

August 12, 2008

Ms. Susan Craft, Executive Director
State Agriculture Development Committee
Health/Agriculture Building
John Fitch Plaza
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0330

**RE: Right-to-Farm Application for Peony's Envy (Kathleen Gagan-Hawes),
Borough of Bernardsville, Somerset County**

Dear Ms. Craft,

This letter is to inform you that the Somerset County Agriculture Development Board (SCADB) discussed a Right-to-Farm application from Kathleen Gagan-Hawes (Peony's Envy), located on a Private Road (maintained in easement by Kathleen Gagan-Hawes and the other residents on the road) in the Borough of Bernardsville, Somerset County, at its regularly scheduled meeting of August 11, 2008. This application was heard and discussed with the Right-to-Farm subcommittee of the SCADB prior to the meeting of the full Board. This application requested the SCADB advise the Borough of Bernardsville that the placement of temporary and directional signs in the Public right-of-way and the private road right of way be allowed as part of an acceptable agricultural management practice. After researching the existing Borough sign ordinance and conferring with County Counsel, the SCADB determined that the jurisdiction lies within the Borough. The SCADB also stated that they have no jurisdiction to allow the placement of signs within the property owned by private landowners or the Borough of Bernardsville.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me directly by telephone at (908) 231-7021, or via email at Kenyon@co.somerset.nj.us.

Sincerely,

Tara Kenyon
Senior Planner

cc: Sandra Jones – Borough of Bernardsville Clerk
Michael Mondok – Borough of Bernardsville Zoning Officer
Tony McCracken – Assistant Director, Somerset County Planning
Agricultural Development Board (All Members – via meeting packet)
Kathleen Gagan-Hawes – applicant and owners, Peony's Envy