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Re Friendly Farms Visit

Dear [Farmer in watershed],

The South Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council, a non-profit organization serving the eleven southern counties in New Jersey, will assist Burlington County in its watershed restoration project for the Assiscunk Creek-Annaricken Brook-Barkers Brook watersheds. As this project area is mostly agricultural, we will offer outreach and free technical assistance to landowners as a component of the watershed restoration project. We call this assistance the “Friendly Farms” program.

This outreach and technical assistance will inform you about other opportunities and grants designed to improve farm operations and to maintain and enhance the natural resources under your stewardship, as well as addressing certain factors affecting water quality in these watersheds. Our principle contact for this task is Rick Parenteau, a man with over thirty years of experience in conservation design. Rick worked the South Jersey area from Hammonton, NJ, so you may have met him already. Later this month he will be contacting you by phone to set up a personal visit. He will be ready to assist you with questions about conservation design, Team Habitat projects, or farm conservation plans.

If you have questions about the Friendly Farms Program, feel free to contact our Coordinator, Ken Taaffe at 609 267-1639 x110 or coordinator@sjrkd.org. Please visit our website at www.sjrkd.org to learn more about our projects, mission, and past activities.

Sincerely,

Jack Sworaski, Chair South RC&D Council