

IRB Review Request Form

Date of Submission to IRB: 11/17/2025- resubmitted 12/1/25

Name of Research Project: *Exploring the Intersections of Agritourism and Structured Business Supports for Maple Syrup Producers in West Virginia*

Research Project Code:

Principle Investigator: Lindsay Kazarick

Project Administrator:

Other involved parties:

When completed by PI or PI representative, please send to IRB Chair and CAO. Please file response with other Research Project documentation.

Please confirm if any of the following apply to the research proposal. Feel free to add narrative where appropriate. The narrative is especially helpful for cases where an expedited review is needed. If you anticipate needing full Board review, please make sure your narrative, and/or any supporting attachments, includes the following elements:

- Explanations of purposes, procedures, and timetable
 - Design, methods, instruments(s)
 - Possible risks to participants and how the research will maximize benefits and minimize risks
 - Description of expected benefits
 - Means of maintaining confidentiality and privacy
 - Means of obtaining informed consent
 - The specific language of the informed consent statement(s) is helpful
 - Plans for data analysis and reporting
 - Procedures for selecting and recruiting subjects, description of voluntary nature of participation and ability to discontinue participation if desired
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- The research will involve only document analysis, survey procedures, interview procedures, or observation of public behavior. **Yes OR No**

Comments: Yes

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- Participants cannot be individually identified, or research will use existing records that are publicly available. **Yes OR No**

Comments: *Participants can choose to self identify at end of survey to be contacted for further follow up.*

- The participants' responses will not create risk of criminal or civil liability, or damage their financial or employability status. **Yes OR No**

Comments: The participant responses will not create risk of criminal or civil liability, or damage their financial or employability status.

- The research does not deal with sensitive aspects of personal behavior, e.g. illegal conduct, drug or alcohol use, or sexual behavior. **Yes OR No**

Comments: No, the research does not deal with sensitive aspects of personal behavior.

- If the research is conducted as part of a class requirement, the data will only be gathered from students in the class, with the instructor's approval, and findings will not be disseminated beyond the class. **Yes OR No**

Comments: This research will be disseminated beyond the class.

- Research participation is voluntary. **Yes OR No**

Comments: Yes, research participation is voluntary.

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- Research participants are not younger than 18 years old, incarcerated, or otherwise considered “at risk.”

Comments: No, research participants are not younger than 18 years old, incarcerated, or otherwise considered at risk.

In order to be considered for exempt status ALL of the above must be true. If the study does not qualify as exempt, the IRB Board Chair will consider it for Expedited Review utilizing this same form.

IRB Only Section

Date Submitted: 11/17/2025

Date Approved or Denied by the IRB: 12/2/2025

Final Status: Approve

Comments:

Expedited review by Christie Hand, PhD, Future Generations University IRB member.

Christie Hand

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