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Morristown – On Thursday, December 16, 2010, the Morris County Agriculture Development Board (CADB) permanently preserved the Trinity Farm in Washington Township. This purchase by the Morris CADB restricts the land from non-agricultural uses, thus permanently preserving the 23-acre farm on North Four Bridges Road.

The Trinity Farm is an equine operation which trains and rehabilitates horses, with over 12 acres in hay production and permanent pastures; future endeavors may include a breeding operation. The farm has been owned and operated by the Hickey family since 2001.

The Trinity Farm purchase, for a total acquisition price of \$303,790, was funded by the Morris County Preservation Trust Fund. On the western border of this farm is the recently preserved 228-acre Borgenicht property; to the south is permanently preserved state open space.

In contrast to open space preservation, the landowner retains ownership of, and may even choose to sell, the preserved land with a deed restriction ensuring that the land will not undergo non-farm development. Agricultural development of the farm is permitted and the type of farming activity can change in the future.

The Trinity Farm is the 113th farm to be permanently preserved in Morris County, bringing the total area for preserved farmland in the County to 7,156 acres or the equivalent of 11.8 square miles.

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