**Certification of Local Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program Matching Funds – FY 2021**

**Application Deadline: Friday, December 18, 2020**

The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hereby certifies that on

 (County Administrator/City Manager) (Locality)

this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, local funds in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were appropriated for the July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 fiscal year, and that local funds in the amount of $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are currently available from previous fiscal years for the purpose of purchasing agricultural conservation easements. Added together, this equals a total of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in local matching funds currently available to match funding from the Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund as established in § 3.2-201 of the *Code of Virginia*.

It also is certified that none of the funds listed above are from any of the following: grants made by the United States of America; the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF), or any other agency or political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia; payments made by any other funding sources either directly to the landowner or to reimburse the locality; or in-kind donations or contributions. It is further certified that the total amount above is comprised only of local funding available for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements by the locality.

It is the intent of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to use these funds to purchase perpetual conservation

(Locality)

easements on working farm and forest land through participation in the agricultural conservation easement program administered by VDACS’ Office of Farmland Preservation pursuant to Va. Code § 3.2-201*.*

It is understood and agreed that participation in VDACS’ agricultural conservation easement program requires meeting additional criteria as promulgated by the Office of Farmland Preservation and that certification of the locality’s available funds does not guarantee or obligate acceptance into the agricultural conservation easement program.

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County Administrator/City Manager County/City Chief Fiscal Officer

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Date Date

Completed certification form and any questions should be addressed to:

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