Rural Land Access



What is my Ideal Farmsite?

Begin by imagining your ideal farmsite. Then think through what you want in a

KEY TERMS

Land Assessment: Evaluate a property, its location, infrastructure and community

- It inventories natural resources, physical characteristics and existing infrastructure.
- It documents historic and current land use.
- It evaluates a specific site and setting including owner, property and community considerations.
- It analyzes carrying costs.

Zoning: Community rules for land uses that vary by area. Zoning districts include Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural

Infrastructure: Barns, homes, water wells and other buildings and built resources on the farm

Right to Farm: Protects some farmers from nuisance lawsuits.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Sticky notes
- Handouts
- Pens, pencils or markers
- A comfortable space indoors or in the shade outdoors

Alternate Supplies

- Zoom or other online meeting room
- Ability to split into breakout rooms
- Google documents or other online document sharing tool

My Dream Farm

Without concern for money or practicalities, describe your dream farmsite. You can include information on the geographic location, soil type, proximity to markets or off-farm work, hills, forests, ponds, infrastructure or other features. We will discuss prioritizing these goals and practical realities after you have a chance to pair with a partner to discuss your dream farm.



Farm Evaluation Checklist

Evaluating Land: √ = Must-haves + = Nice if possible - = Avoid if possible NP = No preference NO = NO (Must NOT have)

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