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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Yadkin County Voluntary Agricultural District Program Application Form

Name(s) of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Physical Address (if different from mailing address): \_\_\_\_\_

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***The purpose of the Yadkin County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance is to promote agricultural values and the general welfare of the county and more specifically, increase the identity and pride in the agricultural community and its way of life; encourage the economic and financial health of agriculture, horticulture and forestry; and increase protection from non-farm development and other negative impacts on properly managed farms.***

### **Requirements for inclusion in a Yadkin County Voluntary Agricultural District:**

1. Farmland shall be real property.
2. The property shall be engaged in agriculture as defined in North Carolina General Statute 106-581.1.
3. The property shall be managed in accordance with the Natural Resources Conservation Service defined erosion control practices that are addressed to highly erodible land.
4. The property is subject to a conservation agreement, as defined in North Carolina General Statute 121-35 between the county and the owner of such land that prohibits non-farm use or development of such land for a period of at least 10 years, except for the creation of not more than three lots that meet applicable county and municipal zoning and subdivision regulations. The property owner may voluntarily revoke this conservation agreement by submitting a written request to the Yadkin County Agricultural Advisory Board in accordance with Article VIII of the Yadkin County Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance.
5. The District, when initially established, shall contain a minimum of 1.5 contiguous acres of qualified farmland.
6. A Conservation Agreement for land within a Voluntary Agricultural District shall be automatically renewed after the initial or subsequent 10 year period unless the landowner provides a 30 day written notice to the Advisory Board of intent not to renew.



**Return completed application forms to:**

North Carolina Cooperative Extension  
Yadkin County Center

**By Mail:** PO Box 97  
Yadkinville, NC 27055

**In Person:** 209 East Elm Street  
Yadkinville, NC 27055

**For questions contact:** Colleen Church, County Extension Director (336-679-2061)

**YADKIN COUNTY PRESERVATION AGREEMENT**

If certified by the Yadkin County Agricultural Advisory Board for inclusion in a Yadkin County Voluntary Agricultural District, I agree to sustain, promote and encourage agriculture in the district; support protection against nuisance suits, undesired non-farm development and other negative impacts on participating farms; and I agree to prohibit non-farm use of land under this program for a period of ten years from the date certified by the Agricultural Advisory Board. The landowner may revoke this agreement by written notice to the Board or the Board may revoke such agreement based on noncompliance by the landowner.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_