



SADC Partner Update



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Updates to SADC Deer Fence Program Considered

Updates to the popular Farmland Stewardship Deer Fencing Program were considered by the SADC at its September 27, 2018 committee meeting in preparation for a second program round this autumn. The updates are based on experiences and comments gleaned from the first round of the pilot program. Several proposed changes, intended to make the program more straightforward, were reviewed by the Committee.

Some of the highlighted updates include:

Although business entities (cooperatives, corporations, partnerships, joint ventures) will still need to submit financial documents to show they meet the “established farmer” definition, individuals will not have to do so in order to apply for a grant.

Farmers will no longer need to attend an in-person deer fence installation training, but can instead certify that they have watched the deer fencing installation video created by the SADC, which is currently available on the SADC’s website.

The updates make certain requirements more clear, including that deer fencing must completely enclose an area; the grant can only be used to pay for new deer fencing, not repairs; and the required height of woven wire fence must be achieved by using one single piece of fence, not several pieced together.

These and other updates will be formalized at the October 25, 2018 Committee meeting, after which, the new application, policy, and details will be available on the SADC website. The anticipated deadline for this round of Deer Fence grants is November 30, 2018. Any landowners who would like to have the updated information and application mailed to them can contact David.Clapp@ag.nj.gov or 609-984-2504.

Beginning Farmer Financial Readiness Workshop

Thursday, October 25, 2018, 6 –9 p.m.

New Jersey Department of Health/Agriculture Building
First Floor Auditorium

369 South Warren Street, Trenton

In collaboration with American Farmland Trust and Farm Credit East
“This workshop will help beginners understand how their personal financial situation affects their options for securing farmland, including through purchase, lease and partnerships.”

To register— visit www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmlink/resources/landaccessproject

Or contact Gillian Armstrong gillian.armstrong@ag.nj.gov, 609-984-2504

Acquisition Process Workshops



The SADC hosted the first of three “process” workshops specifically geared towards Municipal partners engaged in assisting landowners through the often complicated preservation process.

At the first session in Salem County on October 2nd, SADC Acquisition staff reviewed new comprehensive checklists which track every step in the preservation process, identify who is responsible for what steps and when that step should be completed. The checklists also track when that step was completed so everyone involved in the transaction can stay up to speed. The new checklists are intended to assist everyone involved with the process so tasks are completed timely and to help landowners follow along with the process.

SADC staff also explained that the new checklists and other documents associated with preservation applications will be securely shared with partners using Microsoft SharePoint in the near future. More to come regarding this cloud based project management tool and training on how to use it early in the new year.

Although the workshops are geared towards Municipal staff, contractors and volunteers, all County and Nonprofit partners are welcome to attend!



It's not too late to attend!

Two More Municipal Process Workshops

Central (October 10, 1pm-3pm)

Historic Clarksburg Community Center

(formerly the Clarksburg Methodist Episcopal Church)

512 Stagecoach Road (County Road Route 524)

Millstone, NJ 08510

To Register: <https://goo.gl/GkVhnk>

North (October 29, 10am-12pm)

Warren County Library South Branch

404 County Road 519

Stewartsville, NJ 08886

To Register: <https://goo.gl/U7bHXW>