

**RESOLUTION OF THE
MONMOUTH COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
FOR
SITE SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICE
RECOMMENDATION
UNDER THE NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO FARM ACT**

Mr. McCarthy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Antonio and Kim Casola ("Applicants") have applied to the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board ("the Board") pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3, requesting a determination from the Board as to whether the farming operation by them at Block , Lots , in the Township of Holmdel, New Jersey ("the Property"), and the uses of and improvements to the Property constitute a generally accepted agricultural operation or practice; and

WHEREAS, the Applicants use and propose to use the Property for the cultivation of nursery stock, the farming of field crops, including alfalfa and hay, with the possible future expansion to include small steer stock; and

WHEREAS, a site visit to the Property was conducted on March 19, 2003 ("the Site Visit"), which was attended by Board staff member Karen Colvin, and William Sciarappa of Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, a report of the Site Visit was submitted to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a hearing on the Applicants' application on April 2, 2003, at which Kim Casola represented both applicants; and

WHEREAS, Kim Casola testified concerning the farming operation at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Board considered the evidence presented in support of the application, including the Applicant's testimony and certification; and

WHEREAS, the Board considered its own exhibits which were a staff report, staff photographs and a letter from William Sciarappa.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the evidence presented, the Board makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The Property comprises approximately 100 acres;
2. The Property produces sales of farm product of at least \$30,000 per year;
3. The farming operation at the Property was initiated in 1989;
4. The zoning of the Property as of December 31, 1997, was OL 1, in which agriculture is a permitted use and the use is consistent with the Master Plan;
5. The Property is a commercial farm within the meaning of the Right to Farm Act;
6. The farming operations conducted at the Property are currently comprised of in ground nursery stock, with deer fencing in place to protect stock from predation;
7. Applicants are currently engaged in clearing and preparing ground for further agricultural and/or horticultural uses; and
8. The current agricultural activities at the Property constitute generally accepted agricultural management practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby recommends the farming operation conducted by Antonio and Kim Casola at the Property as an accepted agricultural management practice under the New Jersey Right to Farm Act.

Seconded by Mr. Illmensee and adopted on a roll call by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bullock	X			
Mr. Buscaglia	X			
Mr. Holland	X			
Mr. Hom	X			
Mr. Illmensee	X			
Mr. McCarthy	X			
Mr. McCormack	X			
Mr. Potter (Recused)				
Mr. Puglisi				X
Mr. Rifkin	X			
Mr. Stuart	X			

I certify that foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution of the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board on April 2, 2003, and memorialized on May 7, 2003.

Richard Obal, Secretary