

## APPENDIX E

### Farmland Protection Policy Act Consultation

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**Subject:** Lobdell Lane Bridge Replacement, Elizabethtown, Essex County (DR-4020 PW 7632)  
**Attachments:** 20151019\_09481309259\_102\_Soil\_Report.pdf; site plan draft 05012015.pdf

Hi Cathy,

I just left a voicemail for you, and wanted to catch up via email and also send you a little background information about the Lobdell Lane Bridge Replacement. The site is in Elizabethtown, Essex County, where Lobdell Lane crosses the Bouquet River, just off US Rt. 9 (44.18941 -73.61406). I am wondering if it will be necessary to complete the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form for this project.

Lobdell Lane is a dead-end road, so, to replace the bridge, the County DPW will need to build a temporary crossing before replacing the old one in its original location. The project also includes embankment armoring near the site. I am attaching a copy of the proposed plan and a report from the NRCS web soil survey for your reference. The soil report shows the approximate limits of disturbance.

As you can see, the majority of the disturbance (two acres) will occur in and around the stream. The half-acre or so of disturbance on LvA soils (which are considered prime farmland) will be temporary, as it will accommodate the bypass for the road during bridge construction but will be returned to pre-construction condition when work is complete.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you,  
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Re: Lobdell Lane Bridge Replacement, Elizabethtown, Essex County (DR-4020  
PW 7632)  
NRCS FPPA review

Ms. Piwonka-Bernstein,

I have received of your request dated October 23, 2015, with the information needed to complete a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (AD-1006) for the project cited above. After reviewing the documentation and the short description you provided I will be issuing an exempt from the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) provision.

While the site does include a soil map unit that is listed as prime farmland, the project is exempt for a few reasons. One, the project was described that it will be returned to pre-construction condition which I would consider to be part of the replacement of the existing structure. Also the project falls under the small acreage exemption because it is less than 3 acres. Therefore an AD-1006 for the FPPA is not required for this project. Please keep this letter in the file as proof of exemption.

If you have any questions about this determination please feel free to contact me.

Kathryn Duncan  
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