



Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Board

Agenda

November 10, 2022 - 7:30 PM

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Roll Call:

__Schultz; __Mitchell; __Joyce; __Turner; __Lorenz; __Sickler (1); __Blankenship (2); __Morgan.

Others Present:

2. Approval minutes: September 8, 2022, Moved__ 2nd__

3. Old Business

Summary of Active Applications

Report from Salem County CADB - Kris Alexander

Report from SADC - Katie Mazzella

Report from NJCF – Rob Ferber

Farmland Preservation Plan Re-exam – Randall Scheule, PP.

Possible Joint meeting with Planning Board for Plan presentation

Township Fund Balance \$

Draft FY23 Budget

4. New Business:

2024 PIG Grant Application to SADC

2023 Meeting Schedule

5. Public Comment

6. Adjourn Moved__ 2nd__

Next meeting date: January 12, 2023 (Reorganization and Regular Meeting)

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The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mitchell at 7:30pm. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mitchell.

Roll call: present - Jack Schultz, Al Mitchell, Brian Lorenz, Lou Joyce, Kurt Sickler.

Absent- Walt Turner, John Blankenship, Warren Morgan.

Others present – none

The minutes from the July 14, 2022 meeting were presented. Minutes approved on motion by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Lorenz, all in favor.

Old Business:

Report from Salem County. Email from Ms. Alexander said she is waiting additional information from Pierce and Goss.

Report from SADC, Ms. Mazzella Report from SADC: email said the Pierce application is still in green light review and needs additional information and still has not received SADC application from Goss; also the Rieck farm went to settlement on 8/5/22.

No report from NJCF. Mr. Ferber on vacation.

Farmland Preservation Plan Re-exam – Mr. Scheule attended via cell phone. He reviewed his report which stated: the target farm analysis from SADC examined parcels, or adjacent parcels in common ownership, that appear to meet SADC minimum eligibility criteria in the ADA. The web map at the link provided identifies 98 potential target farm parcels in Alloway Township. <https://arcg.is/05W8a4>. The Township's FPP identifies 21 target parcels. (The committee viewed the active SADC mapping on the computer).

Up to this point, the Alloway Agricultural Advisory Committee's recommended Project Area (PA) has focused on farmland-assessed parcels that are outside of the Salem County Project Area. Salem County's Farmland Preservation Plan has been recently updated to include the entirety of the ADA in their PIG project area.

Based on the SADC analysis, the County Plan update, and waning landowner interest, it seems like a good time for the AAC to consider revising the Project Area and expanding the number of target farms. The SADC analysis provides a basis for such an expansion. Resolution of this matter will enable us to finalize the plan update and submit to SADC for review.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell and 2nd by Mr. Schultz and after discussion and review of the maps from SADC the Committee approved revising the project area Map 16 and target farms list to be consistent with the mapping from SADC and the County. Roll call vote provided unanimous approval.

Township trust fund: The Township Trust Fund balance report was reviewed. As of 08-18-22 the fund balance was \$97,732.84. It was indicated that the auditors want a "budget of the open space tax" for 2023. The committee discussed future uses of the fund and Mr. Joyce suggested that the budget include expenses for soft costs and Township 20% share of acquisition costs for the two active applications and anticipate two more applications in 2023 at the same budget costs.

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Soft costs @ \$10,000	\$40,000
Acquisition (Township share)	\$60,000
Administration	\$ 6,000
Balance reserved for future	\$ 5,150

Mr. Joyce will send the budget estimate to the Treasurer.

New Business: a request for historic status on the farmhouse at Block 38 Lot 4 from SADC was reviewed. There is no current Township listing of historic properties and members concurred that there was no intrinsic historic attributes to the property and will respond to Mr. Pizzio at SADC.

Public Comment: No public in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm on motion by Mr. Mitchell, with 2nd by Mr. Lorenz and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2022

Louis C. Joyce
Secretary

Draft – subject to approval a next regular meeting.



Alloway Township Agriculture Advisory Committee

November 23, 2022

To: Steven M. Bruder, PP, AICP
New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee

Re: 2024 PIG Application

At the regular meeting of the Alloway Township Agricultural Advisory Committee on November 10, 2022 the current Township Target Farms list and map to be submitted to the Salem County Agricultural Advisory Board (CADB) and to the NJ State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) were approved.

The proposed project area has been expanded to encompass the entire ADA of the Township as adopted by the Salem County Agricultural Development Board. Consequently, the target farm properties list has expanded to reflect the revised Alloway Township Project Area and is attached as Table 5-1 from the Township Farmland Preservation Plan 2022 reexam report.

The Application and additions of the listed properties were approved by the Alloway Township Committee at the regular meeting on November 17, 2022. Attached is Resolution 22-108.

The proposed changes to the Township Project Area Boundary for FY2024 are reflected on the attached map dated September 28, 2022.

There have been no amendments to the Advisory Committee policies.

The Township tax rate for FY2022 of \$0.005 generated \$14,150.00 revenue for the grant period, and all revenue is available for preservation.

A summary page containing the updated 2024 Target Farms List is attached. The updated GIS map will be sent by Matt Goff as in the past.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 609-501-6388 or lcj50@yahoo.com.

Louis Joyce
Secretary

Enc: FY2024 PIG Target Farms
Preserved Lands and Target Farms Project Area Map, Sept 28, 2022

copy: Charlet Cheeseman, Alloway Township Clerk
Kris Alexander, Salem County CADB
Alloway Township Planning Board

**TOWNSHIP OF ALLOWAY, NJ
RESOLUTION 22-108**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THE ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP
FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM MUNICIPAL PLANNING INCENTIVE
GRANT PROGRAM 2024 PLANNING ROUND APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Retention and Development Act establishes the State Agricultural Development Committee (SADC) to implement the preservation of farmland through the retirement of development rights and the acquisition of agricultural easements; and

WHEREAS, the SADC enacted the Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Program in 1999 to enhance farmland preservation by providing grants to eligible counties and municipalities for easement acquisition; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:76-17 A.6 requires municipalities to submit annual Farmland Preservation Program Municipal Planning Incentive Grant applications for each year's funding round to be eligible to receive funding for that round; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to submit Alloway Township's Municipal Planning Incentive Grant for 2024 Planning Round is December 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:76-17A.6(a)2iii(3) requires Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Applications be accompanied by a resolution of support from the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Alloway Farmland Preservation Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program 2024 Planning Round has been prepared by the Alloway Agricultural Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the Farmland Preservation Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program 2024 Planning Round Application and supports its submission to the SADC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of Alloway Township in the County of Salem, and the State of New Jersey that it endorses and supports the submission of the Alloway Farmland Preservation Municipal Planning Incentive Grant Program 2024 Planning Round Application to the SADC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Mr. Stephen Bruder, SADC
2. Ms. Kris Alexander, CADB
3. Alloway Township Agricultural Advisory Committee Secretary