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Monmouth County Parks System
Acquisition and Design Office
Attn: Municipal Open Space Grant Program
805 Newman Springs Road,
Lincroft, NJ 07738

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Citizens for Informed Land Use (CILU) is an incorporated private organization in Holmdel whose mission is to promote informed land use decisions, preserve our quality of life, and protect our natural resources. We fully support the acquisition and preservation of the Flemer & Flemer property by the Township committee and urge making appropriate arrangements for funding.

We feel acquisition and preservation of that property is important because it benefits Holmdel, the County and the State in the following ways:

- Completes another important link in the Ramanessin Stream Corridor and trail system, a goal identified in Holmdel's Master Plan. We need quiet places for our population to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life.
- Extends contiguous linkage of open space areas along this corridor that is important to the preservation of flora and fauna to be enjoyed by all generations. This open space is important to the protection of the quantity and quality of water in the Ramanessin Brook that feeds the Swimming River Reservoir which, in turn, supplies water to a significant portion of the population of Monmouth County.
- Complements state, county and local government preservation goals in a corridor which includes other Green Acres funded properties preserved with the aid of DEP - Green Acres Program assistance including the Cross Farms Properties, Bayonet Farm and the Ramanessin Greenway Preserve. In addition, sites near several deed restricted agricultural areas were preserved thanks to assistance of a consortium including the State Agricultural Development Committee.
- A timely action. This approximately 100 acre property is one of the few remaining large areas and it is imperative to preserve this type of property before it succumbs to development pressure; it contains streams, wetlands, wooded areas as well as good agricultural soils.
- Preservation of this tract will also help set aside prime agricultural land.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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