

MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT BOARD RECOMMENDS
EXPANSION OF THE HOPEWELL WEST
PROJECT AREA TO INCLUDE THE
CARCAGNO PROPERTY, BLOCK 50, LOT 6,
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP; THE BOARD
FURTHER RECOMMENDS TARGETING THE
FARM FOR PRESERVATION.

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

WHEREAS, the Mercer CADB has delineated an Agricultural Development Area, 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 application procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Carcagno Property, Block 50, Lot 6 in Hopewell Township is adjacent to the County's previously delineated Hopewell West Project Area and adjacent to a farm that was previously targeted for preservation by the CADB; and

WHEREAS, the Carcagno family has expressed interest in farmland preservation to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Carcagno Property meets State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) standards for minimum acreage and soil quality for farmland preservation, and the Carcagno family has expressed willingness to bring the property into compliance with the SADC's minimum tillable acreage standards; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carcagno Property, Block 50, Lot 6 in Hopewell Township will be added to the Hopewell West Project Area as a Targeted Farm for Mercer County's 2022-round State PIG application.

I certify that the above Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board on October 5th, 2020.

Emily Blackman, MCADB Secretary

