### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING?

Eligible applicants for funding through the Assiscunk Creek Watershed Agricultural Mini-Grant Program are:

- Properties located within the Assiscunk
   Creek Watershed (see Target Area below)
- Land currently in agricultural usage, such as cropland, nursery operations, pasture, sod farms, and other agricultural land on which agricultural products, livestock or forest-related products are produced



Target area (in yellow) for the Assiscunk Creek Watershed Agricultural Mini-Grant Program

Funding for this program is provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection through the 319(h) Grants for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control.

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Assiscunk Creek Watershed Agricultural Mini-Grant Program provides funding for producers to implement agricultural management practices (AMPs) that improve water quality in the Assiscunk Creek and its tributaries or to promote water conservation and efficiency.

The *Mini-Grant Program* provides funding to either complement United States Department of Agriculture Farm Bill programs (NRCS, FSA) or sole-source of funding for applicable AMPs.



The Mini-Grant Program will:

- Encourage the use of conservation practices which reduce the impact of agricultural nonpoint source pollution
- Provide cost-share assistance as an incentive to implement conservation practices
- Improve producer-based stewardship of land and water resources



Examples of conservation practices that can receive funding include:

- filter strips and stream buffers
- grassed waterways
- soil erosion prevention
- irrigation systems
- tailwater recovery
- cover crops
- nutrient management plans and actions
- pest management planning and implementation



# STEPS TO APPLY FOR A MINI-GRANT:

- 1. Contact one of the members of the project partnership (see contact information below) to discuss your project and for assistance in applying to the *Mini-Grant Program*.
- Obtain a copy of the application from http://water.rutgers.edu/ or by contacting the project coordinator (see contact information below).
- Fill out the application and submit the completed application by email to <u>evrard@rci.rutgers.edu</u> or mail a hardcopy to:

Assiscunk Creek Watershed
Agricultural Mini-Grant Program
ATTN: Lisa Galloway Evrard
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If you have any questions, please contact any of the following:

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## **HOW WE CAN HELP?**

If you would like more information about how to participate in the *Assiscunk Creek Watershed Agricultural Mini-Grant Program*, please contact:

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