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MEMORANDUM

To: East Amwell Township Committee From: Tamara Lee
East Amwell Planning Board

Re: Farm Project – Sept. Status Report Date: September 2, 2020

The following is an update on the Township's 'Farm Project':

1. Met with the Ag. Advisory Committee, explained the project and requested assistance from them on work to identify services that farmers need.
2. Began collecting some information on services that farmers need by researching farmland preservation plans in other counties. With Katherine Fullerton's help, we secured a copy of Salem County's "The Green Pages", a farming document with a wealth of information.
3. Reviewed the survey results from a survey of farmers done by the Ag. Advisory Committee. Their results mirror and further inform information that we've collected.
4. Completed a windshield survey of all local farm stands and farm services in the Township. Began to contact the owners of the farm stands and farm services to ask if they want to be included in the farm stand and services interactive map.
5. Began collaborating with Hunterdon County Office of Economic Development which has offered to provide assistance in the production of the farm stand and services map.
6. Continued to conceptualize the likely responsibilities of a future 'Farmland Director' and 'Farmers' Advocate' along with an expanded concept of a potential farmers' market operation.
7. Began collecting research material on agricultural stimulus projects in other states.
8. Moving forward, will meet with the FOSPC, continue local outreach and collaboration with County Economic Development Office to produce a farm stand and services map.

Of course, we'll keep you posted.

Cc: Elena Gabel, PP, AICP
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- FOSPC members
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