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Commissioners Consider Farmland Preservation Donation

Cumberland County, PA –The Cumberland County Commissioners are considering accepting two agriculture conservation easement donations to the County’s Farmland Preservation Donation Program. During Thursday’s workshop, the County’s Planning Department recommended the 40 acre donation from Edward and Mary Franco, and Keith and Kristin Senecal, both of Lower Frankford Township, be accepted into the program. The land contains important agricultural soils and environmentally sensitive natural features, making it a priority for conservation efforts. If approved by the Commissioners, the County would be responsible for an estimated \$11,000 to complete the easement.

The County thanks Edward and Mary Franco, and Keith and Kristin Senecal, for their generosity and willingness to contribute to its Farmland Preservation Donation Program. These families have chosen to relinquish their rights to develop the land in an effort to preserve the agricultural industry and rural heritage of Cumberland County.

The County’s Farmland Preservation Donation Program was developed in 2008 as a compliment to the State Farmland Preservation Program. The donation program provides a framework to preserve farmland that may not be suitable for the State Program, but is still worthy of conservation. Between the County’s donation program and State Farmland Preservation Program, more than 18,000 acres of farmland has been preserved in Cumberland County.

The Commissioners will vote on the acceptance of the easement donation during their public meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 5. For more information on the Farmland Preservation Donation Program, visit www.ccpa.net/farmland.

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