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Boscola Announces Two Slate Belt Farms to be Preserved as Part of Commonwealth's Farmland Preservation Program

By Senator Boscola's Office

BETHLEHEM - Senator Lisa Boscola announced that two additional farms located in the Slate Belt have been preserved as part of Pennsylvania's nation leading Farmland Preservation Program. The two farms are the Kerrs Windy Hill Farm, LLC, owned by Kyle and Alyssa Kerr located in Washington Twp., which is a 10 -acre beef operation that raises Registered Black Angus Cattle and a small farm store.

The other farm, Barbara Rokas Farm, a 42-acre crop farm in Upper Mount Bethel Township which is 42-acre crop operation. Total investment made into preserving these farms is \$181,645 with the state investing \$19,193 and Northampton County investing \$162,452.

"Our Commonwealth and Counties continue to realize the importance of preserving farmland to ensure there is farmland available for future generations by protecting it from future development. That is why I am so pleased to see these Slate Belt farms added to the Farmland Preservation Program," Senator Boscola stated. "Through farmland preservation, we ensure Pennsylvania's farming community remains the backbone of our state's economy and an irreplaceable resource that benefits our environment, crop and livestock industries, rural communities, and grocery shoppers."

The announcements means that the Commonwealth's Farmland Preservation Program added an additional 2,629 acres on 28 farms in 19 counties. Since 1988, when voters overwhelmingly supported creation of the Farmland Preservation Program, Pennsylvania has protected 6,392 farms and 639,254 acres in 58 counties from future development, investing more than \$1.7 billion in state, county, and local funds.



Kerrs Windy Hill Farm, LLC, owned by Kyle and Alyssa Kerr

Wm Presented The Greater Valley Ymca With \$9,500 For Pre-k Programs

By Adrienne Fors / WM

PEN ARGYL - Last week, WM representatives presented the Greater Valley YMCA with \$9,500 for pre-k programs made possible through The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit grant. The donation delivered to the Greater Valley YMCA is part of nearly \$29 million in program grants provided by WM across the Commonwealth since 2001.

These grants have supported eligible pre-kindergarten programs, educational programs that enrich public school students outside the classroom, and scholarships that offset private school tuition for income-eligible elementary and high school students. Many of these grants have benefitted learners in the Slate Belt.



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