



State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) COVID-19 Update

March 23, 2020

Dear Preservation Partners & Clients – In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic the SADC is conducting business remotely. We want to assure you all SADC staff are available and continuing to provide service and process applications and Right to Farm matters to the best of our ability. SADC Acquisition, Agricultural Development, Stewardship, Planning and Legal staff are available online and over the phone. Please visit our staff directory:

<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/about/contact/SADCcontactlist.pdf>

At this time the March 26, 2020 SADC monthly SADC meeting has been cancelled. We expect to host the regularly scheduled SADC meeting on April 23, 2020, however that may be in the form of an on-line meeting, and not in person. We will be developing procedures for public attendance at this meeting and, once developed, they will be posted to the SADC website. If you are planning to attend this meeting, please check our website <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/> or call our main number 609-984-2504 for up to date information prior to the meeting date.

In order to protect the health and safety of preserved farm landowners, our partners, SADC personnel and the general public, all easement monitoring visits to farms with an SADC held easement have been suspended at this time. For farms with easements held by counties or non-profit entities, landowners should contact those organizations directly.

The SADC will continue to conduct pre-closing farm site visits in order to avoid delays in preserving farms on a case by case basis.

For general questions and assistance, please feel free to contact us through the SADC's public email - sadc@ag.state.nj.us.

Sincerely,

Susan Payne, SADC Executive Director