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Deer Fencing Program Readied for Second Round

SADC staff in June updated the Committee on progress to date under the first round of deer-fencing cost-share grants for preserved farms.

Approximately \$456,000 had been approved for 32 eligible deer-fencing projects, six of which have been completed. Based on lessons learned and feedback from applicants, staff will revise the deer-fencing program policy to streamline the application process, clarify construction specifications and address other issues in preparation for a second round of grants.

A total of \$500,000 for a second round of deer-fencing grants will be included in FY2019 appropriation recommendations that staff is expected to present to the Committee at its meeting in July.

Questions? Contact Dave Clapp, SADC Conservationist, at David.Clapp@ag.nj.gov.



Comments Sought on Draft Municipal PIG Rule Changes

The State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) is seeking to amend its Municipal Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Program rules, which were last updated in 2007. Proposed changes include creation of a competitive grant fund – mirroring the County PIG Program – to enable municipalities with greater funding needs to access additional funding beyond their base grants. Annual planning application requirements would be simplified to reduce unnecessary paperwork and other requirements clarified, including Agricultural Advisory Committee involvement in the Municipal PIG process. The proposed rule changes will be sent to all preservation partners as a pre-proposal to solicit comments shortly. Questions? Please contact Steve Bruder, SADC Planning Manager, at Steven.Bruder@ag.nj.gov.



Report Issued on Pilot Program for Winery Special Occasion Events

The SADC has completed an Interim Report on the Pilot Program for Winery Special Occasion Events, which is being forwarded to the Legislature and Governor in accordance with the recently signed bill (A2787) that extends the pilot program for another two years until May 30, 2020. The report summarizes the information the SADC has collected under the pilot and the agency's observations to date. The report will be available on the SADC's website at www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/postpres/.

A2787 also newly requires that each county agriculture development board (CADB) submit to the Governor and Legislature an annual report, including findings that summarize the activities of wineries on preserved farmland in the county and recommendations for the pilot program. Questions? Contact Hope Gruzlovic, SADC Policy & Communications Manager, at Hope.Gruzlovic@ag.nj.gov.

Thank You for your time and dedication to farmland preservation in NJ. If you have specific questions, please don't hesitate to contact SADC staff. As always, our website is available and full of helpful information at www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc

