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Ms. June House Rehoboth Agricultural Commission 53 Pleasant Street Rehoboth, MA 02769

RE: Rehoboth Agricultural Commission SARE Grant Project

Dear Ms. House:

I am writing to inform you that I have received the materials that were completed by the Rehoboth Ag Commission under the SARE Program Grant.

Congratulations on a job well done! As I have previously stated, the synthesis of needs based agricultural data, paired with a visual representation of that data via GIS mapping, is one that SRPEDD has not been able to adequately address due to limited staff time and resources, but has been high on our priority list. With the completion of your work, and the resultant products, the Rehoboth Ag Commission has provided a duplicable, farm-friendly, written and visual product, displaying the range of current needs data for working farms and Ag service agencies. In doing so, the project has not only met its original goals, but has provided a model for all Ag Commissions in the southeast region. The completion of the project is also particularly well timed, with the second State Agricultural Commission Conference coming up in March of 2010

I would like to commend you personally for all of the long hours and thoughtful work that you put into this project. SRPEDD's GIS and Environmental Planning staff have been consistently impressed with the passion and professionalism you bring to your work.

Thank you for your commitment to agricultural retention and promotion in the SRPEDD area. I look forward to a continuing partnership with you and the Rehoboth Ag Commission for many years to come.

Respectfully,

Stephen C. Smith Executive Director