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RE: Interim Final Rule
Request for Comments

The Interim Final Rule has been reviewed by the Town of Southold's Land Preservation Department.

The Town of Southold has received funding under the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program and has received helpful assistance from NRCS in implementing the program.

The Town has been afforded an opportunity to review comments that have been submitted by the American Farmland Trust. The Town concurs with the Trust's thorough review and comments. The changes, as proposed, are likely to place additional administrative and regulatory burdens on projects. The changes may also decrease the opportunities for NRCS to assist in the preservation of important agricultural lands within the Town of Southold.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Interim Final Rule.

Sincerely,

Melissa Spiro
Land Preservation Coordinator