



**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
Natural Resources Division
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL & EXTENSION
SERVICES
25550 Harbor View Road
Port Charlotte, FL 33980**

CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION

Charlotte County, Florida, desires to preserve undeveloped land and open space in residential areas in order to protect the aesthetic and natural resources of the County through non-regulatory means and thereby reduce the burdens placed on state and local governments by unchecked development, by reducing the cost of those public services associated with developed property, for example, emergency medical services, and police and fire protection.

Name:[Print] _____, (hereinafter "Owner") desires to grant and convey to Charlotte County, Florida, a perpetual Conservation Easement in and over Owner's real property located in Charlotte County, Florida, in consideration of the removal of, or a reduction in, the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) count assigned to Owner's real property for street and drainage, storm water utilities, waterways and fire benefit unit assessment purposes.

Property owners who have granted conservation easements to a conservation organization other than Charlotte County but wish to apply for the Conservation Easement Program, may qualify for the Program, subject to review and approval of the Charlotte County Department of Environmental & Extension Services by submitting a copy of the recorded easement.

Property must meet the criteria identified in Charlotte County Resolution 2007-074 to be eligible for this conservation easement program. The reduction and/or removal of an MSBU assessment will be for the following tax year and reimbursements for current or prior years is not permitted. Charlotte County, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to approve or reject any application.

Applicant mailing address:

Phone _____

[Signature] _____

It is advised the applicant review Resolution 2007-074 prior to submittal of application to ensure the property and applicant meets all established criteria Identified in the Resolution.

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1. Applicant must complete and attach the signed, witnessed, and notarized CONSERVATION EASEMENT document.
2. Applicant must attach the property's **Legal Description** and **Sketch of the Property as prepared by a licensed Florida Professional Surveyor and Mapper** to the CONSERVATION EASEMENT document.
 - Applicants desiring inclusion of Conservation Easements granted to a conservation organization must attach a copy of the Conservation Easement granted to the conservation organization, that has been recorded with the County Clerk of the Court; the easement must include the property's legal description.
3. Include a check payable to **Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners** to cover the cost of recording the documents with the Clerk of the Court. Fees are subject to change, please verify with Clerk of Court for current pricing before submitting check.
 - When calculating the number of documents to be recorded, count the Conservation Easement document [4 pages] and the number of pages in your Legal Description document. Do not count the application pages.

Your application and documents will be processed by the Natural Resources Division to ensure the request meets all conditions found in Resolution 2007-074. Applicant will be notified of the action that has been taken.

Submit Application, Documents and Check to:

Natural Resources Division
25550 Harbor View Road
Suite #2
Port Charlotte, Florida 33980-2503
Phone: (941) 764-4360
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