RESOLUTION

Passaic County Agriculture Development Board

Recommendation of a Site Specific Agricultural Management Practice

David and Marie Longo Starlight Farm Block Lots Ringwood, New Jersey

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 County Agriculture Development Board (hereinafter "Board") to determine if his or her operation constitutes a generally accepted agricultural management practice; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2002, David and Marie Longo, owner/operator of Starlight Farm in Ringwood, N.J., made a request in writing to the Board for the development of a site-specific agriculture management practice (hereinafter, "AMP") for Equine Operations; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2002, David and Marie Longo provided to the Board his/her commercial farm certification, including supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2002, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3, the Board advised in writing the State Agriculture Development Committee and the Borough of Ringwood of the Longo's request; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2002, James Rogers, Carl Quazza, Ted Williamson, Estelle Perry and Glen Van Olden, conducted a site inspection of Starlight Farm; and,

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2002, at its regular meeting, the Board was presented with the findings of the site inspection; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2002 and January 6, 2003 Public Hearings were held on the application of Starlight Farms: and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2003, the Board voted to develop a site-specific AMP for Starlight Farm; and

WHEREAS, CADB Staff sought the assistance of the Hudson, Essex & Passaic Soil Conservation District, and the State Agricultural Development Committee in the determination of generally accepted agriculture management practices and standards relating to Equine Operations.

NOWTHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determines that the Equine Operation on Starlight Farm constitutes a generally accepted agriculture management practice protected by the N.J. Right to Farm Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action taken by this Board as set forth in this Resolution is not to be construed as an express desire to encroach upon the rights, obligations and discretionary authority of the municipality or any other functioning agencies as deference should be given thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall forward a copy of its written recommendation of the site-specific AMP to Starlight Farms, the SADC, the Borough of Ringwood, and any other individuals or organizations deemed appropriate by the Board within 60 days of its completion.

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CADB Chairman	Date
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CADB Director	Date

RESOLUTION OF THE PASSAIC COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD RECOMMENDING SITE SPECIFIC AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT PRACTICE UNDER THE NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO FARM ACT

WHEREAS, David and Marie Longo ("Applicants") have applied to the Passaic County Agriculture Board ("The Board") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2:76-2.3, requesting a determination from the Board as to whether the commercial farm operated by them and known as Starlight Farm at Block 309/Lots 6 & 7 in the Borough of Ringwood, having an address at Ringwood, New Jersey ("The Property") and the current uses and proposed improvements to The Property constitute a generally accepted agricultural operation or practice; and

WHEREAS, the Applicants use and propose to use The Property as an equine training and breeding facility and also offer therapeutic riding; and

WHEREAS, a site visit to The Property was conducted on July 26, 2002 ("the site visit") which was attended by Board staff members James D. Rogers and Tineen Howard, Board members Carl Quazza, Estelle Perry, Ted Williamson, and Glen Van Olden and Applicant David Longo; and

WHEREAS, a report on the July visit was submitted to the Board on August 19, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a hearing on the Applicants' application on September 30, 2002 and December 2, 2003; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2003 the Board unanimously agreed to develop a site specific Agriculture Management Practice ("AMP") for Starlight Farms; and

WHEREAS, the Board sought the assistance of the Hudson, Essex and Passaic Soil Conservation District, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service in developing an AMP for Starlight Farms; and

WHEREAS the proposed AMP was developed in consultation with the property owner and has been presented to the Board for its consideration.

WHEREAS, the number of equine animals shall remain reasonably consistent with local regulations for a farm of the acreage of Starlight Farms, excluding foals and weanlings of one year or less; and

WHEREAS, any farm structures to be constructed shall be consistent with the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code 5.23-3.2 through 3.4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based on the aforesaid finding of fact, the Passaic County Agriculture Development Board finds the proposed improvements and uses as set forth in the attached AMP represent accepted Agriculture Management Practices and are hereby approved and that same be implemented by the Applicants.

Carl Quazza, Chairman

James D. Rogers, Administrator

DATED: JANGBAY 12,2004