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## **Monroe To Hold Open House Regarding Farmland Preservation Program**

**MONROE** – Monroe is extending an invitation to Township farmers wishing to attend an informational session on Farmland Preservation at the municipal building March 27.

During the approximately hour-long session, one of the region's leading experts, Laurie Sobel from Middlesex County's Department of Infrastructure and Management, will be on hand for a presentation and an informal discussion with potential applicants.

"We are thrilled to work with our State and County partners to preserve farmland and the rural character of our community and State," said Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "Ms. Sobel is an expert in the acquisition process and can explain the process to those who might be interested. Farmland Preservation has a number of benefits for our local farmers, and I hope they take this opportunity to ask questions and learn more."

The Township has long been a standard-bearer for land preservation, with officials pledging to preserve nearly 50 percent of the community's approximately 43 square miles. At present, Monroe has more than 1,400 acres of preserved farmland and is approaching nearly 8,000 acres of total preserved property.

"The program allows farmers to capitalize on their property through the surrender of the development rights enabling them to continue farming and carry on their family's legacy," said Monroe Council President Stephen Dalina. "Aside from the personal benefits our farmers might see, this program is a vital tool in limiting development, as well as preserving the farm industry, locally sourced produce and the community's natural landscape for future generations."

The deadline to reserve a seat at Monroe's informational session, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at 1 Municipal Plaza, is March 22.

Anyone from the public planning to attend this meeting is encouraged to contact Monroe's Director of Planning, Robert Hudak, at 732-521-4400 or [rhudak@monroetwp.com](mailto:rhudak@monroetwp.com).

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