



Board of County Commissioners

Agricultural/Tourism Committee

**Resolution Authorizing the Proposed Acquisition of a Development Easement on Robert Stephens Farm Pittsgrove Township**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Pittsgrove submitted a Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) application to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC), pursuant to the State Agriculture Retention and Development Act, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11 et. Seq., the Planning Incentive Grant Program, N.J.S.A. 4:1C-43.1, and the regulations thereunder. The County’s application includes a proposed funding plan which provides for the purchase of the development easements included in the application based upon the SADC using the sliding scale formula; and

**WHEREAS**, the application provided for the proposed acquisition of a Development Easement on the property owned by Robert Stephens and designated on the municipal tax map as Block 2503, Lot 16 in the Township of Pittsgrove, County of Salem, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Agriculture Development Committee certified the fair market value of the development easement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-7.14 at \$7,000 per acre on May 13, 2022. The estimated cost sharing breakdown for the acquisition of the development easement is as follows (based on an estimated 12.9 net acres), subject to (a) the actual acreage to be covered by the development easement per the final survey which conforms to the farmland preservation program requirements, and (b) any additional adjustments pursuant to the State statute rule, regulation or policy:

State Agriculture Development Committee	\$	54,180.00
Salem County	\$	18,060.00
Pittsgrove	\$	18,060.00
Total	\$	90,300.00

**WHEREAS**, the Salem County Agriculture Development Board gave final approval to the proposed acquisition of a development easement on the Robert Stephens Farm, Block 2503, Lot 16 in the township of Pittsgrove, on approximately 12.9 net acres at its August 24, 2022 meeting and is subject to the following:

- (a) The conveyance of a development easement which shall provide for the following:
  1. Exception: One-acre non-severable exception for the existing single family residential unit and one veterinary office that is located within a barn. The veterinary office is a non-agricultural use that can continue after preservation. The exception area is restricted to one single family residential unit.
  2. Non-Agricultural use(s): None
  3. Dwellings: Zero None
  4. Residual Dwelling Site Opportunities: None

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the proposed acquisition of a development easement on the Robert Stephens Farm in an amount of approximately \$18,060.00



LEE R. WARE, County Commissioner  
Chair, Agricultural/Tourism Committee

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on September 7, 2022.



STACY L. PENNINGTON  
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
G. Ostrum, Jr.			✓			
E. Ramsay			✓			
L. Ware	✓		✓			
R.S. Griscom		✓	✓			
B. Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

Department Initials KA

I, **Kelly A. Hannigan, CFO** of the County of Salem, hereby certify in accordance with **Section 5:34-5 of the Local Public Contracts Guidelines and Local Public Contracts Regulations** that adequate funds for the contract listed below are available and are contained in the **OFFICIAL BUDGET** of the County of Salem.



Kelly A. Hannigan, CFO

<b>AMOUNT:</b>	\$18,060.00	<b>DATE:</b> September 7, 2022
<b>ACCOUNT # and NAME:</b>	T-65-56-860-157-105 – Co. Open Space/Farmland Preservation	
<b>FOR:</b>	Easement - Robert Stephens Farm– Pittsgrove Twp	
<b>VENDOR:</b>	West Jersey Title Agency	