

**CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING AN
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AREA (ADA)
IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

1. Land that receives farmland assessment or is eligible for farmland assessment;
2. The land must encompass productive agricultural lands which are currently in production or have a strong potential for future production in agriculture;
3. Agriculture must be a permitted use under current municipal zoning, or must be permitted as a non-conforming use;
4. The land must be reasonably free of suburban and/or conflicting commercial development;
5. The land must not include greater than 90% of the County's agricultural land mass;
6. Soils must include a predominance of Prime Farmland and Soils of Statewide Importance;
7. The property must have a minimum contiguous acreage of 10 acres or more.

The Agriculture Development Board may consider waivers from the strict application of #1, #6, #7 requirements provided that the statutory criteria (#2, #3, #4, #5) are met.

Note: The above set of criteria for ADA designation was last certified at the SADC meeting of December 20, 2001.