

**RESOLUTION OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURE
DEVELOPMENT BOARD RECOMMENDING A SITE SPECIFIC
AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT PRACTICE FOR
SMITH BROTHERS ORCHARDS, INC. IN
HARRISON TOWNSHIP, BLOCK , LOT**

WHEREAS, Smith Brothers Orchards, Inc., located at Fish Pond Road, Sewell, New Jersey 08080, through their President, Steve Smith, made a formal request to the Agriculture Development Board for a Site Specific Agriculture Management Practice Recommendation;

WHEREAS, Smith Brothers Orchards requested the Gloucester County Agriculture Development Board to determine if their operation constituted a generally accepted agricultural operation or practice;

WHEREAS, Steve Smith, President of Smith Brothers Orchards certified that his proposed operation is a composting facility to receive leaves, grass and prunings to chop, mix and then compost them and that the finished compost mixture is then spread and windrowed or plowed on land operated by Smith Brothers Orchards at this location;

WHEREAS, Smith Brothers Orchards application certified that Smith Brothers Orchards is five acres or more, produces agricultural and/or horticultural products worth \$2500.00 or more annually and is eligible for differential property taxation pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964;

WHEREAS, agriculture is a permitted use under the Municipal Zoning Ordinance where Smith Brothers Orchards is located;

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board finds this site

shall be limited to 10,000 cubic yards per annum;

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board also finds that the product created by the composting shall be used only at the site and is forbidden to be trucked to other sites;

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board reviewed the application and operational statement attached of Smith Brothers Orchards, Inc.;

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board heard testimony from the application, Steve Smith;

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board heard testimony from representatives of the Township of Harrison, specifically the Municipal Tax Assessor, Timothy Mead and the zoning officer, Sue Champion; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board heard argument from counsel for the application, Steve Smith, John Eastlack, Esquire, and counsel for the Township of Harrison, Brian Duffield, Esquire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board recommends that the Site Specific Agriculture Management Practice of Smith Brothers Orchards is deemed appropriate, subject to the following conditions:

1. The site is limited to accepting 10,000 cubic years or less of material per year.
2. The composed material must be used on site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Gloucester County Agriculture

Board is to forward a copy of this recommendation to the State Agriculture Development Committee.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Gloucester County Agricultural Development Board held on **February 19, 2004.**

RUSSELL MARINO, CHAIRMAN

Attest:

KENNETH ATKINSON, SECRETARY