



Township of Hillsborough

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric Bernstein, Planning Board Attorney

FROM: David Kois, PP, AICP, Deputy Zoning Official

DATE: September 21, 2022

**RE: Stop Work Order
203 Homestead Road
Block 200.10, Lot 32**

On September 15th, I met with Peter Madden, the farmer at the above-referenced site to discuss my concerns about the disturbed critical areas ranging from wetlands to stream corridors. Since my visit to the property on August 17th, 2022, I have observed markouts that outline the wetlands that are suspected to be disturbed. Additionally, I was informed by Mr. Madden that NJDEP was called to the site to investigate debris that he found while removing vegetation. He showed me areas that went beyond the marked out NJDEP area and shared with me his knowledge of disturbing past practices allegedly by the prior farmer who operated a pig farm at the site. In short, he explained to me that food waste with garbage was deposited throughout the site. In addition to the debris consolidated by Mr. Madden, I observed trash in the ground consistent with Mr. Madden's assertions. To date, we have no update from NJDEP on their investigations of the wetlands/stream corridor encroachments (Case # 22-08-18-1345-35) encroachments, and the refuse (No Case # Identified at this time).