PTAX-337-R Combined Application for Conservation Right Public Benefit Certification and for Reduced Assessed Valuation of Property

Instructions
You must complete and file Part 1 and Part 2 of this application to request the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to certify that the conservation right on the listed property provides a demonstrated public benefit under Section 10-167 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-167).

You must attach a copy of the entire recorded document conveying the conservation right to your application. Mail your completed application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield IL 62702-1271. IDNR will return your application after processing. If you have questions, call IDNR at 217 785-8774.

Part 1: Identify the property
Owner of record
Name ______________________________________
Mailing address ______________________________________
Daytime phone ______________________________________
Location of registered land or land encumbered by conservation right
Street address ________________________________________
County or counties ___________________________________
City or town _________________________________________
Township/range/section _________________________________
Property index number (PIN) _____________________________
(If PIN is unavailable, use a separate page listing the property's complete legal description.)
Number of acres ______________________________________

For use by Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Is the property encumbered by a conservation right? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, is the encumbrance perpetual? Yes ☐ No ☐
Does the conservation right on the property provide a demonstrated public benefit? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, the property qualifies because it protects at least one of the following:
☐ an opportunity for public access to outdoor recreation or outdoor education
☐ a habitat for state or federal endangered or threatened species or federal candidate species
☐ land identified in the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory
☐ land determined to be eligible for registration under the Register of Land and Water Reserves
☐ land contributing to the ecological viability of a park, conservation area, nature preserve, or other high quality terrestrial or aquatic area that is publicly owned or otherwise protected
☐ land included in, or consistent with a government policy or plan for the conservation of wildlife habitat or open space, for restoration or protection of lakes and streams, or for the protection of scenic areas

Date received: _________________________________________
Certification number _____________________________________
Evaluation prepared by:___________________________________
IDNR staff __________________________ Date __________________
☐ Certified ☐ Not certified
Reasons (if not certified) ________________________________________
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IDNR Director __________________________ Date ____________

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Instructions
You may request a reduced assessed valuation of the property described on Part 1 by completing and filing Part 3 and Part 4 of this notarized application with the chief county assessment officer in the county where registered land (525 ILCS 30/16) or certified land encumbered by a conservation right that provides a demonstrated public benefit (35 ILCS 200/10-167) is located.

You must attach a copy of the entire recorded registration agreement if the property listed on this notarized application is registered land. A complete legal description of the listed property should appear in the registration agreement or the attached conservation right for encumbered land under Part 1.

A separate application must be filed with the chief county assessment officer in each county where the listed property is located for which you are seeking a reduced assessed valuation. The application must be submitted by January 31 of the tax assessment year for which a reduced assessed valuation is sought.

Part 3: Provide requested information
I am the person or entity liable for taxes on the property listed on Part 1 of this application which is located in ____________________________ County, Illinois.

I am filing this application to request a reduced assessment of the listed property for the reason indicated below.

Please check only one reason.
☐ The conservation right on the listed property has been certified as providing a demonstrated public benefit (35 ILCS 200/10-167). See reverse side for IDNR certification.
☐ The listed property has been registered under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30/16).

The registration agreement or conservation right establishes a perpetual encumbrance on the listed property.

The registration agreement or conservation right prohibits the construction of any other structure on the listed property except for replacement structures of a similar or smaller size that do not interfere with or destroy the registration or conservation right.

The listed property has not been valued as open space land under Section 10-155 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-155).

If this application is approved, I understand: Under Section 10-166 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-166), in counties with 200,000 or fewer inhabitants that do not classify property for the purpose of taxation, the listed property shall be valued at 8 1/3 percent of its fair market value, estimated as if the property was not registered or encumbered. Any improvement on the property shall be valued at 33 1/3 percent of its fair market value.

Under Section 10-166 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-166), in counties with more than 200,000 inhabitants that classify property for the purpose of taxation, the listed property shall be valued at 25 percent of that percentage of its fair market value established by an ordinance adopted under Section 4 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution of 1970. Any improvement on the property shall be valued at that percentage of fair market value established by the same ordinance.

Under Section 10-169 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-169), the person or entity liable for taxes on the listed property shall notify the chief county assessment officer in writing by certified mail within 30 days after the release or amendment of either the registration agreement or the conservation right if the effect is to substantially diminish the public benefit. The person or entity liable for taxes is required to pay the county treasurer the difference in taxes based on the fair market value or ordinance level of the property permitted by law in each of the 10 preceding years or lesser time period the reduced valuation was in effect, plus 10 percent interest. Payment is due by the following September 1 or the amount of the difference shall be considered delinquent taxes.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 10-169(b) of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-169(b)), if a written notice is not provided by certified mail in a timely manner, then any property that is no longer registered or encumbered by the conservation right shall be treated as omitted property under this Code.

Part 4: Sign below
Under penalties of perjury, I state that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application, including attached material, is true, correct, and complete. I agree to abide by all provisions in the registration agreement or the conservation right on the listed property. I further agree to comply with all requirements relating to the reduced assessed valuation for registered land or land encumbered by conservation rights under Article 10 of the Property Tax Code.

Applicant’s signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 
___ day of ______________, 200____.

Notary public ____________________________

If you have any questions, please call:

Mail your completed Form PTAX-337-R to:
_____________________________________________ County CCAO
_____________________________________________
Mailing address
_____________________________________________
City ___________________________ IL ____________
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ZIP __________________________________________________

For use by chief county assessment officer (CCAO)

Date Received __ __/__ __/__ __ __ __ __ 
☐ Approved  ☐ Disapproved

Reasons (if disapproved) ____________________________________________________________________________
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Chief county assessment officer’s signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________