PART 2 - RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE QUESTION CUT-OFF DATE: 2021 FARM LEASE AUCTION

BIDDER QUESTION 1. Bidder referenced Assunpink lease, LE22-012: Can we, at our own expense or otherwise, mow the new riparian areas annually in the winter? This would allow for bird habitat similar to the other areas we mow at this time, and would keep trees from coming up along the edges of the fields that would shade the borders of field 020 in LE22-012 in particular as it is mapped now.

RESPONSE: No. As stated in the Question & Response document posted to https://www.njparksandforests.org/parks/business_ops/current_leases.htm on October 1, 2021 “the Division of Fish & Wildlife ("DFW") has identified and removed the riparian areas from the Leased Premises. The riparian areas will be marked by the DFW this fall with signs on posts to mark the areas that are off limits.” The DFW will be maintaining the riparian areas. Mowing riparian areas may potentially be assigned as in-kind services but they are not to be mowed or altered without prior written approval from DFW.

BIDDER QUESTION 2. Am I reading the sample lease correctly that all land must have a cover crop planted? What are the stipulations concerning this? Eg. If crops aren’t harvested until Mid November, the chances of establishment are slim.

RESPONSE: Pursuant to Paragraph (USE OF PREMISES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION) “Tenant shall plant a winter cover crop on the Premises included in this Lease (with the exception of the In-kind Parcel – if there is one). Winter cover crop is limited to winter wheat or rye, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Department. Upon expiration of this Lease, all existing winter cover crops shall be left standing and remain unharvested.” Please note that it shall be the responsibility of the Tenant to plant the cover crop allowing sufficient time for it to become established and remain viable through the Winter into Spring.