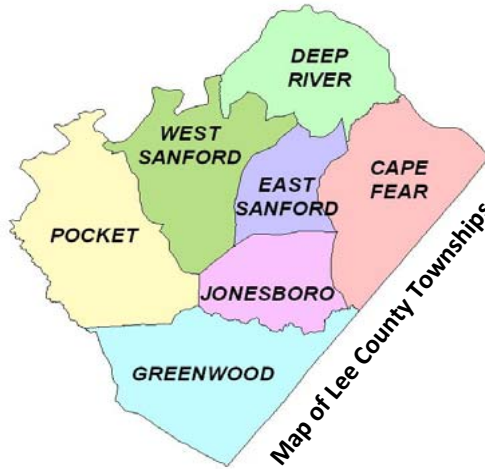




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**LEE COUNTY  
VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL  
DISTRICT**



**Voluntary  
Agricultural  
District  
Program**

**Lee County  
North Carolina**

## What Are Voluntary Agricultural Districts?

Lee County has a strong agricultural industry. However, our farmers are dealing with increased pressures from urban encroachment and rural housing development.

Many urban dwellers are moving into rural settings, but do not understand nor appreciate that living next door to a farm may include such issues as noise, odors, dust, insects, early morning or late night schedules of farmers. This has resulted in nuisance suits being filed by new rural residents against their farm neighbors.

To help prevent some of these problems the State of North Carolina has enabled counties to adopt Voluntary Agricultural Districts.



## The Objectives of Voluntary Agricultural Districts are:

1. To encourage the preservation of farmland and natural resources.
2. To provide the agricultural community a voice in land-use decisions within the county.

## Who Qualifies?

To qualify, the farm/operation must be:

1. Participating in present-use tax value program.
2. Managed according to approved erosion control practices.
3. Subject to conservation agreement.

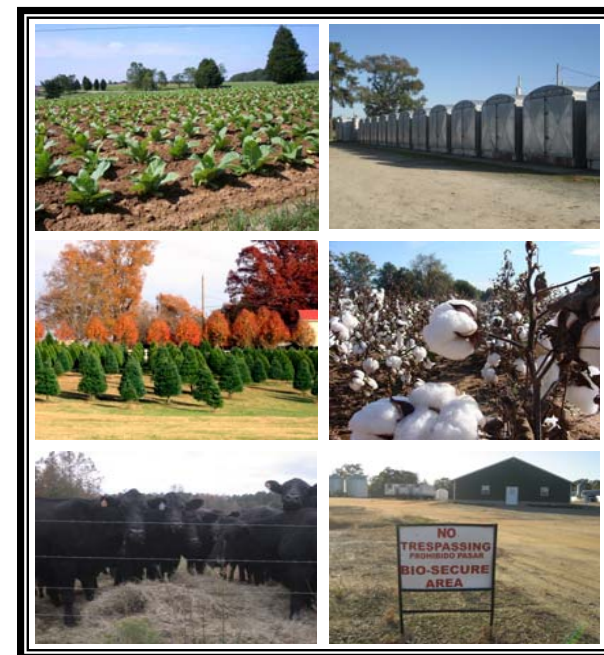
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There is a \$50 application fee which includes the recording fees at the Register of Deeds and one 24" x 18" double sided sign.

Final qualification will be determined by the Lee County Agricultural Advisory Board following submission of application by the farm/landowner.



## What Will Voluntary Agricultural District Participation Do for Me?

1. Participation will increase the identity awareness and pride in the agricultural community and its way of life.
2. Members will have increased protection from nuisance law suits, non farm development pressure and other negative impacts affecting participating farms.

## Can I Relinquish Participation in the Program at Any Time?

Yes, a single written notice to the Agricultural Advisory Board notifying them of your decision to be removed is all it takes.