

Qualifying for the Farmland Preservation Tax Credit in Marquette County:

Getting Started:

1. Is your land Zoned Ag. 1?
 - Check your tax parcel bills, your land must be Zoned Ag. 1.
 - Note: Ag. 2 or 3, etc. do not qualify.
 - Please bring a copy of your tax parcel bills when we meet.

2. Did your working lands produce \$6,000 this year in farm revenue?
 - Or \$18,000 in the last three years?

Demonstrate Conservation Compliance:

3. Aerial Imagery Review
 - We will look at aerial imagery and do an onsite visit of your property to look for any erosion, runoff, etc.
 - If your property has any issues, we can work with you to correct them.

4. Do you have livestock?
 - If you don't, skip this step.
 - If you do, we will need to set up an onsite review visit.

5. Do you have soil sample results for all cropped fields?
 - You will need 1 sample for every 4 acres.
 - Samples cannot be more than 2 years old.
 - Samples will need to be updated once every four years.

6. Develop a Nutrient Management Plan.
 - We use a computer program called SnapPlus, to develop a Nutrient Management Plan.
 - You're allowed to write the NMP yourself by attending one of our yearly Farmer Training Classes.
 - You may also hire a Certified Agronomist to write your NMP on your behalf.

Final Step:

7. We will issue you a Certificate of Compliance.
 - Your Certificate will list your unique COC # on it.
 - This Certificate is to be used each year for your taxes. If you buy, sell or rezone property out of Ag. 1 Zoning we will need to reissue an updated Certificate.

-Please refer to your accountant for all tax related questions.