

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY
AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
RECOMMENDING A SITE SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICE
ON MILLSTONE VALLEY FARM, BLOCK , LOT , BELLE MEAD
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Right to Farm Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-1, *et seq.* and the State Agriculture Development Committee regulations, N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3, a commercial farm owner or operator may make a request to the Somerset County Agriculture Development Board (hereinafter SCADB) to determine if his or her operation constitutes a generally accepted agricultural management practice; and

WHEREAS, William Randolph of Millstone Valley Farm in Belle Mead (Montgomery Township) Somerset County, NJ, made a request in writing to the Board for the development of a site-specific agriculture management practice (hereinafter, "AMP") for an expansion of impervious coverage limitation on farm buildings residentially zoned areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3(c), the SCADB advised in writing the State Agriculture Development Committee and the municipality of Montgomery (who indicated support for this AMP) of this request; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3(b), the SCADB requested that William Randolph provide proof that his/her agricultural operation is a commercial farm as defined at N.J.S.A. 4:1-C-3 and N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.1; and

WHEREAS, **William Randolph** provided to the Board his/her commercial farm certification, including supporting documentation, and

WHEREAS, staff of the County Agriculture Development Board, the County Planning Division, the office of Somerset and Union Soil Conservation District, and office of Rutgers Cooperative Extension are familiar with the farm and site and operation in question and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting in January, the SCADB was presented with the findings of the site inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Right to Farm Committee of the SCADB agreed to develop a site-specific AMP for Millstone Valley Farm after making a finding that based upon the materials presented by the applicant that the Farm meets the requirements of the "Right – To – Farm" Act to be eligible for consideration under it's protections, and

WHEREAS, the SCADB sought the assistance of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, the Somerset County soil conservation district, in the determination of generally accepted agriculture management practices and standards relating to this activity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the SCADB hereby determines that the exceedance of impervious coverage on the Millstone Valley Farm constitutes a generally accepted agriculture management practice provided that the activity must conform to all relevant federal and State statutes, rules, and regulations and that this approval is conditioned upon the applicant presenting information to the municipal engineer regarding design issues that would satisfactorily meets any municipal stormwater requirements if any are present,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall forward a copy of its written recommendation of the site-specific AMP to William Randolph, the SADC, the Township of Montgomery and any other individuals or organizations deemed appropriate by the Board within 30 days of the recommendation.

I, George Dealaman, Vice-Chairman of the Somerset County Agriculture Development Board, certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by Somerset County Agriculture Development Board at their meeting of February 16, 2005.

George Dealaman, Vice-Chairman