

NJFPP - New Jersey Farmland Preservation Program

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Identification_Information:

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Originator:

New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA), State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC)

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Online_Linkage:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/resources/njfpp.zip>

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<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/progress/stats/preservedsummary.pdf>

Online_Linkage:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/progress/stats/farms.pdf>

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<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/resources/njfppmetadata.pdf>

Description:

Abstract:

The NJFPP geospatial dataset (ESRI shape file) is a subset of the NJFARMS geospatial dataset (ESRI polygon coverage) developed for GIS. The polygons represent selected features from the New Jersey State Farmland Preservation Program (NJSFPP) that are available for public distribution. Included in this dataset are all farms that have been preserved in the NJSFPP; and farms that have received final approval for funding to the NJSFPP. The NJFPP shape file has a relational database containing attributes for the various aspects of the Program. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA), State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC), administers the NJSFPP. The NJFPP dataset represents the status of the Program from January 23, 1983, inception of the program, through the current publication date.

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Purpose:

The NJFARMS GIS dataset was initially developed for several purposes. 1) Replace the existing manual maps and mapping techniques with electronically generated maps and methods. 2) Create a geospatial inventory of farms participating or that had participated in the NJSFPP. 3) Introduce geospatial analysis processes into the program. 4) Enable the NJSFPP to interact and collaborate in a GIS environment with other land acquisition activities in NJ.

Supplemental_Information:

The NJFARMS geospatial dataset originally contained six coded fields in the (polygon attribute table - .pat) database. There were six look-up tables that contained the definitions for these coded fields. The coded fields have been replaced with fields that contain actual words. The original look-up tables are no longer needed for interpretation.

*Time_Period_of_Content:**Time_Period_Information:**Range_of_Dates/Times:*

Beginning_Date: 19830123

Ending_Date: 20090707

Currentness_Reference: ground condition

Status:

Progress: Complete

Maintenance_and_Update_Frequency: Continually

*Spatial_Domain:**Bounding_Coordinates:*

West_Bounding_Coordinate: -75.543347

East_Bounding_Coordinate: -73.935506

North_Bounding_Coordinate: 41.346222

South_Bounding_Coordinate: 38.936347

*Keywords:**Theme:*

Theme_Keyword_Thesaurus: none

Theme_Keyword: njfarms

Theme_Keyword: farmland preservation program

Theme_Keyword: SADC

Theme_Keyword: State Farmland Preservation Program

Theme_Keyword: farming

Theme_Keyword: NJFPP

Theme_Keyword: farmland

Theme_Keyword: agriculture

Theme:

Theme_Keyword_Thesaurus: ISO 19115 Topic Category

Theme_Keyword: farming

Place:

Place_Keyword_Thesaurus: none

Place_Keyword: New Jersey

Place_Keyword: NJ

Access_Constraints:

Data contained in the NJFPP shape file are available to the public and have no access constraints.

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Use_Constraints:

STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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The spatial features in this dataset have been compiled from numerous sources and/or methods. Various state, county, local, and non-profit agencies contribute to the spatial features. A field named "SOURCE" contains a source code for every polygon in the dataset. The associated look-up table provides the definitions for each of the codes and identifies the compilation method and/or source of the spatial feature. Each of the various spatial data sources has a different spatial accuracy and associated limitations. Considering the nature of the various spatial accuracies, much care must be exercised when using the NJFPP dataset at any given scale. Not every spatial feature in this compilation is intended for site specific referencing. Spatial features that are derived from land

surveys are the only features that have verifiable site-specific accuracy. All other features have varying levels of spatial accuracy.

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Browse_Graphic_File_Name:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/progress/maps/mapstate.pdf>

Browse_Graphic_File_Description:

NJ State Farmland Preservation Program statewide map of program activity through July 2009.

Browse_Graphic_File_Type: PDF

Browse_Graphic:

Browse_Graphic_File_Name:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/progress/maps/mapsouthern.pdf>

Browse_Graphic_File_Description:

NJ State Farmland Preservation Program southern NJ map of program activity through July 2009.

Browse_Graphic_File_Type: PDF

Browse_Graphic:

Browse_Graphic_File_Name:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/progress/maps/mapcentral.pdf>

Browse_Graphic_File_Description:

NJ State Farmland Preservation Program central NJ map of program activity through July 2009.

Browse_Graphic_File_Type: PDF

Browse_Graphic:

Browse_Graphic_File_Name:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/progress/maps/mapnorthern.pdf>

Browse_Graphic_File_Description:

NJ State Farmland Preservation Program northern NJ map of program activity through July 2009.

Browse_Graphic_File_Type: PDF

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Browse_Graphic_File_Name:

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NJ State Farmland Preservation Program statewide map of program activity through July 2009.

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NJ State Farmland Preservation Program southern NJ map of program activity through July 2009.

Browse_Graphic_File_Type: JPEG*Browse_Graphic:**Browse_Graphic_File_Name:*

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/progress/maps/mapcentral.jpg>

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NJ State Farmland Preservation Program central NJ map of program activity through July 2009.

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<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/progress/maps/mapnorthern.jpg>

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NJ State Farmland Preservation Program northern NJ map of program activity through July 2009.

Browse_Graphic_File_Type: JPEG*Native_Data_Set_Environment:*

Microsoft Windows XP Version 5.1 (Build 2600) Service Pack 2; ESRI ArcCatalog 9.2.6.1500

*Data_Quality_Information:**Attribute_Accuracy:**Attribute_Accuracy_Report:*

Several in-house verification processes have been developed to verify attributes. The GIS database is joined to a Relational Database Management System (RDMS), Oracle, to enable cross-reference of several fields. Other fields are verified by checking for the existence of attributes that do not belong to known indexes. A few remaining fields have no absolute verification process other than manually comparing the digital record to the hardcopy files.

Logical_Consistency_Report:

The NJFPP (ESRI shape file) spatial features are extracted from and maintained in an ESRI polygon coverage. The ESRI "build" command is used to maintain topology after every edit session. This command ensures that all polygons are closed. The ESRI "labelerror" command is used to check for missing labels or multiple labels for all polygons after every edit session. If missing labels or multiple labels are detected, they are corrected immediately. The ESRI "nodeerror" command is used to check for extraneous vectors called "dangling arcs". If any "nodeerrors" are detected, these errors are corrected immediately. Additionally, once spatial features have been added to the database, the electronic spatial features are compared to the hardcopy maps that are submitted as part of the application process. If and when the farm is preserved, a digital survey file is required and replaces the existing spatial feature. This is another opportunity to verify spatial features and associated attributes.

Completeness_Report:

The NJFPP GIS file has been developed and maintained over a period of time. Many of the attribute fields were not completely populated for the early years (pre-GIS era) of the program. Hardcopy files from the pre-GIS era need to be reviewed to extract attributes for the GIS database. The attribute fields will be more fully populated for this era when resources become available to go back to historical hardcopy files, extract the needed information, and add the data to the database.

Applications that have been submitted since the development of the GIS have more fully populated fields. Some fields can never be populated unless the farm is preserved. Farms that were never preserved or farms that are somewhere in the application process, will not have all the attribute fields

completed.

Analogous to the tabular data, the spatial features were not completely developed for the early years (pre-GIS era) of the program. Hardcopy files from the pre-GIS era need to be reviewed to extract spatial features for the GIS database. The spatial features will be more fully developed for this era when resources become available to go back to historical hardcopy files, develop or acquire the needed features, and add the features to the file.

Since the development of the GIS database, the spatial features are more fully developed. Some spatial features may never be replaced unless the farm is preserved. Farms that are somewhere in the application process, may have the opportunity to have the spatial features replaced. If changes are requested to the application, then the spatial features will reflect those changes. If the farm gets preserved, the required digital survey file will be used to replace the feature.

The NJFPP file is in a constant state of change. Attributes and spatial features may change any given point in time.

Positional_Accuracy:

Horizontal_Positional_Accuracy:

Horizontal_Positional_Accuracy_Report:

The spatial feature polygons in the NJFPP GIS file are compiled from multiple sources. Each of these sources has their own positional accuracy. Refer to the "Entity Attribute" section of this document, "source" field, for more details on spatial feature sources.

Vertical_Positional_Accuracy:

Vertical_Positional_Accuracy_Report:

Not applicable, there are no vertical (Z) values in the database.

Lineage:

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator: United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Publication_Date: Unknown

Title: 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangles

Publication_Information:

Publication_Place: Reston, Va

Publisher: USGS

Other_Citation_Details:

All topoquads had been trimmed at the Southern neatline and all reference information had been removed long before the implementation of the GIS. Since all reference information had been removed, there was no way to determine the date of the maps.

Source_Scale_Denominator: 24000

Type_of_Source_Media: paper

Source_Time_Period_of_Content:

Time_Period_Information:

Single_Date/Time:

Calendar_Date: 1998

Source_Currentness_Reference: publication date

Source_Citation_Abbreviation: Topoquads

Source_Contribution:

Base map used to manually map farms prior to the establishment of the GIS.

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator:

MarkHurd Corp., Division of AeroMetric Engineering, Inc. Minneapolis, MN

Publication_Date: 199103

Title: 1991 Black & White Ortho Photo Quarter Quads

Publication_Information:

Publication_Place: Minneapolis, MN

Publisher: MarkHurd, Corp.

Source_Scale_Denominator: 12000

Type_of_Source_Media: Stable base film - 4 mil

Source_Time_Period_of_Content:

Time_Period_Information:

Single_Date/Time:

Calendar_Date: 199103

Source_Currentness_Reference: ground condition

Source_Citation_Abbreviation: 1991 B&W Orthophoto Quarterquad

Source_Contribution:

Base map used to hand draft farm boundaries and manually digitize features.

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator:

MarkHurd Corp., Division of AeroMetric Engineering, Inc. Minneapolis, MN

Publication_Date: 199503

Title: 1995 Infra-Red Color Digital Ortho Photo Quarter Quad

Publication_Information:

Publication_Place: Minneapolis, MN

Publisher: MarkHurd, Corp.

Source_Scale_Denominator: 12000

Type_of_Source_Media: digital image file in .jpg format

Source_Time_Period_of_Content:

Time_Period_Information:

Single_Date/Time:

Calendar_Date: 199503

Source_Currentness_Reference: ground condition

Source_Citation_Abbreviation: 1995 IRC digital orthophoto quarterquad

Source_Contribution: Base map used for on screen digitizing.

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator: BAE Systems ADR

Publication_Date: 200203

Title: 2002 Infra-Red Color Digital Aerial Imagery

Publication_Information:

Publication_Place: Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Publisher: BAE Systems ADR

Source_Scale_Denominator: 2400

Type_of_Source_Media: digital image file in .sid format

Source_Time_Period_of_Content:

Time_Period_Information:

Single_Date/Time:

Calendar_Date: 200203

Source_Currentness_Reference: ground condition

Source_Citation_Abbreviation: 2002 IRC Digital Orthophoto

Source_Contribution: Base map used for on screen digitizing.

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator: multiple survey firms

Publication_Date: 20090707

Title: Digital Land Survey File - Surveyed Coordinates

*Publication_Information:**Publication_Place:* multiple survey firms*Publisher:* multiple survey firms*Other_Citation_Details:*

The "Publication Date" stated reflects the date that the spatial data was last edited. Digital survey files have been a requirement since 1998. Digital survey files submitted between 1998 and the "Publication Date" could be included in this file. The field "SOURCE" must be referenced to determine the source of the spatial features.

The State of NJ, NJ County Government, NJ Local Government, and Non-Profit agencies use many surveyors to provide land surveying services.

Hardcopy files for each preserved farm contain the date for each survey and other information for the surveying firm.

Source_Scale_Denominator: unknown*Type_of_Source_Media:* CD-ROM, 3.5 inch diskette, E-mail*Source_Time_Period_of_Content:**Time_Period_Information:**Single_Date/Time:**Calendar_Date:* unknown*Source_Currentness_Reference:* ground condition*Source_Citation_Abbreviation:* Digital Survey File - Surveyed Coordinates*Source_Contribution:*

Specific features are extracted from the .dxf or .dwg file (easement boundaries, internal lot lines, and exception boundaries). These features replace existing spatial features in the NJSFPP GIS file.

*Source_Information:**Source_Citation:**Citation_Information:**Originator:* multiple survey firms*Publication_Date:* 20090707*Title:* Digital Land Survey File - Locally Fitted Coordinates*Publication_Information:**Publication_Place:* various*Publisher:* various*Other_Citation_Details:*

The State of NJ, County Government, Local Government, and Non-Profit agencies use many surveyors to provide land surveying services. Hardcopy files contain the information of the surveying firm for each preserved farm.

Source_Scale_Denominator: unknown*Type_of_Source_Media:* CD-ROM, 3.5 inch diskette, E-mail*Source_Time_Period_of_Content:**Time_Period_Information:**Single_Date/Time:**Calendar_Date:* unknown*Source_Currentness_Reference:* ground condition*Source_Citation_Abbreviation:* Digital Survey File - Locally Fitted Coordinates*Source_Contribution:*

Specific features are extracted from the .dxf or .dwg file (easement boundaries, internal lot lines, and exception boundaries). These features replace the existing spatial features in the NJSFPP GIS file. No coordinates were provided for the Point Of Beginning. These features were locally fitted to 1995, 2002 or 2007 digital aerial imagery or an adjacent survey if available.

*Source_Information:**Source_Citation:**Citation_Information:**Originator:* New Jersey Pinelands Commission

Publication_Date: 20021004
Title: Pinelands Digital Parcel Data
Publication_Information:
Publication_Place: NJ
Publisher: Pinelands

Source_Scale_Denominator: unknown
Type_of_Source_Media: CD-ROM
Source_Time_Period_of_Content:
Time_Period_Information:
Single_Date/Time:
Calendar_Date: 20021004
Source_Currentness_Reference: publication date
Source_Citation_Abbreviation: Pinelands Digital Parcel Data
Source_Contribution:

Specific parcels for applications are extracted from municipal files and added to the NJSFPP GIS file.

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator: Multiple Counties
Publication_Date: Unknown
Title: County Digital Parcel Data
Publication_Information:
Publication_Place: Multiple Counties
Publisher: Multiple Counties

Other_Citation_Details:

Spatial features coded in the "SOURCE" field as county source are derived from the county in which the parcel resides. Each county has a different publication date.

Source_Scale_Denominator: unknown
Type_of_Source_Media: CD-ROM, On-line, E-mail
Source_Time_Period_of_Content:
Time_Period_Information:
Single_Date/Time:
Calendar_Date: unknown
Source_Currentness_Reference: publication date
Source_Citation_Abbreviation: County Digital Parcel Data
Source_Contribution:

Specific parcels for applications are extracted from municipal files and added to the NJSFPP GIS file.

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator: Multiple Municipalities
Publication_Date: Unknown
Title: Municipal Digital Parcel Data
Publication_Information:
Publication_Place: Multiple Municipalities
Publisher: Multiple Municipalities

Other_Citation_Details:

Spatial features coded in the "SOURCE" field as municipal source are derived from the municipality in which the parcel resides. Each municipality has a different publication date.

Source_Scale_Denominator: unknown
Type_of_Source_Media: CD-ROM, On-line, E-mail
Source_Time_Period_of_Content:

*Time_Period_Information:**Single_Date/Time:**Calendar_Date:* unknown*Source_Currentness_Reference:* publication date*Source_Citation_Abbreviation:* Municipal Digital Parcel Data*Source_Contribution:*

Specific parcels for applications are extracted from municipal files and added to the NJSFPP GIS file.

*Source_Information:**Source_Citation:**Citation_Information:**Originator:* Multiple Non-Profit Organizations*Publication_Date:* Unknown*Title:* Non-Profit Digital Parcel Data*Publication_Information:**Publication_Place:* Multiple Non-Profit Organizations*Publisher:* Multiple Non-Profit Organizations*Other_Citation_Details:*

Spatial features coded in the "SOURCE" field as non-profit source are derived from the non-profit organization in the "owner" field. Each non-profit organization has a different publication date.

Source_Scale_Denominator: unknown*Type_of_Source_Media:* CD-ROM, On-line, E-mail*Source_Time_Period_of_Content:**Time_Period_Information:**Single_Date/Time:**Calendar_Date:* unknown*Source_Currentness_Reference:* publication date*Source_Citation_Abbreviation:* Non-Profit Digital Parcel Data*Source_Contribution:*

Individual application files containing parcel boundaries are supplied by multiple non-profit organizations and are added to the NJSFPP GIS file.

*Source_Information:**Source_Citation:**Citation_Information:**Originator:* Multiple Adjacent Polygons*Publication_Date:* Unknown*Title:* Adjacent Feature Compilation*Publication_Information:**Publication_Place:* unknown*Publisher:* unknown*Other_Citation_Details:*

Boundaries are derived from surrounding features. Multiple adjacent polygon features are conflated to the most accurate adjacent feature. Features are selected by the level of accuracy. The most accurate features are retained while less accurate features are dropped. Each of the polygons creating these polygons have different publication dates.

Source_Scale_Denominator: unknown*Type_of_Source_Media:* Multiple Adjacent Polygons*Source_Time_Period_of_Content:**Time_Period_Information:**Single_Date/Time:**Calendar_Date:* unknown*Source_Currentness_Reference:* publication date*Source_Citation_Abbreviation:* Adjacent Feature Compilation*Source_Contribution:*

No new features are added. Polygon features are comprised of surrounding polygon features. Each of the surrounding polygon features have their own source information.

Source_Information:

Source_Citation:

Citation_Information:

Originator: Multiple Individual Applicants

Publication_Date: Unknown

Title: Miscellaneous Individual Applicant Data

Publication_Information:

Publication_Place: Multiple Individual Applicants

Publisher: Multiple Individual Applicants

Other_Citation_Details:

Some applicants had the ability to provide a digital parcel file for the application. These were typically surveys performed before the application and preservation process.

Source_Scale_Denominator: unknown

Type_of_Source_Media: CD-ROM, 3.5 Inch Diskette, E-mail

Source_Time_Period_of_Content:

Time_Period_Information:

Single_Date/Time:

Calendar_Date: unknown

Source_Currentness_Reference: publication date

Source_Citation_Abbreviation: Miscellaneous

Source_Contribution:

Multiple individual applicants provided a GIS file with parcel boundaries. The parcel boundaries were added to the NJSFPP GIS file.

Process_Step:

Process_Description:

GIS File Development History

The NJSFPP GIS coverage was initially automated and designed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Green Acres Program (GAP) for the NJDA/SADC. The GIS dataset was developed during the summer and fall of 1998. SADC staff provided base maps to the GAP staff for digitizing. USGS 1:24000 Topographic 7.5 Minute Quadrangles (paper prints) with hand drafted parcel delineations were provided. Some other more recent applications that were not on the USGS topographic quadrangles were automated using 1:12000 1991 Quarter Quad Aerial Photography (film originals). GAP staff also automated some selected surveys using the COGO program in ARC/INFO. The SADC staff provided attributes to the GAP staff for entry into the associated database. The GAP provided a GIS coverage to the SADC containing the program through the 1998 round of applications and closings. The SADC hired its own GIS staff in January 1999 to establish, maintain and administer a GIS and database. At this point in time, all maintenance of the NJSFPP GIS dataset was relinquished to the SADC GIS staff.

The new SADC GIS staff interviewed management and staff during the spring of 1999 to evaluate the existing relational database developed for the NJSFPP. As a result of the interviews and meetings, the database was completely redesigned by the SADC GIS staff to more closely address the needs of the NJSFPP. The original database fields were eventually deleted once the new fields were populated and verified to the extent possible. Every spatial feature was retained for future evaluation and editing.

The spatial features and database were updated with the 1999 round of applications and closings during the summer of 1999. The SADC GIS staff contacted County entities to obtain GIS files containing the applications for the 1999 round farms. Several counties did not have GIS files available (Camden, Cape May, Monmouth, Ocean, Salem, Sussex, Warren) and their applications had to be created in-house by the SADC GIS staff. GIS files submitted by counties were checked to ensure the correct spatial features were included and that the spatial accuracy was acceptable. The SADC GIS staff recreated

features if the spatial location was deemed unacceptable. The FARM1999 dataset reflected the applications through the 1999 round of applications and all closings through the end of December 1999.

During the summer and fall of 2000, the SADC GIS staff updated the spatial features and database with the 2000 round of applications and closings. The same process described previously, was used for the 2000 round of applications. Only five counties couldn't provide a GIS dataset for the year's applications (Camden, Cape May, Monmouth, Sussex, Warren). The FARM2000 GIS database is current through the 2000 round of applications and closings through December 31, 2000.

The statewide GIS coverage was renamed to NJFARM01 for the 2001 round of applications. This was the new naming convention, at the time, for all future GIS files published on an annual basis. This naming convention was used from the 2001 round of applications (NJFARM01) through the 2004 round of applications (NJFARM04).

During the spring of 2001, the SADC GIS staff updated the statewide GIS coverage with the 2001 round of applications and attributes. Again, the same process was used to update the coverage with files provided from individual counties and the SADC staff developing the features for counties unable to provide GIS data. This same process was repeated each year until the summer of 2004 through the NJFARM04 file.

After the 2004 round of applications (NJFARM04), a decision was made to change the naming convention of the NJSFPP GIS file to NJFARMS. The NJSFPP will keep the same name into the future and will not change each year. Only the publication date of the file will change in the future. This was done to reduce maintenance of in-house programs, scripts, and applications. NJFARMS is the new name of the file from now and into the future.

SADC Mapping Methods For Spatial Feature Development and Maintenance

The spatial feature development for the NJFARMS file is a compilation of features derived from several sources. Many organizations that participate in the NJSFPP, that have GIS capabilities, provide a file containing the spatial features. All other spatial features are developed in-house. Each feature source has its own level of accuracy. Each spatial feature is coded in a field named "cde_featuresourc" to identify its source. The SOURCE04 look-up table contains all the codes for the feature sources.

When newly added features are adjacent to another feature or features, an evaluation of the adjacent features is performed to determine the method of editing. The evaluation process consists of determining the order of priority (accuracy) of the new spatial feature and the adjacent spatial features. The features with the highest level of accuracy are retained. The feature with the lesser level of accuracy is compromised and portions of the feature removed. Adjacent spatial features are always conflated to the highest level of accuracy. This allows topology to be retained while maintaining the highest level of spatial accuracy possible.

In-house spatial feature development is required when no other acceptable digital source is available. Spatial features are created electronically on screen with on-screen digitizing. The most current digital aerial imagery available at the time is used as a reference layer. A municipal tax map is used as a source for the property boundaries. The dimensions are measured along recognizable features to create a closed polygon. When dimensions aren't available on the municipal tax map, an estimated measurement is calculated from other known measurements on the map. When recognizable features aren't visible on the imagery, the features are developed solely on measurements and angles. In the event that an adjacent feature exists, the adjacent feature is evaluated, and is used as control if the spatial accuracy is acceptable.

When a farm is preserved through the NJSFPP, a digital survey file is required as part of the program deliverables. Digital survey files have been a requirement since the 1998 round of applications. Many, not all, of the preserved farms in the NJSFPP have had the spatial features replaced with survey grade features. These features serve as control to adjacent features. The ultimate goal is to have survey grade spatial features for all preserved farms.

The current and future naming convention is: NJFPP (ESRI shape file) is the name used

for data distributed to the public and NJFARMS (ESRI coverage file) is the name used for the data maintained for internal SADC use.

Process_Date: 20090707

Process_Contact:

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Process_Step:

Process_Description: Metadata imported.

Source_Used_Citation_Abbreviation: njfpp.xml

Process_Step:

Process_Description: Metadata imported.

Source_Used_Citation_Abbreviation: X:\metadata authoring\PublicDist\njfpp.xml

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Spatial_Data_Organization_Information:

Direct_Spatial_Reference_Method: Vector

Point_and_Vector_Object_Information:

SDTS_Terms_Description:

SDTS_Point_and_Vector_Object_Type: G-polygon

Point_and_Vector_Object_Count: 5216

Spatial_Reference_Information:

Horizontal_Coordinate_System_Definition:

Planar:

Grid_Coordinate_System:

Grid_Coordinate_System_Name: State Plane Coordinate System 1983

State_Plane_Coordinate_System:

SPCS_Zone_Identifier: 2900

Transverse_Mercator:

Scale_Factor_at_Central_Meridian: 0.999900

Longitude_of_Central_Meridian: -74.500000

Latitude_of_Projection_Origin: 38.833333

False_Easting: 492125.000000

False_Northing: 0.000000
Planar_Coordinate_Information:
Planar_Coordinate_Encoding_Method: coordinate pair
Coordinate_Representation:
Abscissa_Resolution: 0.000000
Ordinate_Resolution: 0.000000
Planar_Distance_Units: survey feet
Geodetic_Model:
Horizontal_Datum_Name: North American Datum of 1983
Ellipsoid_Name: Geodetic Reference System 80
Semi-major_Axis: 6378137.000000
Denominator_of_Flattening_Ratio: 298.257222

Entity_and_Attribute_Information:

Detailed_Description:

Entity_Type:

Entity_Type_Label: njfpp
Entity_Type_Definition: New Jersey Farmland Preservation Program
Entity_Type_Definition_Source: NJDA/SADC

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: FID
Attribute_Definition: Internal feature number.
Attribute_Definition_Source: ESRI
Attribute_Domain_Values:
Unrepresentable_Domain:
Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: Shape
Attribute_Definition: Feature geometry.
Attribute_Definition_Source: ESRI
Attribute_Domain_Values:
Unrepresentable_Domain: Coordinates defining the features.

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: NJFARMS_
Attribute_Definition: Internal ID number
Attribute_Definition_Source: NJDA/SADC
Attribute_Domain_Values:
Unrepresentable_Domain: unique entry

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: NJFARMS_ID
Attribute_Definition: Internal ID number
Attribute_Definition_Source: NJDA/SADC
Attribute_Domain_Values:
Unrepresentable_Domain: unique entry

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: NUM_GIS_AC
Attribute_Definition: GIS calculated acres for each spatial feature
Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC
Attribute_Domain_Values:
Unrepresentable_Domain: unique entry

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: IDN_GIS
Attribute_Definition:
Unique sequential identification number used to join/link to the Oracle RDMS.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Unrepresentable_Domain: Sequential unique whole numbers.

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: PARCEL_TYP

Attribute_Definition: General description of spatial feature.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: NON-SEVER EXCEPTION

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

Unpreserved exception area on a preserved farm easement that cannot be subdivided from the farm.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: PARCEL

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition: Preserved easement area that is a parcel or part of a parcel.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: SEVERABLE EXCEPTION

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

Unpreserved exception area on a preserved farm easement that can be subdivided from the farm.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: STATUS

Attribute_Definition: Preservation status of the farm application in the NJSFPP.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: 8 YEAR

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

Preserved farm area for eight years. Can be renewed or enrolled into another program after 8 year expiration date.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: 8 YEAR/EX

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition: Unpreserved exception area on an 8 Year Program farm.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: PRESERVED NR

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

Preserved easement that has not been reimbursed by the SADC for funding. SADC anticipates cost sharing with initial preservation entity.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: PRESERVED NR/EX

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

Unpreserved exception area on a preserved farm that has not been reimbursed by the SADC for funding. SADC anticipates cost sharing with initial preservation entity.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: PRESERVED

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition: Preserved easement area through the NJSFPP.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: PRESERVED/EX

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

Unpreserved exception area on a preserved farm easement through the NJSFPP.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: FINAL

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

Final approval for funding has been made by the SADC to preserve the farm.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: PROGRAM

Attribute_Definition:

Specific farmland preservation program used to fund the preservation of the farm.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Unrepresentable_Domain: unique entry

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: ROUND

Attribute_Definition: SADC funding round used to preserve the farm.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: "Year" followed by A

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition: Fiscal year of funding and A is the first group of farms.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: "Year" followed by B

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition: Fiscal year of funding and B is the second group of farms.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: Emergency Need 2003

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

2003 is the fiscal year of funding. Emergency funding was provided to farms not included in the usual county funding process.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: Emergency Need In 98 Appropriation

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

1998 is the fiscal year of funding. Emergency funding was provided to farms not included in the usual county funding process.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: No Value Selected

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition: No data was entered into the database.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: Not applicable

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition:

The "Fee Simple" program does not have annual funding rounds associated

with the program. Therefore, "ROUND" does not apply to the "Fee Simple" program.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Enumerated_Domain:

Enumerated_Domain_Value: Undetermined

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition: No data was entered into the database.

Enumerated_Domain_Value_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: CNTY_MUNI

Attribute_Definition: Three letter county abbreviation and municipal name.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Unrepresentable_Domain: unique entry

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: PRESERVED

Attribute_Definition: Date that the farm was preserved - closing date.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Unrepresentable_Domain: unique entry

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: EASEMENT

Attribute_Definition: Total acreage of preserved easement for farm.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Unrepresentable_Domain: unique entry

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: BLOCK_LOT

Attribute_Definition: Pairs of municipal block and lot number combinations.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Unrepresentable_Domain: unique entry

Attribute:

Attribute_Label: SOURCE

Attribute_Definition: Original source of each spatial feature.

Attribute_Definition_Source: SADC

Attribute_Domain_Values:

Unrepresentable_Domain: unique entry

Distribution_Information:

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Resource_Description: Downloadable Data

Distribution_Liability:

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Standard_Order_Process:

Digital_Form:

Digital_Transfer_Information:

Format_Name: AVSHP

Format_Version_Number: 9.2

File-Decompression_Technique: WinZip

Transfer_Size: 5.012

Digital_Transfer_Option:

Online_Option:

Computer_Contact_Information:

Network_Address:

Network_Resource_Name:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/resources/>

Offline_Option:

Offline_Media: none

Recording_Format: none

Fees: None

Ordering_Instructions: Download from Farmland Preservation Program WEB page.

Custom_Order_Process: No custom orders. A statewide file is distributed.

Metadata_Reference_Information:

Metadata_Date: 20090707

Metadata_Contact:

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Metadata_Standard_Name: FGDC Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata

Metadata_Standard_Version: FGDC-STD-001-1998

Metadata_Time_Convention: local time

Metadata_Access_Constraints: None

Metadata_Use_Constraints: None

Metadata_Extensions:

Online_Linkage: <<http://www.esri.com/metadata/esriprof80.html>>

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