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.
**Administrative Information**

**Acquisition Information**

**Custodial History (Provenance)**
All the materials in this collection were donated in August 2004 by LFT Executive Director Karen Martynick.

**Access Restrictions**
Access unrestricted.

**Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use**
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**Preferred Citation**
Lancaster Farmland Trust Records (MS 67), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College.

**Processing Information**
Processed by Christopher Raab, September 2004. Last updated by Christopher Raab, June 2009. Description based on DACS.

**Accruals**
Further accruals are expected.

**Additional Information**
No additional information.

**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/](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 county 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

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

2/1 Annual Reports, 1993-present
2/2 Newsletters, 1986-1997
2/3 Newsletters, 1998-present
2/4 Miscellaneous Publications, 1988-present
2/5 Monographs (My Life and Love for the Land, Farm Life)
Series 4 - Publicity

2/6 News clippings, East Earl Township, 1992-1993
2/8 News clippings, Staff Articles, 1988-present