

STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Notice of Public Hearing on SADC Rule Proposal Establishing Soil Protection Standards on Preserved Farmland

Proposal of new rules, N.J.A.C. 2:76-25, Soil Disturbance on Preserved Farmland; N.J.A.C. 2:76-25A, Supplemental Soil Disturbance Standards

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) is holding a virtual public hearing for the proposed new rules defining what activities on preserved farmland constitute soil disturbance, establishing a soil disturbance limitation on preserved farms, allowing for waivers of the soil disturbance limit under certain conditions, providing preserved farm landowners written notice of and an opportunity to be heard on mapped soil disturbances, and promulgating technical standards for certain agricultural practices for compliance with the soil disturbance limitation.

The notice of proposal was published in the New Jersey Register on August 7, 2023, at 55 N.J.R. 8(1).

The SADC will be holding a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. through the SADC's video conferencing software (Microsoft TEAMS).

DATE: September 27, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m

LOCATION: TEAMS Virtual Meeting

To join the hearing via computer: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

To join the hearing via phone: Call (856)338-7074
Conference ID: 268 371 32#

Meeting Link and Call-In information is also available on the SADC website at <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/>

Registration: If you wish to provide oral testimony at the virtual public hearing, you must register with the SADC **no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 25, 2023**. Participants may register by emailing Jessica.uttal@ag.nj.gov or calling her at (609) 913-6567. Please provide your name, organization, telephone number, and email address. A verbal or written confirmation will be provided of your interest to testify at the hearing.

Please note that the SADC will take oral testimony at the hearing by alphabetical order of the testifying person's last name, and that this hearing will be recorded.

The SADC is also accepting written and/or electronic comments on the proposed rule through October 6, 2023. Please submit electronic comments to SADC@ag.state.nj.us. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to:

Susan E. Payne, Executive Director
State Agriculture Development Committee
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Please refer to the original notice of proposal for detailed information regarding the proposed rules. The notice of proposal may be viewed or downloaded from the SADC's website at https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/documents/ruleprop/PRN_2023-079_SADC_2_76-25.pdf