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ABSTRACT

This publication outlines a plan for municipal action to preserve farmland and the agricultural industry in Elk Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey. It delineates Agricultural Project Areas within the township and lists individual farm properties for priority preservation. It meets the requirements for such plans of the NJ State Agriculture Development Committee and supports application to the state for a Farmland Planning Incentive Grant for Elk Township.

Information on Elk Township's agricultural land base, its soils, crops, the region's agricultural status, township planning, farmland preservation options, delineation of natural resource conservation programs for farmers, and ideas to support local farmers and strengthen the local agricultural industry are provided through text, tables, and maps. Farmland already preserved in Elk is documented, and future plans to protect farmland are outlined, including a multi-year funding plan for future farmland preservation through purchase of development easements and other measures. An inventory of all farmland-assessed parcels and some specific tools for ranking farmland and for evaluating township support of agriculture are incorporated, along with tables of farming-related businesses in Southern New Jersey,

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