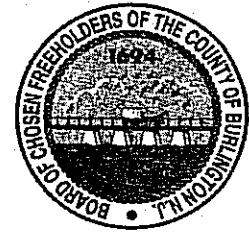


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BURLINGTON CADB FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

ACQUISITION TARGETING LIST SELECTION CRITERIA

In accordance with the Farmland Preservation Program Strategic Plan's focus on pursuing preservation of strategic farms in areas of highest program priority and within the County's designated Agriculture Development Areas (ADA), the Burlington County Agriculture Development Board has compiled an Acquisition Targeting List (ATL). The ATL identifies farms that the County is interested in preserving in the near future. Landowners of properties listed on the ATL are eligible to apply to the Easement Purchase Program at any time throughout the year.

**I. Non-Pinelands Farms**

The three primary criteria considered when evaluating farms for inclusion on the ATL are:

1. Septic Suitability. Properties that have 75 percent or more septic incompatible soils are considered to be under minimal development threat. Therefore, farms must have less than 75 percent septic incompatible soils.
2. The quality of the soil for agricultural use. Farms are considered to have good agricultural soils if either (a) they have at least 60 percent prime soils; or (b) they have at least 80 percent prime and state wide important soils combined.
3. The adaptability of the soils for development use. Farms are considered to be under a reasonable degree of development threat if (a) 30 percent or less of the property is septic incompatible; or (b) 40 percent or more of the property is septic compatible.

In general, farms that meet Criteria #1 **and** Criteria #2 **or** meet Criteria #1 **and** Criteria #3 are eligible for inclusion on the ATL, while those that (a) do **not** meet Criteria #1; and/or (b) do **not** meet **either** Criteria #2 **or** Criteria #3 are not eligible.

**II. Pinelands Farms**

A. Traditional Agriculture Farms

The criterion considered when evaluating farms for inclusion on the ATL is the quality of the soil for agricultural use. Farms are considered to have good agricultural soils if either (a) they have at least 60 percent prime soils; or (b) they have at least 80 percent prime and state wide important soils combined.

## B. Berry Agriculture Farms

The criterion considered when evaluating berry farms for inclusion on the ATL is that farms must have 20 acres or more in active berry production.

Exceptions to this policy for both Pinelands and non-Pinelands farms may be made based on one or more of the following additional considerations:

- Planning Considerations – Does preservation of a particular property promote or conflict with County and/or municipal planning goals?
- Proximity to Existing Project Areas – Is the property next to or isolated from an existing preservation project area?
- Nearby Conflicting Land Uses – Do adjacent properties represent conflicting land use patterns? Is there a significant potential for right-to-farm conflicts?
- Barriers to Development – Are there other factors, besides septic suitability, that significantly reduce the likelihood of the property being developed?
- Size – Is the property of significant size (generally greater than 200 acres)?
- Unique Soils – If the farm has a large percentage of unique soils, have drainage improvements been made to those areas of the farm? Is productivity on the unique soils relative to that on the portions with prime or state wide important soils?

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