



# MORRIS COUNTY AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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## **MORRIS PRESERVES ITS 139<sup>th</sup> FARM**

The Morris County Agriculture Development Board on July 21, 2021 permanently preserved a farm located in Mount Olive owned by Denise Kuhl and Vincent Perkoski.

These purchases by the Morris CADB restrict the land from non-agricultural uses, thus permanently preserving the 98-acre Perkoski Farm. There are now 8 preserved farms totaling 500 acres in Mount Olive Township.

The Perkoski farm is located on Stephens Park Road. The farm used to be a dairy operation known as Ridge View Farm and is now used to grow corn.

The Morris County Open Space, Farmland, Floodplain Protection and Historic Preservation Trust Fund provided 100% of the \$2,348,784 acquisition price of the Perkoski Farm easement.

In contrast to open space preservation, the landowner retains ownership of, and may even choose to sell, the preserved farmland 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 Perkoski Farm is the 139<sup>th</sup> farm that has been permanently preserved in Morris County. This brings the total area of preserved farmland in the county to 8,170 acres or the equivalent of 12 square miles, which is approximately the area of Long Hill Township, the 15<sup>th</sup> largest municipality in the County.

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