

FARMLAND AVAILABLE

Through the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Farmland Access Initiative



The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is seeking individuals interested in leasing land to grow crops or raise livestock as part of its Farmland Access Initiative. In January 2019, the Conservancy acquired farmland, located an hour north of Pittsburgh off of I-79 in Findley Township, Mercer County, which is now available for lease to local farmers for small-scale agricultural operations producing food for our local Pittsburgh market.

- **Location:** 218 Uber Road, Findley Township, Pa. 16137 (Mercer County)
- **Available acreage for lease:** Approximately 13.5 acres of agricultural fields will be divided between two farmers, each with 8-10 acres. The initial lease term will be 5-10 years, with the potential to renew for a maximum of 15 more years.
- **Existing buildings:**
 - Bank barn – A bank barn is available to be shared by the farmers and WPC.
 - Houses – Two houses (one with large detached garage, one with small shed) are available to lease under separate agreements with WPC.
- **Required certification:** Certified Naturally Grown, USDA Certified Organic or a closely related set of standards approved by WPC
- **Water:** Water will be available at the barn.
- **Food distribution methods:** The primary market will be the Pittsburgh regional food supply. Methods may include: pick-your-own, CSA, roadside stands, farmers markets or direct sales. A portion of the products are to be supplied within the City of Pittsburgh.
- **Tools & equipment:** The farmers will provide their own equipment and tools. A tractor (27-HP diesel 4x4 with front-end loader with bucket, rotary mower and box scraper) will be available for shared use by the farmers and WPC under a separate agreement.
- **Application:** Farmers are required to submit a 3-year business plan, a resume and a one-year budget including all farm income and expenses involved in the proposed farming operation. Include your proposed rental rate for fields, barn and housing (if applicable).

Farmers are also required to have commercial and automobile liability insurance, make erosion and sedimentation plans and hold a yearly educational outreach event. Non-leased areas of the property may be managed as a nature reserve by WPC and open to the public.

**For more information or to submit a proposal, contact
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Uber Road Farm - Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

Findley Township, Mercer County



WPC also has two houses for lease on the farm.

- 1,456 sq. ft. single-story, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and 1 half bath. Covered front and back porches. Propane central heat and air conditioning. Attached 770 sq. ft. 2-car garage and 12'x18' mini-barn.
- 1,341 sq. ft. single-story, 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Full basement. Propane central heat. Newer windows and doors, and new attic insulation. Detached 1,008 sq. ft. 2-car garage.