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## **HUNTERDON COUNTY AND HOLLAND TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE FUNDS FULLY REIMBURSED THROUGH CLOSING ON THE PRESERVED HOFFMAN FARMS**

The County of Hunterdon, in conjunction with Holland Township, closed on the sale of three permanently preserved farms, known as the Hoffman Farms, on May 2, 2017, gaining back a total of \$1.65 million for the County's and Township's Open Space funds.

The County and Township had previously received reimbursement of \$1.473 million from the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) towards the preservation of the farms. The farm sale price means that the County's and Holland Township's Open Space funds have been fully reimbursed for the original \$2.8 million property purchase.

"With this sale, the County and Holland Township has purchased, preserved from development, and put back on the tax rolls 327 acres of farmland that contributes to more than 31,000 acres of preserved farmland within the County. And what is better, with the sale and the SADC grant, the preservation of the properties comes at no cost to both the Township and the County," said Freeholder Director John Lanza.

The three farms, located along Spring Mills-Little York Road in Holland Township, were sold at public auction on June 9, 2016 to one winning bidder; William Vetter, Margaret Vetter and George Vetter of Mountainside, NJ.



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