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Environmental Advisory Council

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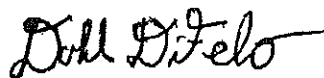
Please send to the Board of Supervisors this letter of interest in serving as a member on the reconstituted EAC.

I have lived in the Township my whole life and am presently owner of a 5th generation farm, managing over 350 acres in the township. One of my passions when taking over the family farm 9 years ago is Sustainable Agricultural. Eighty acres of the home farm was planted in permanent pasture to help with soil erosion, and which helps adsorbs water into the soils better. Currently I have 180 head of cattle, where I practice rotational grazing. I also help manage the Cattle at the Ott Environmental Learning Center at the Bangor Area School District. It's an educational site that involves fencing various grazing sites and managing the pastures and animals in a manner that is a positive benefit for the farmer, the animals, and the environment.

In 2019 my family and I were honored to receive the National Leopold Conservation Award. The Leopold Conservation Award Program recognizes and celebrates extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation by agricultural landowners that embrace opportunities to improve soil health, water resources and wildlife habitat on their working land. We were the first for Pennsylvania to receive the award and the first east of the Mississippi to receive it. It is an honor to receive this award and to share the honor that my farm is in Upper Mt. Bethel Township.

With my experience of farming in a conservation manner, it has helped me understand agricultural, open space and environmental issues in our area. Because of this, I feel I'd be a good asset to the Environmental Advisory Committee. It is important that decisions made in Township protect the environment and farming. I can bring that voice.

Best regards,



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