:** _____
2. **County / Property Appraiser Parcel ID:** _____
3. **Current Zoning:** _____
4. **Property Acreage:** _____
5. **Reason for Surplus:** _____

CURRENT LAND USE

1. **Is the property currently used for agricultural purposes?** Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes:

a. Describe current agricultural activity(s) onsite (e.g., cattle, timber, row crops, hay, nursery, silviculture, etc.).

b. List the acre amount per agricultural activity.

c. How long has the property been used continuously for agricultural purposes?

d. Is the property being maintained in accordance with accepted commercial agricultural practices (e.g., mowing, fencing, fertilizing, timber management, grazing, irrigation, planting, etc.)? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please describe:

If no:

a. What was the site historically used for and for how long?

b. What was the county property appraiser's classification of the site historically?

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2. Are products currently produced on the land and if so, are they for sale, lease or income generation?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes:

a. What types of products are produced?

3. Is the land currently leased for any use including agricultural? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes:

a. What are the lease terms and duration? Include start/end dates, rental amount or share arrangement, permitted and/or restricted uses, any renewal options and any other applicable information that would be useful for the Council to make the determination.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please describe any site-specific facts to assist the Council in determining whether the land is suitable for bona fide agricultural use.

1. Describe the current footprint of the site, including impervious ground, improvements, etc.

2. If natural areas exist on the property, provide soil descriptions with associated map.

3. Is there electric service available on the site? Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Are there any water sources on the site? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please describe.

5. Describe access to the site.

6. Is the site within a flood zone? Yes ☐ No ☐

7. Are there known natural water sources or sensitive areas on the site or that this site may drain towards? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please describe.

8. Are there any known local ordinances in place that may prohibit agricultural use? Yes ☐ No ☐

9. Has the site ever been used for industrial purposes? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please describe.

10. Are there any known soil, surface water or groundwater contamination issues currently on the site or previously on the site? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please describe.