



# Summary of Preserved Farms

*Desiderio*

*Chester Twp.*

**Landowner** Mr. Ricci Desiderio  
**Farm Name** **Tranquillity Farm**  
**Farm Location** 300 Old Chester Road

**Farmed By:** Richard and Stephanie Desiderio  
**Primary Crop:** Equine  
**Secondary Crop:**

**Municipality** Chester Twp.

**Existing Agricultural Improvements:** Stable, Outdoor riding arena, Indoor riding arena, Barn on exception area

**Block** 15

**Lot(s)** 42.01 and 42.02

**+Block:**

**+Lot(s):**

**Acres Preserved:** **54.12**

**No. of Exception Areas:** 1

**Gross Acres:** 59.1180

**Existing Residential Improvements:** Two existing single family residences & 1 apartment over garage are on exception area (Lot 42.01)

## About the Farm:

Chester Township originally acquired this farm in fee simple from G&R Farro Properties. The farm was then sold at auction to Richard and Stephanie Desiderio with the Township retaining the development easement. The Morris CADB entered into a cost-sharing grant agreement with the SADC to purchase the easement from the Township.

This is a beautiful equine facility located in the Highlands Preservation Area. It is highly visible and can be seen from Route 206. Tranquillity Farm is bordered to the north by the Black River County Park and to the west by the preserved Ellison Farm (former Chubb Farm).

## Easement Purchase Details

<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$1,623,540.00	
<b>Morris County Share:</b>	\$649,416.00	40%
<b>SADC Cost Share:</b>	\$974,124.00	
<b>Total Per Acre:</b>	\$30,000.00	
<b>Closing Date:</b>	<b>10/18/2007</b>	
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