

**MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
RESOLUTION**

FARMLAND PRESERVATION ELIBIBILITY AND RANKING CRITERIA

WHEREAS, the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) adopted new rules that became effective July 2, 2007, and which required the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board (MCADB) to select the type of farmland preservation cost-sharing program it would participate in, and

WHEREAS, the MCADB selected the County Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Program, and

WHEREAS, the new PIG rules at N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.4 require adoption of minimum eligibility criteria for the county to solicit and approve farmland preservation applications, and

WHEREAS, the new PIG rules at N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.4 require adoption of ranking criteria that the county will use to prioritize farms for county farmland preservation funding, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MCADB adopts the following application eligibility criteria:

1. Application must be within the County Agricultural Development Area
2. Application must be of land with farmland assessment
3. Application must be of at least 25 farm acres – lesser acreage acceptable if adjacent to a preserved farm
4. Application must meet minimum requirements of N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.20
5. Application also subject to qualification as an “eligible farm” if SADC funds are requested, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MCADB adopts the criteria at N.J.A.C. 2:76-6.16 for use as its ranking criteria that the county will use to prioritize farms for county farmland preservation funding.

Date adopted: October 1, 2007

MCADB Secretary: _____



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