



## **EQUINE ACTIVITIES ON PRESERVED FARMLAND**

### **Purpose:**

To establish a policy, which regulates new equine-related activities on preserved farmland.

### **Applicability:**

This policy applies to new, equine-related activities on preserved farmland.

### **Definitions:**

“Equine-related structures” means buildings used to conduct equine activities.

“Horse” means one animal unit, where one animal unit equals 1,000 pounds of body weight. A “horse” shall include a horse, donkey, mule and pony.

### **Policy:**

All equine-related activities on preserved farmland must be in compliance with the Deed of Easement.

#### **1. Animal Density**

The number of horses on a preserved farm shall not exceed one (1) horse per each whole acre of the farm. Non-severable exception areas on preserved farms are included in the whole acre calculation.

#### **2. Ownership of Horses**

Horses on a preserved farm may be owned by the farm owner, farm/business operator, horse trainer/employee, or any other person not listed in this policy.

#### **3. Equine-Related Structures**

The total floor space of equine-related structures shall not exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) of the total acreage of the farm. Floor space does not include loft space utilized for animal feed or hay storage.

The farm shall be limited to one indoor arena, not to exceed 20,000 square feet.

The square footage of equine related structures shall be calculated by measuring the outside dimension of the equine structure.

The height of equine-related structures shall conform to municipal standards.

#### **4. Manure Management**

Manure shall be managed in conformance with (1) all relevant State and Federal statutes, rules and regulations, and (2) a farm conservation plan approved by the Morris County Soil Conservation District pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:90 and prepared in accordance with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG), incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented, available at [http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg\\_locator.aspx?map=NJ](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=NJ).

#### **5. Agricultural Labor Housing on Preserved Farmland**

The applicant must meet the requirements of Morris CADB Policy: P-1, Agricultural Labor Housing.

In addition, agricultural labor housing on preserved farmland can only house farm employees involved in production activities. Accordingly, the applicant must demonstrate that the equine production activities justify the proposed agricultural labor housing. Equine-related labor housing shall be included in the equine-related structure limitation as defined in Section 3 of this policy.

#### **6. Procedures/Method for Deviation from this Policy**

Any equine proposal outside the parameters of this policy shall be addressed by formal application to the Morris CADB and shall be addressed through the Site Specific Agricultural Management Practice process.

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