

For additional information



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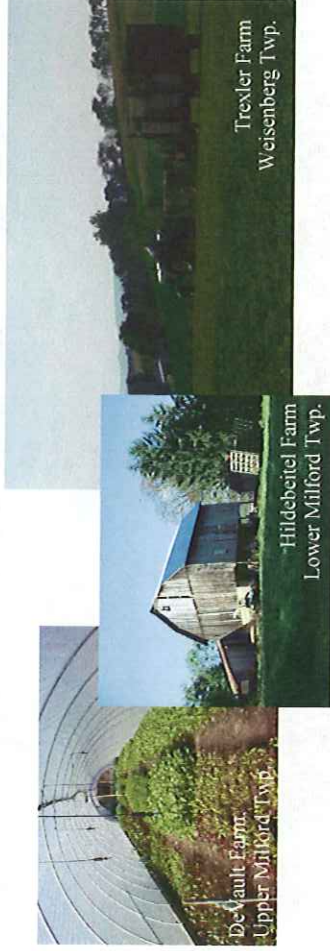
What does it mean to own a preserved farm?



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What is a preserved farm?

A preserved farm is bound by an agricultural conservation easement, which permanently protects the property from non-agricultural development. It is important to note that the owner still retains all other property rights and the conservation easement does **not** give the public access to the property. Yearly inspections of the property will also be conducted to ensure that no easement violations have occurred.



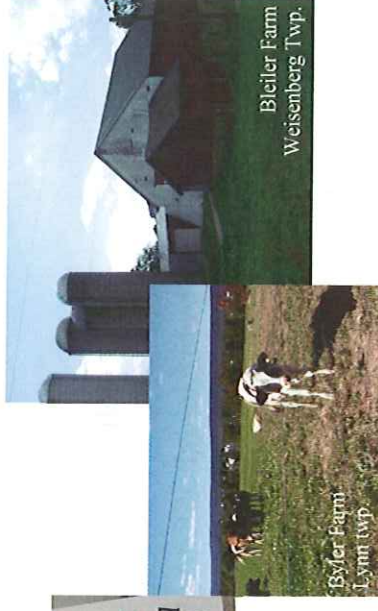
Permitted Activities

All normal agricultural uses are permitted, including crop and livestock production, and the construction of farm buildings for storage, processing and marketing of products produced on the farm. All farming must be done in accordance with an approved Conservation Plan.

Farm-related development (barns, sheds, greenhouses, livestock housing) is permitted as long as the total area covered with buildings is no more than 10% of the total easement area.

Only one additional residence may be constructed on the farm. This additional residence may be constructed for the purpose of housing the landowner or for housing farm employees.

Under certain limited circumstances, a preserved farm may be divided as long as the division does not harm the economic viability of the farmland. Board approval is required for this type of transaction.



Prohibited Activities

Commercial, industrial, institutional, recreational, and residential development, unless specifically permitted on the easement deed.