Summary Information
Creator
Lancaster Farmland Trust

Title
Lancaster Farmland Trust Records

Dates
1988-present, 1993-present (bulk)

Extent
5 boxes (2 linear feet)

Arrangement
Collection organized into four series: I. Administrative Records; II. Outreach and Education; III. Publications; IV. Publicity primarily arranged by date or topical order thereafter.

Language of Materials
All materials in English.

Abstract
This collection contains the administrative, outreach, and publicity records of Lancaster Farmland Trust, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the rich and productive farmland of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Strengths of the collection include comprehensive financial and administrative records of the organization, and a complete run of organizational newsletters. Additional strengths include lengthy runs of annual reports, event programs, and newspaper clippings.

Subjects
Lancaster Farmland Trust.
Land use, Rural--Pennsylvania--Lancaster County.
Agricultural preservation--Pennsylvania--Lancaster County.
Historical/Biographical Information
Lancaster Farmland Trust was founded in May of 1988 as the Friends of Agricultural Land Preservation, a support arm of the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board. In August of that year, the name was changed to Lancaster Farmland Trust. The mission of this non-profit organization is to "preserve the rich and productive farmland of Lancaster County, to support good stewardship of the land, and to encourage a thriving agricultural economy." LFT began with two staff members, and preserved its first three farms in December 1988 with a gift from the Garber family of East Donegal Township. In 1991, LFT and the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board celebrated the joint preservation of 10,000 acres of farmland in Lancaster County. A similar 20,000 acre joint celebration was held at Franklin and Marshall College in the Fall of 1995. In August of 1999, Lancaster Farmland Trust celebrated the preservation of its 100th farm. LFT's current executive director, Karen Martynick joined LFT in July 2004, having previously served as a Chester County commissioner. During her twelve years in public office, Chester County preserved over 30,000 acres of farmland. For a more complete timeline of LFT's history, please visit the Who We Are section of the organization's website at http://lancasterfarmlandtrust.org/
Former Executive Directors of Lancaster Farmland Trust include:

Alan Musselman: May 1988 - April 1996; Mr. Musselman's association with LFT began while he was director of the Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board. He moved from the country Agricultural Preserve Board to LFT at its founding in 1988.

Thomas D. Stouffer: September 1996 - January 2002; Mr. Stouffer joined the Trust after a 29 year career with the United States Marine Corps.

Heidi J. Schellenger: January 2002 - June 2004; Ms. Schellenger worked for LFT for four years before being promoted to Executive Director. She began as a Land Preservation Specialist and was later promoted to Director of Land Preservation.

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Inventory/Contents
Series 1 - Administrative Records

Box/Folder
1/1  By Laws, 1999
1/2  Financial Statements, 1989-1993
1/3  Financial Statements, 1994-1997
1/4  Financial Statements, 1998-2001
1/5  Financial Statements, 2002-present
1/6  Sample Easement, 2004

Series 2 - Outreach and Education

Box/Folder
1/7  Annual Dinner Meetings, 1992-present
1/8  Annual Picnic, 1993-present
1/9  Pedal to Preserve, 1997-2003
1/10 Special Events and Workshops, 1997-present

Series 3 - Publications

Box/Folder
2/1  Annual Reports, 1993-present
2/2  Newsletters, 1986-1997
2/3  Newsletters, 1998-present
2/4  Miscellaneous Publications, 1988-present
Monographs (My Life and Love for the Land, Farm Life)

### Series 4 - Publicity

**Box/Folder**

2/6  News clippings, East Earl Township, 1992-1993
2/8  News clippings, Staff Articles, 1988-present
3/1  News clippings, General News, 1974-1984
3/3  News clippings, General News, 1988

### Series 5 - Photography and Audio/Visual

**Box/Folder**

4/1  Cassette Tapes, Miscellaneous
4/2  Photographs, Miscellaneous
4/3  Photographs, Preserved Farms
4/4  Slides, Annual Dinner, 1997-2000
5/1  Slides, Miscellaneous, Folder 1
5/2  Slides, Miscellaneous, Folder 2
5/3  Slides, Pedal to Preserve, 1997-1999
5/4  Slides, Preserved Farms