

MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT BOARD RECOMMENDS
EXPANSION OF THE HOPEWELL WEST
PROJECT AREA TO INCLUDE THE CIFELLI
PROPERTY, BLOCK 50, LOT 7, HOPEWELL
TOWNSHIP; THE BOARD FURTHER
RECOMMENDS TARGETING THE PROPERTY
FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION.

WHEREAS, the County of Mercer is desirous of preserving agriculture and has established an Agricultural Development Board to develop procedures and programs for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board has delineated agricultural development areas, farmland preservation project areas, and targeted farms for the acquisition of development easements utilizing State of New Jersey County Planning Incentive Grant (PIG), Cost-Share Grant Application procedures; and,

WHEREAS, the Cifelli Property, Block 50, Lot 7 in Hopewell Township is adjacent to the County's previously delineated Hopewell West Project Area and adjacent to a preserved farm that was previously deed-restricted by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Cifelli Property meets the State Agricultural Development Committee's minimum acreage, soil quality and tillable acreage criteria for farmland preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Cifelli family has expressed interest in farmland preservation to the County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cifelli Property, Block 50, Lot 7 in Hopewell Township will be added to the Hopewell West Project Area as a Targeted Farm for the 2021 PIG round application for Cost-Share Grants.

I certify that the above Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Mercer County Agricultural Board on June 3rd, 2019.



Emily Blackman, Secretary MCADB