

ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD

AGENDA September 16th, 2020

*****Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting link invitation***
7:30 p.m.**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
6:30	1. Call to Order
6:31	2. Chair Comments/Introduction of Guests
6:32	3. Consideration of Additions to Agenda
6:33	4. Meeting Summary / Minutes (Attachment 1)
6:35	5. Items for Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. New VAD/EVAD Applications (Attachment 2)b. Appointment of APB member to serve on Food Council
7:10	6. Discussion Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Lands Legacy Action Plan and funding update (Attachment 3)b. Date for next APB meeting
7:20	7. Informational Items / Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Local food distribution projectb. Ag Economic Development updatec. Status of milk processing feasibility study grant applicationd. Status of Gail's position and schedule for hiring a replacemente. Farm Act
7:35	8. Time for information sharing
7:45	9. Adjournment

*****Next Meeting: TBD *****

Orange County Agricultural Preservation Board

DRAFT Meeting Summary: January 15, 2020

Environmental & Agricultural Center—Food Lab
306 Revere Rd., Hillsborough, NC
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Anderson, Compton, Dawson, McAdams, McKnight, Myers, Parker, Redding, Saiers, Shambley, Sykes, Woods

Members Absent: Finley, McPherson, Vanhook

Guests: None

Staff: Peter Sandbeck, Cultural Resources Coordinator; Mike Ortosky, Ag Economic Development; Tyrone Fisher, County Extension Director

1. **Call to order:** Chair Redding called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Chair Comments/Introductions:** None
3. **Considerations of Additions to Agenda:** Hughes noted that she needs to discuss the process for removal of farms from the VAD program.
4. **Meeting Summary/Minutes:** November 20th, 2019: Shambley moved to accept the minutes/summary; seconded by Saiers; motion carried.
5. **Items for Decision:**
 - a) **New VAD/EVAD Applications (Attachment 2):** Sandbeck presented the current applications listed below. All of these farms meet the requirements/criteria for VAD/EVAD enrollment.
 - **James W. Rogers:** 45.9 acres for VAD, White Cross Ag District. Corn, wheat, soybeans and hayland.
 - **Gaston Pierce, Edwin Pierce and Betsy Pierce:** 51 acres for VAD, White Cross Ag District. Wheat, corn and soybeans.Woods moved to approve the Rogers application, seconded by Shambley; motion carried. Woods moved to approve the Pierce application, seconded by Sykes; motion carried.
 - b) **Changing from mailing paper copies of VAD applications to using digital versions to be shown on the projector at future meetings:** Chair Redding asked the board to consider showing the VAD application materials on a projection screen rather than having staff print and mail multiple copies. Staff is happy to continue to send paper to any member who prefers the paper version. Members would like paper agendas at the meetings. Dawson moved to go digital for all materials, provided there can be paper agendas at the meeting; seconded by McAdams; motion passed.
6. **Discussion Items:**
 - a) **Follow up on milk processing feasibility study:** McKnight provided an overview of her current thinking about how to approach the USDA grant application for this study, to be prepared by consultant Ann Wilkinson who has worked before with the USDA on this type of project; she worked

with NCSU folks to get a similar grant for dairy processing hub facility in Wake County, to be supported by a number of dairy operations in the surrounding region. Dairy farms will be gone if we don't do something. Reasons include: land preservation of existing/former dairy farms; job retention for dairy farm families; potential job creation in the processing activities; plus some synergistic activities that will generate additional spin off jobs; and finally, agritourism. This could be regarded as a prototype to provide a vision for other future regional facilities. Discussion followed about possible funding entities to sponsor this. The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) at NCSU or the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association would be good fits and probably simpler than trying to have the County accept and administer this sort of small grant. A component of this project will include interviewing former dairy operators to determine why they left and if they had an appetite for getting back into dairy again. We will have an opportunity to present this overall issue to the County Commissioners when we meet with them at their annual work session in early April. After discussion, members agreed that this will be a stronger project if another entity agrees to support the application, say CFSA or CEFS. Discussion followed about other possible partnerships, like the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, a local group covering Orange, Caswell and Person counties. Getting buy-in from this group could lend credibility. McKnight will initiate some email correspondence with the key players. CFSA and CEFS could assist with drafting the application.

- b) Next steps for organizing a meeting of ag-related boards and groups:** Staff reviewed past discussions about this topic to that effect. Members thought this sounded useful, as a way to learn about the current issues facing the ag community. Staff will work on preparing a list of the various organizations to share at the March meeting. Maybe we should consider inviting more than one or two members of each organization, and broaden it to include farmers who sell at local farmers markets, for example. Once Hughes returns, staff will develop a list of possible groups to include.
- c) Priorities for issues to present in annual report to the County Commissioners:** Staff asked members to select the topics that they think are most important to cover when we appear before the BOCC as there is not time to cover everything. Staff reminded members that this is our best chance to get our main issues in front of them. Members felt that the top issues are the Ag Trust Fund proposal and the collapse of dairy farming. The other important items are ongoing concerns, like the aging out of farmers and the need to continue to promote agritourism. The growing numbers of very small farmers points to a need for creating processing facilities and cooperative marketing opportunities.

7. Informational Items/Future Agenda Items:

- a. Ag Summit 2020 date and details:** Fisher reviewed the agenda and encouraged members to attend.
- b. Update on Gail's position:** Staff reported that there are plans to post her position soon. We believe she will be interested in coming back to work part-time in March.

- 8. Time for Information Sharing:** Fisher explained that Mike Lanier and Sheila Beasley were planning to retire soon. Ortosky and Fisher reported on the excellent presentation they recently heard from the tax administration staff members. We might consider inviting Roger Gund to make a presentation to the APB.

- 9. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Agricultural Preservation Board

Sept. 16, 2020

Farm applications for VAD and EVAD for APB consideration:

The following are completed applications that meet all criteria for VAD/EVAD enrollment:

NEW APPLICATIONS (Feb. -Sept. 2020-Covid delayed APB meeting)

2a: Michael Hughes/Dale Morgan (Feb. application)

- 29.26 acres – **EVAD** – Cane Creek/ Buckhorn District- 1 parcel
- Apiary, grasses, livestock in the future (sheep)
- Managed woodland

2b: Randy /Theresa Pope (March application)

- 127.74 acres ---VAD – Cedar Grove Ag District ---4 parcels of land
- Grains, soybeans, and livestock (chickens)
- Woodland

2c: Charles Edens (April application)

- 32.92 acres –VAD – Cedar Grove District – 1 parcel
- Vegetables ; livestock: pigs, chickens, turkeys
- Woodland

2:d Matthew Pinkston (April application)

- 26.32 acres –VAD – Cedar Grove District – 1 parcel
- Fescue grass/hayland

2e: Stanley Hughes, Linda Leach, Bennie Hughes Heirs (May application)

- 52.28 acres –VAD – Caldwell /Cedar Grove District – 2 parcels
- tobacco, sweet potatoes, vegetables
- Woodland

2f: Michael/Betsy Parker (Sept. application)

- 111.41 acres –VAD-- Caldwell District – 3 parcels
- tobacco, soybeans, grain, corn
- managed woodland

2g: NCSU -Breeze Farm (August application) - (Pending signatures on application)

- 269.22 ac. --VAD or EVAD ? – Schley /Eno District –2 parcels
- NC Cooperative Extension Service - incubator farm for new farmers
- vegetables, flowers, corn, soybeans, grain crops, livestock: beef cattle
- Managed Woodland

Sankofa Farm LLC – Kamal Bell --(Pending signatures on application)

- 12.19 acres—VAD-- Cedar Grove District – 1 parcel
- Apairy , chickens, vegetables
- Agriculture academy for African American youth provides education programs in STEM and agriculturally related professions

New enrollment: pending approval from Ag. Preservation board: **

VAD = 632 acres EVAD = 29.26

With APB approval, will increase acreage to:

Total: 16,192 acres (rounded) VAD =13,597 EVAD = 2595* acres

Will present to BOCC for final approval Oct, 2020

**** Pending signatures on applications are received before BOCC meeting abstract written**

Application for Orange County
Farmland Preservation Program
Voluntary and Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District Program

EVAD
2019-20
Feb.
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Soil and Water Conservation Division
P.O. Box 8181 (306 Revere Road)
Hillsborough, NC 27278 Phone: 919-245-2750

APPLICANT:

Name: MICHAEL MITCHELL & DALE A. MORGAN
Address: 3815 FERN CREEK LANE
City: CITADEL HILL State: NC Zip Code: 27516
Phone Number (Day): 919-270-6462 Evening: 919-932-7055
E-Mail: mmh@mmhpe.com dale@ferncreekillustrations.com

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Location/Address(s): SAME AS ABOVE
Agriculture District /Township: Cane Creek/Buckhorn BINGHAM TOWNSHIP 9MA

- Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9840513908 Acres 30 29.26
- Parcel Identification Number (PIN): _____ Acres _____

Total Number of Acres on all tracts of land: 29.26

Does this land have a plan on file with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service or the NC Forest Service?

Yes: No: _____ If "No", please complete last page of form

Is the land enrolled in Present Use Value taxation program with Orange County Tax Office?

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I [WE] ARE SEEKING DESIGNATION AS A **VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

I [WE] ARE SEEKING DESIGNATION AS AN **ENHANCED VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

SIGNATURE 

DATE 2/12/20

OWNER[S] CERTIFICATION:

I [We], the applicant[s] and landowner(s), hereby certify that, to the best of my [our] knowledge, the foregoing application is complete and accurate. (All landowners or a designated representative of the family may sign this application.)

Signature: 

Date: 2/12/20

Signature: 

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete this section for general information about your farm and to help staff Update or develop a conservation plan for the farm.

1. How long have you owned and your farm? 23 years
2. How long have you lived on your farm? 22 years
3. How many acres on your farm are under cultivation? 1.5 acres (estimate)
4. What are the major crops you plant each year?
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6. How many acres on your farm are used for pasture? 1.5 acres (estimate) PLANNED
7. How many acres on your farm are used for woodland/forestry? 27 acres (estimate)
8. If your family has owned and operated the farm over 100 years, would you be interested in the Century Farm Program? This is an Orange County and NC Dept. of Agriculture recognition program for family farms that have continued to farm for over 100 years. yes no

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 No, thank you- not at this time.

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

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 Michael Hughes & Dale Morgan Farm (29.26 acres)

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APPLICANT:

Name: Randy and Theresa Pope

Address: 3315 McDade Store Road

City: Cedar Grove State: NC Zip Code: 27231

* Phone Number (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

* E-Mail: 336-269-4639 R / 336-260-6998 T

PROPERTY INFORMATION: love1missie@yahoo.com

Property Location/Address(s): Located in Cedar Grove / McDade Store Rd.

Agriculture District /Township: Cedar Grove Agriculture District

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9849188928 Acres 10.1 (Home)

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9849274935 Acres 82.11

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9849274038 Acres 18.42

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9849264512 Acres 17.11

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): _____ Acres _____

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Total Number of Acres on all tracts of land: 127.74

Does this land have a plan on file with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service or the NC Forest Service?

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SIGNATURE Randy E Pope

DATE 3-11-20

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Signature: Randy E Pope

Date: 3-11-20

Signature: Theresa B Pope

Date: 3-11-20

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Signature: _____

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4. What are the major crops you plant each year?
soybeans
6. How many acres on your farm are used for pasture? 0 acres (estimate)
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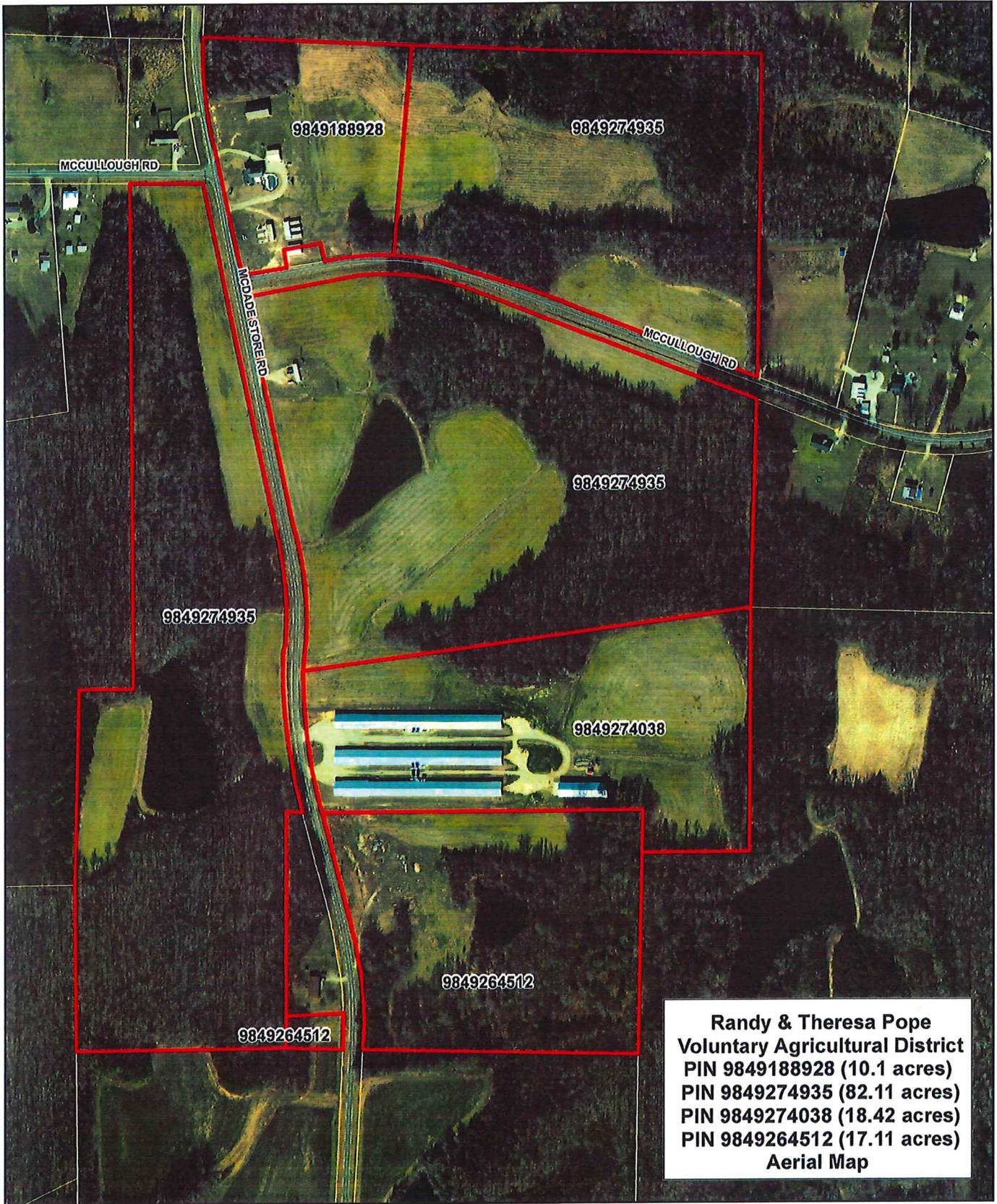
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APPLICANT:

Name: Charles Edens

Address: 9811 NC 86 N.

City: Cedar Grove State: NC Zip Code: 27231

Phone Number (Day): (336) 408-0968 (Evening): _____

E-Mail: ~~edens~~ edensmeats@gmail.com

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Location/Address(s): 9811 NC 86 N

Agriculture District /Township: Cedar Grove

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9940550393 Acres 32.92

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): _____ Acres _____

Total Number of Acres on all tracts of land: 32.92

Does this land have a plan on file with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service or the NC Forest Service?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If "No", please complete last page of form *pending

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SIGNATURE Charles A. Cole DATE 4/11/20

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Signature: <u>Charles A. Cole</u>	Date: <u>4/11/20</u>
Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>4/11/20</u>
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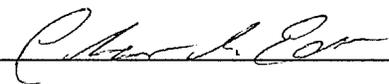
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**Charles Edens
Voluntary Agricultural District
PIN 9940550393
Aerial Map**



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APPLICANT:

Name: Matthew M. Pinkston
Address: 5411 Lynch Store Rd
City: Mebane State: NC Zip Code: 27302
Phone Number (Day): 919-260-4172 (Evening): 919-260-4172
E-Mail: Pinkstonmm@gmail.com

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Location/Address(s): 5411 Lynch Store Rd
Agriculture District /Township: Cedar Grove

- Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9828837915 Acres 26.32
- Parcel Identification Number (PIN): _____ Acres _____

Total Number of Acres on all tracts of land: 26.32

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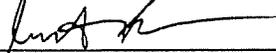
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7. How many acres on your farm are used for woodland/forestry? 0 acres (estimate)
8. If your family has owned and operated the farm over 100 years, would you be interested in the Century Farm Program? This is an Orange County and NC Dept. of Agriculture recognition program for family farms that have continued to farm for over 100 years. yes no

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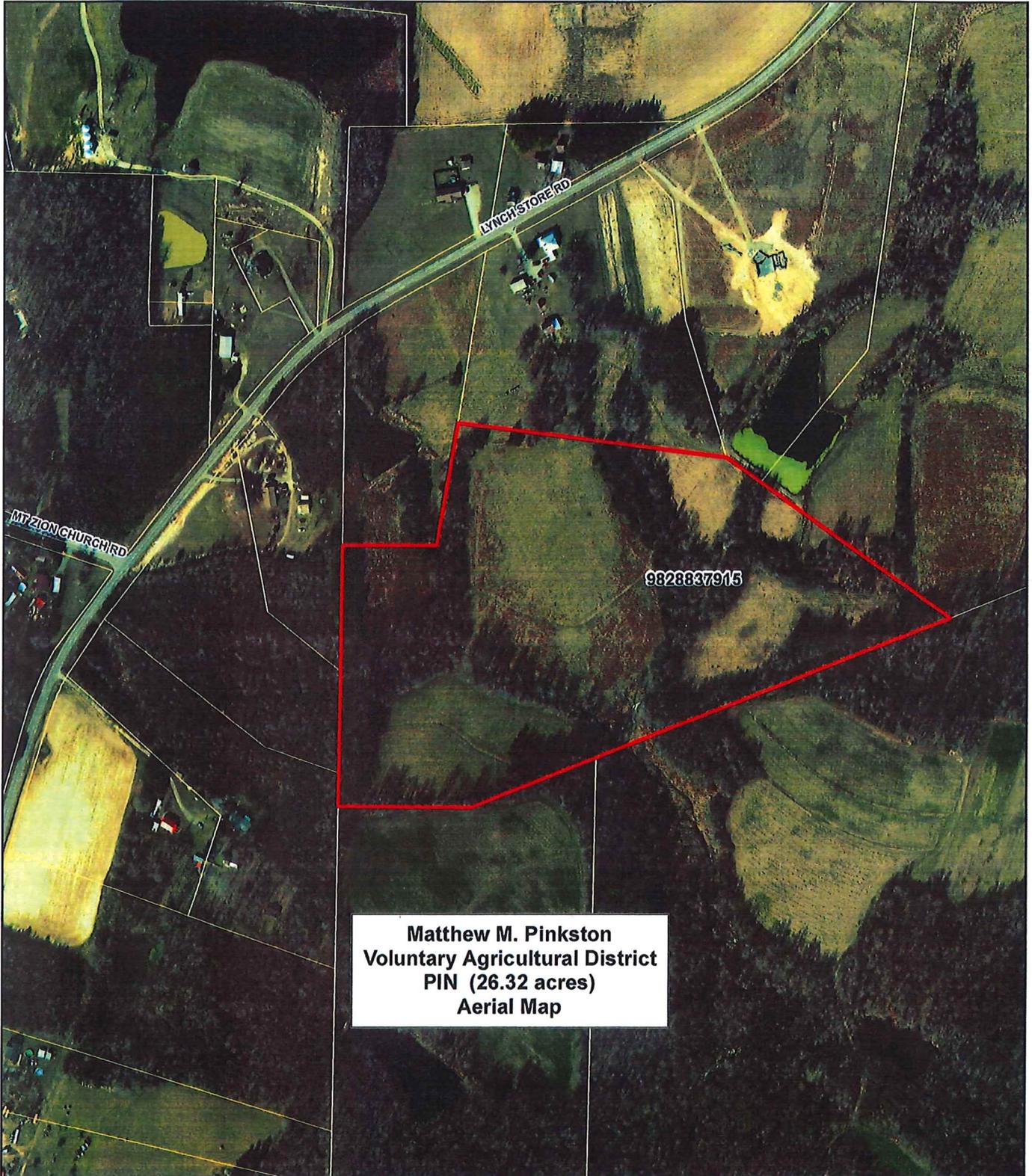
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**Matthew M. Pinkston
Voluntary Agricultural District
PIN (26.32 acres)
Aerial Map**

 Matthew Pinkston Farm (26.32 acres)



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Spring 2020

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APPLICANT:

Name: Stanley Hughes; Linda Leach; Bennie Hughes Hrs.
Address: 8906 Hester Rd.
City: Hurdle Mills State: NC Zip Code: 27541
Phone Number (Day): _____ (Evening): 919-880-5979 (cell)
E-Mail: leachlinda14@yahoo.com

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Location/Address(s): same as above - Hurdle Mills - area
Agriculture District /Township: Caldwell / Cedar Grove

- Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9879091769 Acres 25.76
- Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9970009196 Acres 26.52
- Parcel Identification Number (PIN): _____ Acres _____

L. Leach
S. Hughes

(Hughes Hrs)

Total Number of Acres on all tracts of land: 52.28

Does this land have a plan on file with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service or the NC Forest Service?

Yes: No: _____ If "No", please complete last page of form

Is the land enrolled in Present Use Value taxation program with Orange County Tax Office?

Yes: No: _____ If "No", please complete last page of form

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Please mark which designation you are requesting enrollment and sign below.

I [WE] ARE SEEKING DESIGNATION AS A VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

I [WE] ARE SEEKING DESIGNATION AS AN ENHANCED VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

SIGNATURE Stanley Hughes

DATE 5-9-2020

OWNER[S] CERTIFICATION:

I [We], the applicant[s] and landowner(s), hereby certify that, to the best of my [our] knowledge, the foregoing application is complete and accurate. (All landowners or a designated representative of the family may sign this application.)

Signature: Stanley Hughes

Date: 5-9-2020

Signature: Linda M. Beach

Date: 5.9.20

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please complete this section for general information about your farm and to help staff Update or develop a conservation plan for the farm.

1. How long have you owned ~~and~~ your farm? 7 years
2. How long have you lived on your farm? 13 years
3. How many acres on your farm are under cultivation? _____ acres (estimate)
4. What are the major crops you plant each year?
Tobacco, Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes
6. How many acres on your farm are used for pasture? 0 acres (estimate)
7. How many acres on your farm are used for woodland/forestry? 10 acres (estimate)
8. If your family has owned and operated the farm over 100 years, would you be interested in the Century Farm Program? This is an Orange County and NC Dept. of Agriculture recognition program for family farms that have continued to farm for over 100 years. _____ yes _____no

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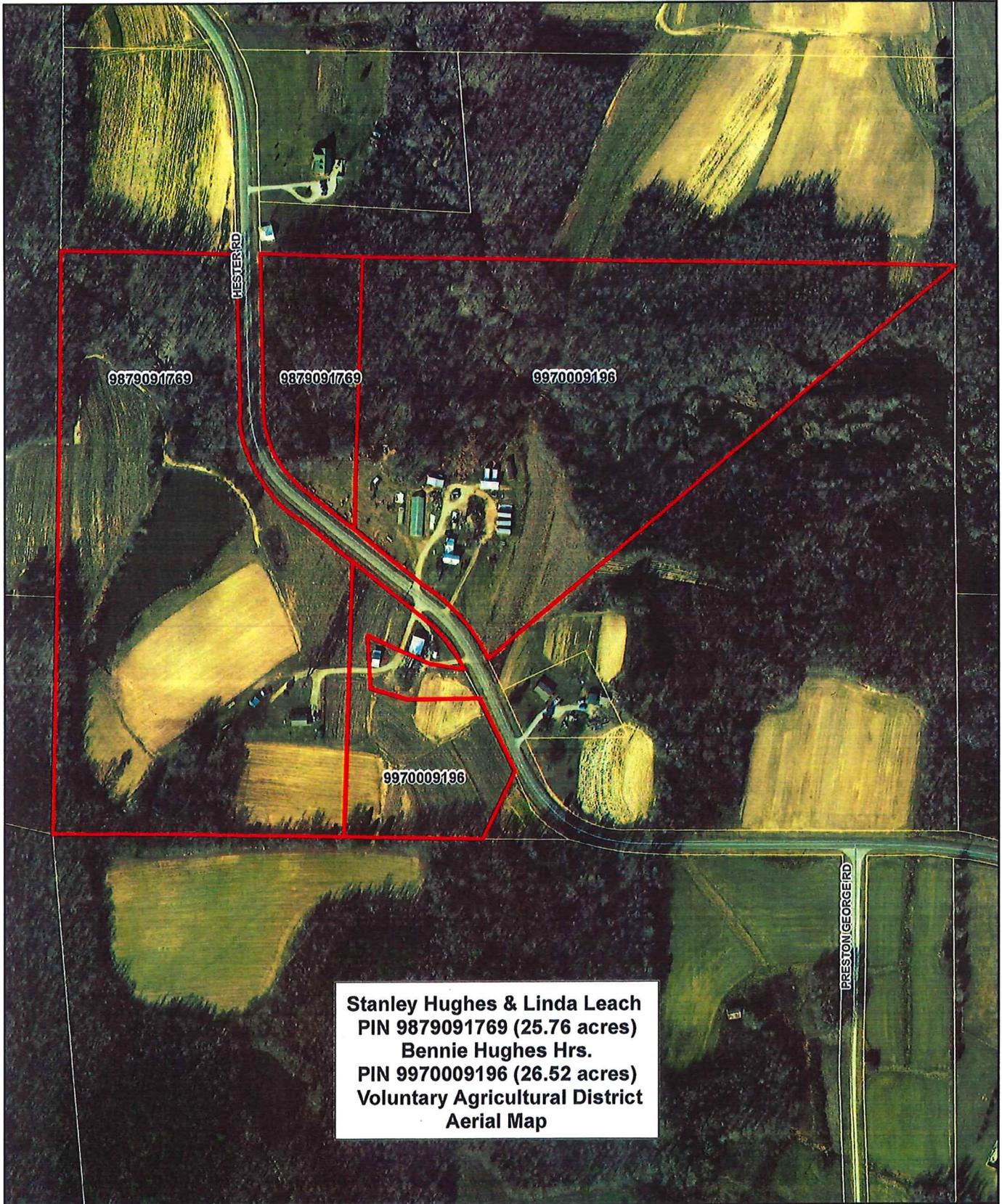
Jinda M. Beach

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Stanley Hughes & Linda Leach
PIN 9879091769 (25.76 acres)
Bennie Hughes Hrs.
PIN 9970009196 (26.52 acres)
Voluntary Agricultural District
Aerial Map

Stanley Hughes & Linda Leach Farm (25.76 acres)
Bennie Hughes Hrs. (26.52 acres)



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APPLICANT:

Name: D. Michael & Betsy N PARKER
Address: 3535 LAWS STORE Rd.
City: Hurdle Mills State: NC Zip Code: 27541
Phone Number (Day): 919-732-8141 (Evening): 919-602-2659
E-Mail: betsynutterparker@yahoo.com

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Location/Address(s): same as above
Agriculture District /Township: Caldwell Agri. District

Parcel Identification Number (PIN):	<u>9889365300</u>	Acres	<u>13.41</u>
Parcel Identification Number (PIN):	<u>9889542745</u>	Acres	<u>38.76</u>
Parcel Identification Number (PIN):	<u>9889651107</u>	Acres	<u>59.24</u>
Parcel Identification Number (PIN):	_____	Acres	_____
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Total Number of Acres on all tracts of land: 111.41

Does this land have a plan on file with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service or the NC Forest Service?

Yes: No: _____ If "No", please complete last page of form

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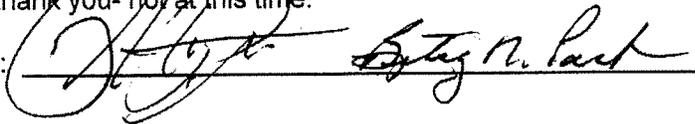
1. How long have you owned and your farm? 45 years
2. How long have you lived on your farm? 40 years
3. How many acres on your farm are under cultivation? 38 acres (estimate)
4. What are the major crops you plant each year?
Soy beans and corn
6. How many acres on your farm are used for pasture? 0 acres (estimate)
7. How many acres on your farm are used for woodland/forestry? 68 acres (estimate)
8. If your family has owned and operated the farm over 100 years, would you be interested in the Century Farm Program? This is an Orange County and NC Dept. of Agriculture recognition program for family farms that have continued to farm for over 100 years. yes no

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SIGNATURE _____

DATE 8/27/20

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Signature: _____

Date: 8/27/20

Signature: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____



Michael D. & Betsy N. Parker
Voluntary Agricultural District
PIN 9889365300 (13.41 acres)
PIN 9889542745 (38.76 acres)
PIN 9889651107 (59.24 acres)
Aerial Map

Michael & Betsy Parker Farm (111.41 acres)

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APPLICANT:

Name: NC State University – Orange County Breeze Farm

Address: P.O. Box 629 C/O Property Office

City: Raleigh State: NC Zip Code: 27602

Phone Number (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

E-Mail: tfisher@ncsu.edu

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Property Location/Address(s): 4909 Walnut Grove Church Rd., Hillsborough

Agriculture District /Township: Schley/Eno Ag. District

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9867889282 Acres 136.17

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): 9867554970 Acres 133.05

Parcel Identification Number (PIN): _____ Acres _____

Total Number of Acres on all tracts of land: 269.22

Does this land have a plan on file with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service or the NC Forest Service?

Yes: XX (in process) No: _____ If "No", please complete last page of form

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SIGNATURE  _____

DATE 9/10/2020

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Signature:  _____

Date: 9/10/2020

Please complete this section for general information about your farm and to help staff Update or develop a conservation plan for the farm.

1. How long have you owned and your farm? 12 years
2. How long have you lived on your farm? 0 years
3. How many acres on your farm are under cultivation? 110 acres (estimate)
4. What are the major crops you plant each year?
_____ Corn, Soybeans, Hemp, Flowers, Sun Hemp, Fescue, Produce, Vegetables
6. How many acres on your farm are used for pasture? 15 acres (estimate)
7. How many acres on your farm are used for woodland/forestry? 155 acres (estimate)
8. If your family has owned and operated the farm over 100 years, would you be interested in the Century Farm Program? This is an Orange County and NC Dept. of Agriculture recognition program for family farms that have continued to farm for over 100 years. _____ yes XXX no

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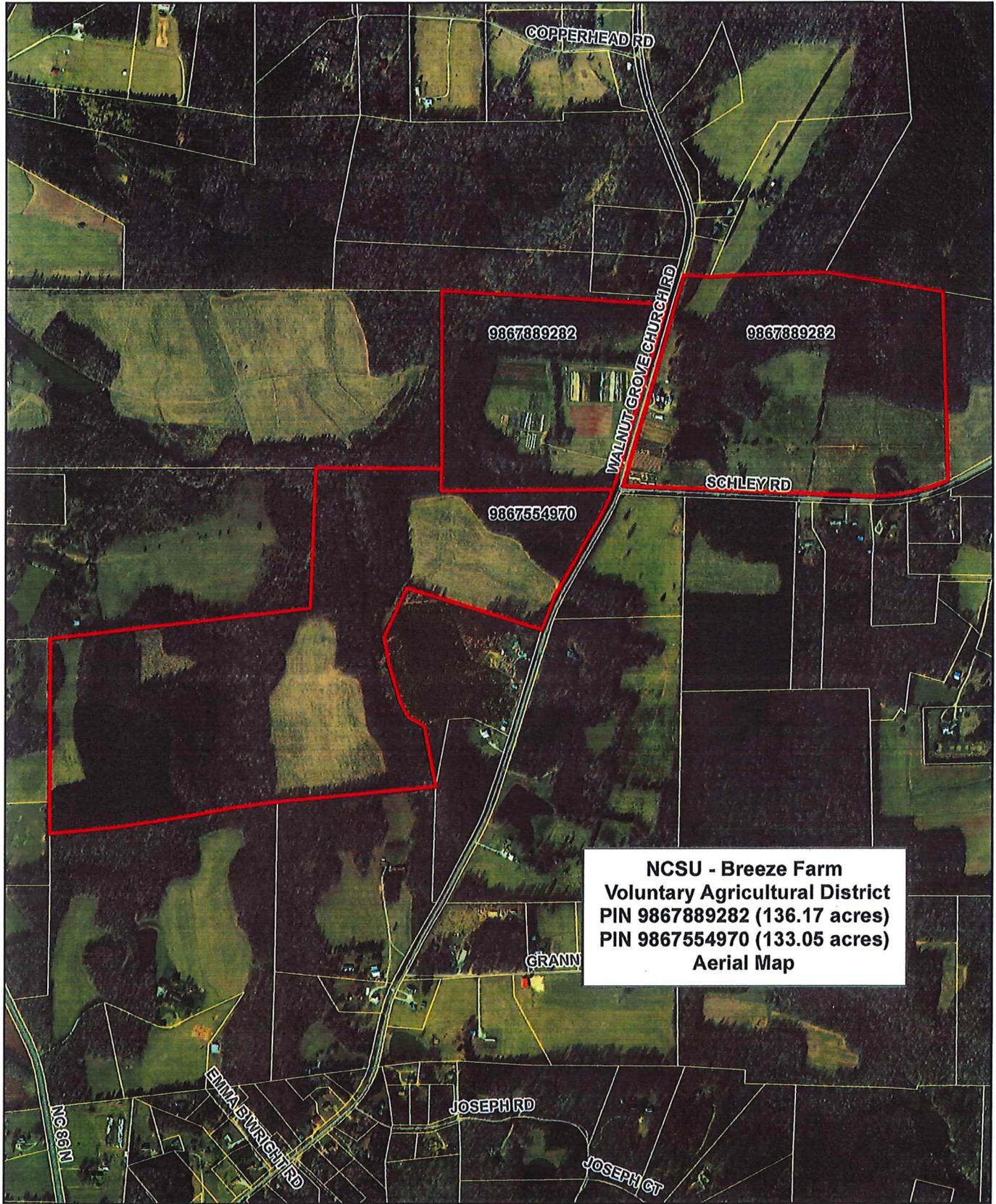
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NCSU - Breeze Farm
Voluntary Agricultural District
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Aerial Map

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**ORANGE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE,
PARKS AND RECREATION**

MEMORANDUM

To: Agricultural Preservation Board
From: Christian Hirni, Land Conservation Manager
Date: July 7, 2020
Subject: Lands Legacy Action Plan for FY 2021-23

Every three years DEAPR develops a new "Action Plan" to guide the County's protection of land through the Lands Legacy Program. The next plan will be for Fiscal Years 2021-2023.

DEAPR staff works with advisory boards to identify project areas to include in the plan, such as the Agricultural Preservation Board (APB) for prime and threatened farmland. Input from the APB can be in the form of specific projects, general guidance or both.

In 2017, the APB recommended the following for the 2018-20 Action Plan:

- Continue working with farms interested in protecting prime/active farmland with permanent agricultural conservation easements.
- Pursue state and federal grant funds to match County funds available for easement purchase.

Initial considerations for FY 2020-23:

- To date, Lands Legacy has helped farm owners protect 2,197 acres on 25 farms
- In FY 16-17 the County allocated \$250,000 to purchase conservation easements with an expectation of leveraging at least \$250,000 in additional funding from outside sources. In FY 17-18 the County allocated \$0.
In FY 18-19 the County allocated \$500,000 to purchase conservation easements with an expectation of leveraging at least \$500,000 in additional funding from outside sources
In FY 20-21 the County will allocate \$250,000 to the Lands Legacy Program with an expectation of leveraging at least \$250,000 in additional funding from outside sources
In FY 21-22 the County will allocate \$500,000 to purchase conservation easements with an expectation of leveraging at least \$500,000 in additional funding from outside sources
- The County has confirmation for state and federal matching funds to complete one new farm easement in 2020.
- The County plans to apply for state and federal matching funds to complete two to three new farm easements in 2021-2023