

**Organization Name:** New Jersey Agricultural Society/Farmers Against Hunger (NJAS)

**Organization Website:** [www.njagsociety.org/farmers-against-hunger.html](http://www.njagsociety.org/farmers-against-hunger.html)

**County Where Located:** Burlington County

**County Being Served by Project:** Burlington County

**Organization Mission:**

Farmers Against Hunger (FAH) is one of NJAS' signature programs. The overarching mission of the NJAS is to preserve and enhance agriculture, farming, and related activities and businesses in New Jersey through educational, informational, and promotional programs. The specific mission of FAH is to connect healthy food from farms to families and, in doing so, to: 1) reduce food insecurity; 2) reduce food waste, by helping farmers and wholesalers share their surplus produce with those in need; and 3) provide opportunities to help those in need to grow their own food, including in urban areas.

**Organization's Total Operating Budget:** NJ Agricultural Society Annual Budget = \$533,639. Farmers Against Hunger Annual Budget = \$336,669 (included within NJ Agricultural Society Budget)

**Project Name:** *Laurel Run Land Stewardship Center and Grow for Good Program*

**Project Description:**

The project proposed would help to establish the *Laurel Run Land Stewardship Center* in a former farm building infrastructure, including a large food storage cooler, located on three acres of land.

The project will focus on readying the site for growing and fitting out the on-site farm buildings to support the *Grow for Good* program to be operated through the Center. *Grow for Good* encompasses crop production, storage and distribution, and community education. Educational topics include growing healthy foods and preparing delicious and nutritious meals from those foods, improving soil health, addressing environmental impacts on food quality and availability, and implementing agricultural practices that help ensure sustainable and accessible supplies of nutritious foods.

The project will also feature the establishment of raised vegetable beds and perennial gardens at the Center that will rebuild soil health and soil fertility. These will be used for educational activities and workshops related to agriculture and nutrition.