



State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) COVID-19 Update

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Dear Preservation Partners, Clients and Public – In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic the SADC is conducting most business remotely.

The SADC monthly meetings will be held online until further notice. Procedures for public attendance at these meetings will be posted to the SADC website. If you are planning to attend a 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. Please note that the systems utilized for remote meeting may change.

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>

The SADC has also continued to conduct pre-closing farm site visits in order to avoid delays in preserving farms on a case by case basis and has secured the necessary mechanisms to close on easement purchases remotely.

Preserved farmland owners involved in SADC's Deer Fence grant program may participate in SADC's virtual inspection process. SADC staff can view fence installations remotely in order to finalize projects and process grant payments. Information and applications can be found on our website <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/postpres/#2>. Please contact David Clapp, Resource Conservationist david.clapp@ag.nj.gov or David Kimmel, Agricultural Resource Specialist david.kimmel@ag.nj.gov if you have any questions.

SADC's Soil & Water project cost share grants continue to be processed. More information can be found on our website <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/postpres/#1> or contact SADC Resource Conservationist - Dave Clapp at david.clapp@ag.nj.gov.

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