

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF SMITH BROTHERS
ORCHARDS FOR A SITE-SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT
PRACTICE RECOMMENDATION PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3 ON
BLOCK 260, LOT 12, MANTUA TOWNSHIP.**

WHEREAS, Smith Brothers Orchards, located at _____, Sewell, NJ, 08080, through their President, Steve Smith, made a formal request to the Gloucester County Agriculture Development Board (GCADB) requesting a Site Specific Agricultural Management Practice recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Smith Brothers Orchards requested the GCADB to determine if their operation constituted a generally accepted agricultural operation or practice; and

WHEREAS, Steve Smith, President, Smith Brothers Orchards wishes to expand their currently approved farm composting facility on Block 57, Lot 9, Harrison Township to the bordering property of Block 260, Lot 12, Mantua Township; and

WHEREAS, Steve Smith, President, Smith Brothers Orchards indicated that said operation will receive leaves, grass and prunings to chop, mix and then compost them and that the finished compost mixture will be spread and windrowed or plowed on land operated by Smith Brothers Orchards; and

WHEREAS, Steve Smith, President, Smith Brothers Orchards certified 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

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

WHEREAS, the GCADB reviewed Smith Brothers Orchards 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 Smith Brothers Orchards for a site-specific agricultural management practice recommendation for the proposed activity pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3 on Block 260, Lot 12, Mantua Township.

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