

# Planning Grants



## How They Work

The State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) provides grants to reimburse eligible landowners for some or all of the costs of obtaining farm conservation plans and other plans and designs for conservation projects. Conservation plans are required for preserved farms and also for SADC state cost-share programs and play an important part in farm resilience and viability. Approved applicants may be reimbursed up to \$20,000 in professional fees depending on the project.

## Eligibility

Applicants must be the current landowner of the preserved farm or the farm operator with the landowner's written permission. The farm must be permanently preserved or enrolled in an 8-year or 16-year farmland preservation program. Each farm is eligible for a new round of funding every 5 years. Some independently preserved (non-SADC preserved) farms—e.g. farms preserved through county independent easement purchase, cluster development, transfer of development rights, or severing of Pinelands or Highlands development credits/rights—may also be eligible if they meet certain criteria.

### Planning Grant Examples

- Farm conservation plans
- Irrigation system designs
- Structural conservation practice engineering designs (waterways, drainage, livestock facilities, etc.)
- Feed and forage analyses
- Soil or Water Testing activities
- Forest Management Assessment
- Aquifer Flow Test

## Online Application Form:

Fill out an application form online by scanning the QR code or by visiting <https://forms.microsoft.com/g/dzHzj9j6KJ>. A printable version is also available at <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/postpres/>. For more information contact SADC staff at <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/about/contact/>.



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