

**RESOLUTION OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY
AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
RECOMMENDING A SITE-SPECIFIC
AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICE
UNDER THE NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO FARM ACT**

Mr. McCarthy offered the following motion and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Carmine Casola [“Casola”] has proposed the development of property located at , in the Township of Holmdel, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey, and designated as Block , Lot on the Tax Map of the Township of Holmdel [“the Property”]; and

WHEREAS, Casola has applied to the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board [“the Board”] pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-2.3 requesting a determination as to whether the proposed use of the Property as a commercial farm, as well as the associated replacement of an existing building, to wit, the Farm Market structure, and the proposed new construction of farm buildings, to wit, four new greenhouses, constitutes a generally accepted agricultural management practice; and

WHEREAS, Casola appeared before the Board on February 1, 2006, due notice of said meeting having been given in accordance with the New Jersey Statutes and the Open Public Meetings Act and a quorum of the Board being present at the meeting; the application was heard; and

WHEREAS, Casola, having been sworn, and being represented by James H. Gorman, Esq., presented testimony and exhibits in support of his application; and

WHEREAS, there were no objectors who presented testimony or exhibits in opposition to the Casola application; and

WHEREAS, a Site Review was conducted on December 16, 2005, with the Site Review Team comprised of Richard Obal, Monmouth County Agricultural Agent; Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board Members: Tom Geran, Hal Rifkin, and Wickie Hom; and Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board Staff Member, Harriet Honigfeld, and a Site Review report was duly entered into evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the application, the applicant's certification, the testimony and exhibits presented in favor of the application, and the report from the Site Review Team.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board makes the following findings:

1. There is credible testimony and exhibits to establish that the commercial farm is no less than 5 acres.
2. That the commercial farm produces agricultural/horticultural products worth at least \$2500 per year.
3. The list of such products produced each year is listed in the application.
4. That the farm is eligible for differential property taxation pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964.
5. That the farm is located in an area in which, as of December 31, 1997 or thereafter, agriculture has been a permitted use under the municipal zoning ordinance and is consistent with the municipal master plan.

6. A complete written application for a Site-Specific Agricultural Management Practice was made to the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board.
7. With all of the above criteria above have been satisfied, the Board finds that the Casola Farm meets the eligibility criteria under The Right To Farm Act.
8. The Site-Specific Agricultural Management Practice that is being sought is found to be included in one or more of the following eligible activities:
 - a. Production of agricultural and horticultural crops, trees and forest products, livestock and poultry and other commodities as described in the Standard Industrial Classification for agriculture, forestry, fishing and trapping;
 - b. Processing and packaging the agricultural output of the commercial farm and/or commercial farm management unit;
 - c. Replenishment of soil nutrients and improvement of soil tilth;
 - d. Clearing woodlands using open burning and other techniques, installation and maintenance of vegetative and terrain alterations and other physical facilities for water and soil conservation and surface water control in wetlands;
 - e. On-site disposal of organic agricultural wastes;
 - f. Other activities as adopted by the State Agriculture Development Committee, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

9. The Board finds that the Casola Farm does not engage in Ineligible Activities listed below:
 - a. Agricultural-related services, such as landscape installation;
 - b. Processing commodities produced off the farm management unit.
10. That the granting of a Site-Specific Agricultural Management Practice determination by the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board does not relieve Casola from the need to obtain any and all permits from any other Local, State, or Federal agency, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, based on the aforesaid findings of fact, the Monmouth County Agriculture Development Board finds that the operation of the Property by Casola as a commercial farm, complete with the proposed replacement of an existing building, to wit, the farm market building, and the construction of the proposed new buildings, to wit, four gutter-connected greenhouses, constitutes a generally accepted Agricultural Management Practice.

Seconded by Mr. Giambrone and adopted on a roll call by the following vote:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Bullock	X			
Mr. Buscaglia				X
Mr. Geran	X			
Ms. Giamanco				X
Mr. Giambrone	X			
Mr. Hom				X
Mr. McCarthy	X			
Mr. Potter (RECUSED)				
Mr. Puglisi				X
Mr. Rifkin				X
Mr. Stuart	X			

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution of the Monmouth County Agricultural Development Board, duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board on March 1, 2006.

Richard Obal, Secretary