

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Commissioners

FROM: Douglas M. Wolfgang, Director *Dmw*
Bureau of Farmland Preservation
PA Department of Agriculture

RE: Marcellus Legacy funds
Act 43—PA Farmland Preservation Program

Date: January 11, 2013

It is the opinion of the Department that counties may use Act 13 Marcellus Legacy funds for purchasing easements through the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Program. 58 Pa.C.S.A. Section 2315(a.1)(5) is intended to be flexible in scope—and use of these funds for farmland preservation falls within the legislative intent. As a reminder, the certification of county funds form is due by January 31, 2013. The state board will set the 2013 state spending threshold on February 14.

On behalf of Secretary Greig, I thank you for your ongoing commitment in making Pennsylvania a national leader in farmland preservation.

CC: Michael Pechart, Executive Deputy Sec.
Doug Hill, CCAP