

What are the Enrollment Criteria for the ASA?

1. Farms must either be adjacent to the existing ASA, or be greater than 10 acres in size.
2. Properties must consist of viable agricultural land including cropland, pasture, and woodland.
3. At least 50% of the land must be in Soil Capability Classes I-IV, as defined by the county soil survey.
4. Properties must be zoned for agricultural use.

How to Enroll

Contact either of these two organizations to get started:

Lancaster Farmland Trust
717-687-8484

Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board
717-299-8355



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**The Agricultural Security Area:
Helping to Conserve
Penn Township's
Farmland**



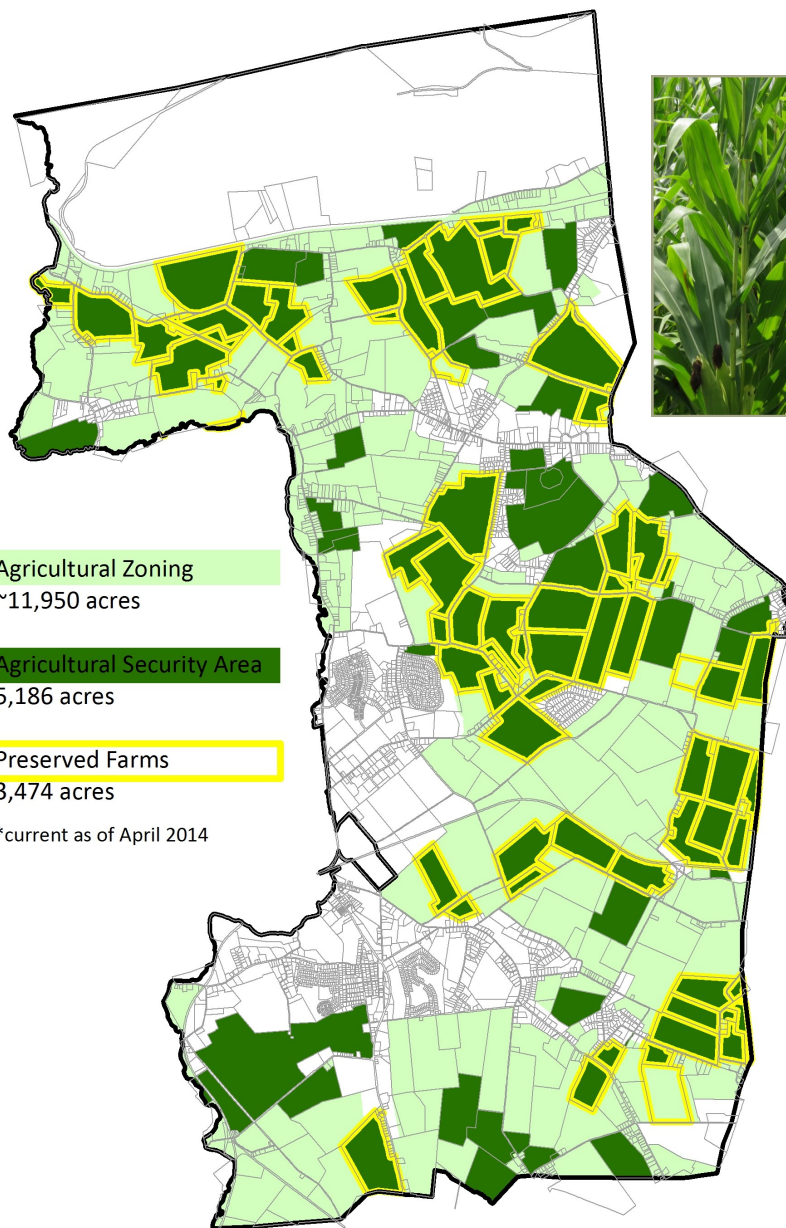
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What is the Agricultural Security Area?

Penn Township's Agricultural Security Area (ASA) encompasses more than 5,000 acres and can be expanded at the request of landowners. The ASA is enabled by Act 43 of 1981, also known as the Pennsylvania Agricultural Security Area Law. Enrollment in the program is purely at the desire of the landowner and does not restrict use of the land. The ASA is one of the building blocks of long-term agricultural viability in our community.

Landowner Benefits

- Enrollment is free.
- Enrollment is voluntary and does not restrict the use of the property. The farmer may continue to use the property in accordance with township zoning.
- Farms enrolled in the ASA are eligible to preserve land with the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board.
- Penn Township agrees not to enact nuisance ordinances that would restrict normal farming operations in the ASA.
- Governmental use of eminent domain to condemn farmland in the ASA is limited.



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