
**PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES OF
THESE LANDS:**

- ✘ ***DON'T*** use your land for prohibited, commercial non-agricultural uses. If you have any questions about whether or not a use is permitted, please call us to discuss the matter at 860.713.2511.
- ✘ ***DON'T*** divide or subdivide your restricted farmlands.
- ✘ ***DON'T*** mine gravel from the restricted farmlands. [In some cases, gravel may be permitted for uses on the restricted farmlands with prior notice and approval of the Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture.]
- ✘ ***DON'T*** remove soils from the restricted farmlands.
- ✘ ***DON'T*** decrease the productivity of arable land or convert/degrade prime and statewide important soils on the restricted farmlands.
- ✘ ***DON'T*** allow lease of a residence on restricted farmlands to persons not incidental to the farm operation.
- ✘ ***DON'T*** sell the land prior to notifying the Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture 90 days in advance.
- ✘ ***DON'T*** clear the land without using best management practices in accordance with an approved farm resource or forestry management plan.

State of Connecticut
Department of Agriculture's
Farmland Preservation
Program



Coulter Farm, Suffield (113 acres)

“DO’s and DON’Ts” Brochure

ACTIVITIES PERMITTED ON RESTRICTED FARMLANDS WITH APPROVALS:



Thrall Farm, Ellington (171 acres)

Prior approval of the Connecticut Commissioner of Agriculture is needed for the following:

- Local permits to build, replace or expand structures
- Digging or expanding a pond or drainage
- On-site gravel to improve farm roads or farm structure foundations
- Revised/updated conservation plans
- Lease of farm and/or structures – use, terms, duration

Please notify the Commissioner within 90 days prior to sale or transfer of ownership of agricultural lands.

THIS 'DOS' AND 'DON'TS' BROCHURE IS...

Intended for owners of lands preserved through the *State's Farmland Preservation Program* as a guide to what can and can't be done on the State's preserved farmlands.

- ✓ **DO** use the land for agricultural purposes and maintain the agricultural utility of the land.
- ✓ **DO** contact us should you have any questions about uses of your preserved farmland or specific questions regarding the Program or the deed of conveyance. Our number is 860.713.2511.
- ✓ **DO** provide us with a copy of your Soil Conservation Plan. These plans are provided by the County USDA-NRCS offices, free of charge. Please provide copies of any resource or waste management plans, or agricultural leases.
- ✓ **DO** call us about questions related to your deed covenant. Deeds vary and they may or may not provide for a residence, agricultural structures or other improvements or modifications.
- ✓ **DO** obtain prior approval of the Commissioner of Agriculture prior to obtaining any local building permit, and prior to any construction or site activity. The prior approval is required under C.G.S. 47-42d.

PLEASE CALL US AT 860.713.2511 WITH ANY STRUCTURE OR LAND USE QUESTIONS. IT'S IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST.