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Attachments: AD-1006 (2).pdf

Heather,

I had talked to Edwin and others here at NRCS about your issue with the farmland conversion issue of HUD. Basically what we have determined is that if the land was already developed or urban, then the form is not necessary. Existing urban areas are exempt from this analysis.

However, the land that you described as wooded, would be required to have the form completed. While the law refers to the Farmland Protection Policy Act, the act really is intended to identify and preserve soils that are good for farmland. The land that you described, while wooded, is on soils that the State of New Jersey has identified as "Soils of Statewide Importance" even if it is not currently being farmed. My understanding is that the form is quite simple and easy to complete.

This should help in that not all parcels that HUD is working on will require completion of the form (attached). If you have more questions, please contact myself or Edwin.

Carrie

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Carrie,

This is the forms for farmland conversion. NRCS is responsible to fill part 4 and 5 and send it back in 10 days.

There are 2 links in the form that may have more information.

Any questions please let me know,

Edwin

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