

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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## APPLICATION FOR TAX CREDIT FOR CONSERVATION LANDS

## **HOWARD COUNTY CODE SECTION 20.128**

In accordance with the provisions of § 9-220 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, an owner of real property may receive a property tax credit equal to 100% of the county property tax imposed on real property if the property is conservation land OR the property owner is a Land Trust and the property is used to assist in the preservation of a natural area, for the environmental education of the public, generally to promote conservation, for the maintenance of a natural area for public use or a sanctuary for wildlife, or to conserve agricultural land and to promote continued agricultural use of the land.

The application shall be filed no later than April 1 prior to the first taxable year for which the credit is sought. All taxes are due and payable when issued. The credit may not exceed the amount of County Property Tax. Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Year beginning\_\_\_\_\_ Property Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Name Mailing Address **Section I:** Is this property in conservation land?  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No If yes, please attach a copy of perpetual conservation easement or other proof of qualification under §9-220 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. **Section II:** Is this property owned by a Land Trust certified by Maryland Environmental Trust? 

Yes 

No Is the certified property in good standing and has a cooperative agreement in effect?  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No If yes, please attach a copy of your written certification from Maryland Environmental Trust showing the land is in good standing & has a cooperative agreement in effect. Is the property used: (I) to assist the preservation of a natural area?  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No (II) for the environmental education of the public? ☐ Yes ☐ No (III) generally, to promote conservation? ☐ Yes ☐ No (IV) for the maintenance of: 1. a natural area for public use?  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No 2. a sanctuary for wildlife? ☐ Yes ☐ No (V) to conserve agricultural land and to promote continued agricultural use of the land? ☐ Yes ☐ No Signature of Owner



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Assessment	County Tax	
Amount of Credit	Approved:	<u> </u>
Disapproved:	Reason:	