

State Agriculture Development Committee

Farmland Stewardship Deer Fencing Program

Application for Cost-Share Grant Funding
for the Installation of Deer Fencing on Permanently
Preserved Farmland



Overview – Farmland Stewardship Deer Fencing Program

Introduction

The Farmland Stewardship Deer Fencing Program makes cost-share funding available for the installation of deer fencing on permanently preserved farms. The program is conducted in accordance with State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) Policy P-53 (see attached).

Availability of Cost-Share Grant

Cost-share funding for the installation of deer fencing on permanently preserved farms is subject to the following conditions:

- a. Grant amounts available to established farmers shall be in the form of a 50 percent matching grant, with 50 percent of the cost associated with the project provided by the established farmer.
- b. Grant amounts available to established farmers shall be based on common deed ownership, shall not exceed \$200.00 per acre and shall not exceed a total grant amount of \$20,000 per application. Common deed ownership is the Premises at the time of preservation, i.e., a single deed of easement.
- c. The premises shall not be eligible for additional Farmland Stewardship Program cost-share grants for a period of at least eight years from the date of completion of a previously approved project.

Eligibility for Cost-Share Grant

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to become eligible for cost-share grants to install high-tensile woven-wire deer fencing:

- a. Applicant must be an established farmer. An established farmer is defined as an owner-operator or immediate family member of the owner-operator of a family farm who actively participates in the operation and management of a farming operation, is a resident of the State of New Jersey, spends a substantial portion of time in carrying out a farming operation and planted a crop or acquired livestock or aquatic organisms which were on the farm at the time of the completion of the feasibility plan application. If the applicant is a cooperative, a corporation, a partnership or a joint operation, it must be primarily engaged in farming, that is, the applicant entity must derive over 50 percent of its gross income from all sources from its farming operation and its principle place of business shall be in New Jersey.
- b. The land on which the deer fencing is to be constructed is owned by the established farmer applicant and is permanently preserved farmland enrolled in the Farmland

Preservation Program (FPP) or Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program approved by SADC.

- c. Applicant must certify that she or he has watched the Committee’s deer fence installation training video or participated in a Committee-approved deer fence installation training session.
- d. Applicant must install deer fencing in accordance with the specifications prescribed in Policy P-53.
- e. Applicant must have, or obtain prior to reimbursement, an approved farm conservation plan that addresses soil and water resources for the area to be fenced.
- f. Applicant must have, or obtain prior to reimbursement, an “NJSTART” vendor ID number.

Applying for Cost-Share Grant

Farmers must use this application to apply for a Farmland Stewardship cost-share grant for the installation of deer fencing on their preserved farm. Each application will be reviewed to ensure the site-specific feasibility of installing deer fencing on the farm. For the SADC to determine that an application is feasible, there must be a demonstrated need for the deer fencing and the proposed fencing must be in compliance with the deed of easement and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Applications reviewed by the SADC will also be ranked for purposes of prioritizing applications for available funding. Fencing projects will be ranked by means of a numeric rating scale and funding will be expended for a given program round by rank order (highest to lowest) until available funding has been exhausted pursuant to Policy P-53.

For More Information

Please read Policy P-53 (see attached) and contact the SADC at (609) 984-2504 if you have any questions about the program or application process. More information is also available on the SADC website at <http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc>.

Application for Cost-Share Grant to Install Deer Fencing on Permanently Preserved Farmland

Applicant Information

Applicant (Name of Established Farmer) _____

Farm Name _____

Mailing Address (Street, Town, Zip) _____

Physical Address of Permanently Preserved Farm, if different (Street, Town, Zip)

Daytime Phone _____ Is this your preferred phone? Yes No

Cell Phone _____ Is this your preferred phone? Yes No

Email _____

NJSTART Vendor ID#: V _____

NJSTART Entity Name (must be same as Applicant Name): _____

***Note:** It's acceptable if you do not have an NJSTART Vendor ID# yet. If approved for a deer fencing grant, you'll have to register with NJSTART (the state's vendor payment system).*

***Note:** Your "Applicant Name" and "NJSTART vendor entity" name must be the same. If approved for a grant, your applicant name must be consistent during all phases of the project, including on bills and the SADC deer fencing reimbursement form. SADC grant payment can only be made to the approved applicant based on bills issued to the approved applicant. Proof of signature authority is also required for any entities that are not individuals.*

General Farm Information

What is the total acreage of the preserved farm where you're planning to install the deer fencing?

Please list the Block/Lots of this preserved farm, and note the acres:
(If necessary, use additional space)

Block/Lot: _____/_____ Acres: _____

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Has your farm been subdivided since it was preserved?

Yes No

Has this preserved farm previously received an SADC deer fencing grant?

Yes No

Area to Be Fenced

Please answer the following regarding the area where you're planning to install deer fencing:

Number of acres to be fenced: _____

Approximate linear feet of deer fencing that would be installed: _____

How much of the area that will be fenced is:

Cropland _____ acres

Pastureland _____ acres

Woodland _____ acres

Other _____ acres

Attach a map (which will become Appendix A of your application) which clearly shows the following:

- Recent aerial photography of the property
- The approximate boundaries of the farm
- The proposed location of the deer fencing
- The proposed location of the deer fencing's corners, gates, and brace assemblies
- The location of any existing deer fencing
- All known rights of way within 50 feet of the proposed fence

Notes about mapping: *The fenced area must be completely enclosed by deer fencing meeting the specifications in Exhibit A of Policy P-53. The following are some resources (with aerial photography and other information) that you could use to help create your map:*

- Google Maps – online tool provided by Google: <https://www.google.com/maps>
- NJ-GEOWEB – online tool provided by NJDEP:
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/geoweb splash.htm>
- Web Soil Survey – online tool provided by USDA NRCS:
<http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/>
- Farm conservation plan – includes a map created by NRCS for your farm conservation plan:
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nj/contact/local/>
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension – If you need assistance with mapping, your local Rutgers Cooperative Extension Agent may be able to help you with creating a GIS map:
<https://njaes.rutgers.edu/county/>

Please see the attached map for an example.

What crops are you currently growing in the area to be fenced? Provide the number of acres of each crop.

What crops are you planning to grow in the area to be fenced? Provide the number of acres of each crop.

What was the gross dollar loss from deer damage for the previous calendar year in the area proposed to be fenced? Please provide crop insurance claims or your own documentation of the extent of crop damage.

Optional: You may also submit a letter of support from a Rutgers Cooperative Extension agent.

Is the farm in a no-firearm-discharge zone?

Yes No

Have you applied for NJDEP depredation permits within the last three years?

If yes, provide copies or your approved permits or denial letters

Yes No

Is the farm actively hunted?

Yes No

Are there parcels of public open space (owned by state, county, or municipal government or by non-profits) within 200 feet in all directions of the premises where hunting is prohibited? If yes, identify by name and location.

Yes No

Have you used any other hunting or deer abatement measures for the land to be fenced? If yes, please describe:

Additional Information

Are you a “military veteran farmer”? If yes, please provide a copy of discharge papers.

Yes No

Note: “Military veteran farmer” is defined by P-53 as an established farmer who served in the active military, naval, or air service anywhere in the world at any time since September 11, 2001, and discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable at the time of application.

Do you have a farm conservation plan that addresses soil and water resources for the area to be fenced? If yes, please provide a copy.

Yes No

Note: A farmer must have an approved farm conservation plan that addresses soil and water resources for the area to be fenced. Please contact SADC if you need to obtain one:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/sadc/about/contact/>

Are you proposing to fence at least five acres of woodland for woodland management purposes? If yes, please submit a copy of your Woodland Management Plan or Forest Stewardship Plan.

Yes No

Note: Projects that propose to fence woodland must have a signed Woodland Management Plan or Forest Stewardship Plan with deer fencing as a recommended management practice. Please contact an approved forester if you need to obtain one:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/ACF2.pdf>

Additional Documents – Applicant Eligibility

If you are completing this application as a cooperative, corporation, partnership, or joint venture, please provide the following additional documents to confirm your eligibility as an established farmer: a statement of the present financial situation of the farm, including:

- a. The gross farm income;
- b. Copies of Internal Revenue Service forms Schedule F or 1120S for the three most recent tax years; and
- c. A net worth statement.

Note: As mentioned above under “Applicant Eligibility,” a person who meets the definition of “established farmer” may apply for cost-share funding assistance to install deer fencing on their preserved farm. If the established farmer is a cooperative, a corporation, a partnership or a joint operation, it must be primarily engaged in farming, that is, the applicant entity must derive over 50 percent of its gross income from all sources from its farming operation and its principle place of business shall be in New Jersey.

Agreement

I hereby request _____ linear feet of deer fence to enclose _____ acres on the preserved farm as noted in this application, and I agree to abide by the conditions and parameters in SADC Policy P-53.

I certify that I own the farm in question and I am an established farmer. The statements presented in this application are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

If my application is approved, I agree to watch the SADC's deer fence installation training video or complete an SADC-approved deer fencing installation training prior to installing the fence, and I agree to start the installation project within 6 months of the approval date. I understand I must complete the project within 3 years of approval. Project completion means installing the fence, scheduling an inspection by SADC staff, correcting any deficiencies noted during the inspection, and submitting bills for reimbursement to the SADC using a form authorized by the SADC.

I understand I will not be reimbursed if fencing is not installed to the standards and specifications contained within SADC Policy P-53 and its exhibits. If I wish to deviate from these standards and specifications, I understand I must seek and get approval from the SADC in writing, in advance, before conducting the fencing installation work. I also understand I will not be reimbursed for any work started prior to grant funding approval by the SADC, nor will I be paid for any work if the entire project is not completed within the allotted timeframe. I understand no partial payments will be made.

I understand that the fencing project must be undertaken, implemented, and maintained in compliance with the preserved farm's deed of easement, must conform with all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and must be maintained for a lifespan of at least 10 years. I understand the cost-share of installed fencing not retained for the requisite 10-year lifespan will be recaptured by the SADC on a pro-rated basis, rounded to the closest month, determined through annual monitoring visits to the Premises. I also understand I must have an approved conservation plan that addresses soil and water resources for the area to be fenced.

Signature

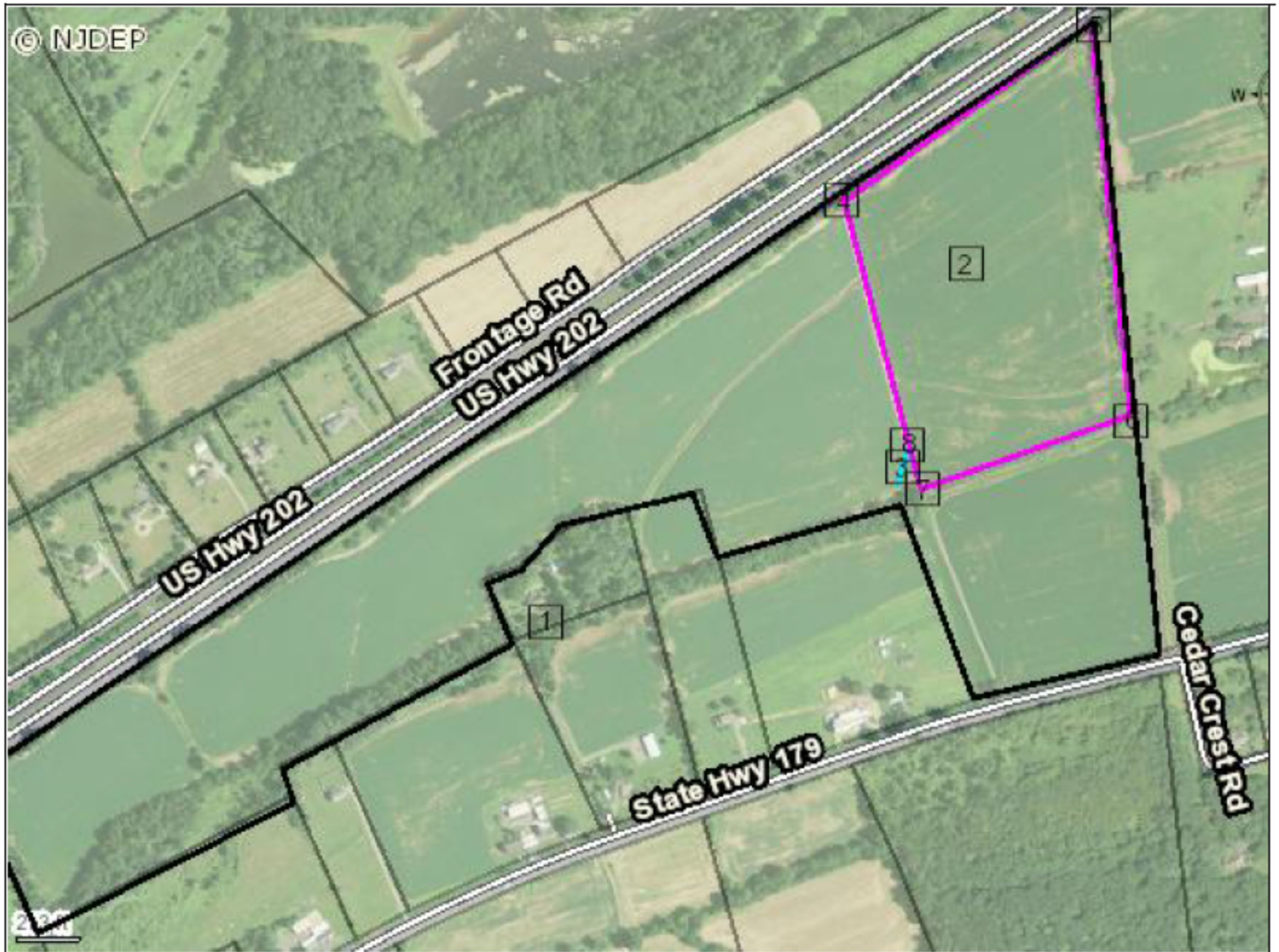
Date

Please submit your completed application (this completed form, your map, and any other required documents) by November 30, 2018 to the SADC (via mail, fax, or email):

State Agriculture Development Committee
369 S. Market St.
PO Box 330
Trenton, NJ 08625-0330
Phone: (609) 984-2504
FAX: (609) 633-2004
Email: sadc@ag.nj.gov

Emailing Notes: There are two ways to submit your application via email. 1) Save your completed form to your computer, attach the form (and your other documents) to an email, and send the email. 2) Alternatively, you can click the Submit button here - - which will create a draft email with a PDF attachment of your completed form. Then attach your other documents, and send the email.

Map drawn with NJ-GEOWEB (online tool provided by NJDEP):
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/gis/geoweb splash.htm>



- 1 Approximate Property Boundary
- 2 Deer Fence Location
- 3 Gate
- 4 Corner
- 5 Corner
- 6 Corner
- 7 Corner
- 8 Line Brace

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 Comments 4000' Feet Deer Fence 1 Gate 4 Corners 1 Line Brace