

**Pre-Application Form
To Purchase
Walt's Farm & Orchard**

All information provided in this application will remain confidential to WLCT and is not public information.

The Applicant undersigned hereby submits the following Pre-Application to purchase the property owned by the Westport Land Conservation Trust, Inc. ("WLCT") consisting of approximately 12 acres, commonly known as the "Walt's Farm Orchard" or "Walt's Farm" located at 439 Briggs Road in Westport, Massachusetts.

NAME(s): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

This Packet includes the following Required Documents:

_____ 1. Statement of Intent

_____ 2. General Information

_____ 3. Farm Plan

a.) Business Concept

b.) Farm Management

_____ 4. Statement of Understanding of Conservation Restriction

_____ 5. Affidavit of Disclosure of Beneficial Interests and Non-Collusion

Feel free to use additional pages if more space is required, but please keep answers concise. WLCT acknowledges that the prospective Applicants are providing information based on their best assessment of the condition of the property.

I. Statement of Intent

Why are you interested in owning and managing Walt's Farm? What makes you the most qualified Applicant? How would your ownership of Walt's Farm benefit the community of Westport?

2. General Information

- a. The new owner of Walt’s Farm will be required to adhere to the terms of the Conservation Restriction (CR) on the property and cooperate with annual inspections of the property by the Town of Westport Conservation Commission and the Westport Land Conservation Trust, Inc. Explain any experience you have stewarding land with Conservation Restrictions and/or Agricultural Preservation Restrictions, and any other experience that you believe has helped to prepare you for owning a farm subject to a CR.

- b. Describe your current farmland holdings or any land leased for your farm operation including the location (town, state), and total acreage in production or use.

3. Farm Plan

- a.) *Business Concept.*

- i. Describe the mission, vision and goals for your farm enterprise.

b.) Farm Management.

- i. Describe the cultivation, maintenance, management and harvesting activities proposed for the Property.

4. Statement of Understanding of the Conservation Restriction and Application Information and Overview.

I/We have read the Conservation Restriction. I/We understand that the successful Applicant for Walt's Farm will purchase the Farm subject to the terms of the Conservation Restriction in the form generally as presented, and subject to final revisions and approvals by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or Town of Westport. I/We acknowledge that I/We have read, and do hereby accept the terms and conditions contained in it.

Applicant Signature

Date

Co-Applicant Signature

Date

5. Affidavit of Disclosure of Beneficial Interests and Non-Collusion

**Property: Walt's Farm
439 Briggs Road
Westport, MA**

WLCT's goal is to match this property with the best suited applicant. Its Board of Directors must protect the integrity of the decision making process and ensure the ethical operation of the organization, which includes documenting and addressing any real or perceived conflict of interest with applicants. This form is being used to disclose if the applicant has a relationship with WLCT, as defined in the questions below. One Applicant may complete this form as it pertains to all applicants.

I, _____, under the penalties of perjury do hereby state and affirm:

- a) That this application has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any person. As used in this Affidavit the words "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity or group of individuals;
- b) The following persons have or will have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in the Property:

Name & Address:

- c) None of the above-mentioned persons is an employee or member of the Board of Directors of the Westport Land Conservation Trust, Inc. except as listed below:

- d) None of the above-mentioned persons are donors whose contributions within one year preceding this Affidavit exceed \$5000 or whose total contributions to the Westport Land Conservation Trust, Inc. exceed \$50,000; or are family members of any of the above, including spouses, parents and grandparents and their spouses, children and grandchildren and their spouses, and siblings and their spouses; or have business affiliations, including any person, corporation, or organization controlling, controlled by or under common control with any of the above, except as listed below:

Cntd. Affidavit of Disclosure of Beneficial Interests and Non-Collusion

The undersigned swears under the penalties of perjuries that this Affidavit is complete and accurate in all respects.

SIGNATURE

PRINT OR TYPE NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE #

WITNESS