

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

R E S O L U T I O N #23-138

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AGRICULTURE RETENTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 provide for the preservation of farmland through the acquisition of development easements in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, an application for agricultural easement State cost-share funding on the parcel of land owned by the County of Mercer (formerly Doris D. Wert) and located in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey, known and designated on the tax map of the Township of Hopewell as:

	Block	Lot
County of Mercer (formerly Doris D. Wert)	23	1.02

has been submitted to the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board for approval and transmittal to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County Agricultural Development Board (MCADB) has found that the application meets the minimum eligibility criteria established by the Board and the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et seq., P.L. 1983, c.32 and N.J.A.C. 2:76-17 et seq., and is consistent with County farmland preservation goals; and;

WHEREAS, the MCADB has forwarded a copy of said application to the State Agriculture Development Committee where it has preliminary approval for cost-share funding of agricultural development easements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-17.13, the governing body of the Township of Hopewell finds that a perpetual agricultural development easement on this farm is consistent with the planning goals and objectives of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Hopewell does hereby recommend to the Mercer County Agricultural Board and State Agriculture Development Committee that the acquisition of a development easement in perpetuity on the property described above be approved.

Date Adopted: March 20, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 20th day of March, 2023, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk