

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF ROWANDS FARMS FOR A
SITE-SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICE
RECOMMENDATION PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3 ON BLOCK 408.28,
LOTS 8, 8.01, 8.02, AND BLOCK 409, LOT 15, BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO**

WHEREAS, Rowands Farms, located at _____, Glassboro, NJ, 08028, through their principal, Stephen Rowand, made a formal request to the Gloucester County Agriculture Development Board (GCADB) requesting a Site Specific Agricultural Management Practice recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Rowands Farms requested the GCADB to determine if their operation constituted a generally accepted agricultural operation or practice; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Rowand, principal, Rowands Farms indicated to the GCADB that the indicated properties produce wood chips from their various farm activities and that they also accept wood chips from a select number of local tree service professionals and their host municipality; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Rowand, principal, Rowands Farms indicated to the GCADB that the chips are used for mulching, soil retention, weed suppressant and for additional soil nutrients around their existing fruit trees, and that the chips are also used for various aesthetic applications on the farm as well as a dust suppressant on farm roads during the dry months; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Rowand, principal, Rowands Farms indicated to the GCADB that the chips are being used on a recently cleared one-acre area where they plan to place green houses to grow early season products, and that the chips are being spread to help stop vegetative growth in this recently cleared area; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Rowand, principal, Rowands Farms indicated to the GCADB that some of the lesser-quality chips are composted in a manner consistent with N.J.A.C. 7:26A-1.4(3), and which said composted materials produce an organic product high in nutrients which is then applied around the farm; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Rowand, principal, Rowands Farms indicated to the GCADB that the property indicated is recognized as a "commercial farm", is five acres or more in size, produces agricultural and/or horticultural products worth \$2,500 or more annually and is eligible for differential property taxation pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964, and that the farm properties indicated were permanently preserved by the Gloucester County Office of Land Preservation in 2004; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is a permitted use under the Municipal Zoning Ordinance where the property is located; and

WHEREAS, the GCADB reviewed Rowands Farms request and heard the matter in a public hearing conducted on September 11, 2008, that was duly advertised as required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the GCADB approves the request of Rowands Farms for a site-specific agricultural management practice recommendation for the indicated activity pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3 on Block 408.28, Lots 8, 8.01, 8.02, and Block 409, Lot 15, Borough of Glassboro.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the GCADB is to forward a copy of this recommendation to the State Agriculture Development Committee.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Gloucester County Agriculture Development Board held on September 11, 2008.

**GLoucester County Agriculture
Development Board**

Russell Marino, Chairman

Attest:

Kenneth Atkinson, Secretary