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Mayor Lido Panfili, Chesterfield Twp 295 Bordentown Chesterfield Rd Chesterfield, NJ 08515

RE: Burlington County Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan Update

Dear Mayor Panfili:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.1 et. seq., the Burlington County Agricultural Development Board (CADB) is in the process of preparing an updated Comprehensive Farmland Preservation Plan to be adopted by the CADB and County Planning Board and submitted to the NJ State Agriculture Development Committee. This updated plan will replace the plan adopted in 2008 by Burlington County. The Comprehensive Plan serves as a reference document and as a tool in guiding the County's Farmland Preservation efforts for the next ten years. I am providing this notice to you because your municipality contains farms that lie within the County's Agriculture Development Area and or farms that are targeted for preservation. At this time, the County is not proposing any changes to the Agriculture Development Area or list of targeted farms for preservation (see ADA Map & Status Map at the website below).

As we work on updating our plan we welcome input from your municipality regarding farmland preservation efforts. If you choose to provide input, you can contact me directly or you are welcome to attend any one of our CADB meetings during the coming months. The 2008 version of the plan and the upcoming draft version as well as CADB meeting dates will be made available on the following website:

http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/196/Farmland-Preservation

Prior to adoption of the updated plan a second notice will be provided to you so that you can choose to review the draft plan and provide additional comments or feedback. We anticipate a draft plan being ready in the summer months of 2022, with adoption anticipated in the fall of 2022. We welcome your participation and any comments provided will be shared with the Board.

You can reach me at 856-642-3850 or bwilson@co.burlington.nj.us if you wish to discuss this in more detail.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Brian Wilson, Administrator

Burlington County Agriculture Development Board