



## Howell Living History Farm opens center

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**H**owell Living History Farm recently dedicated its new \$1 million visitor center. The dedication ceremony was attended by the farm's staff and various civic and community leaders. Scozzari Builders Inc. of Trenton also participated in the dedication and took great pride in building a center that helps educate the community. This farm is an important asset to all of New Jersey, said Nicholas Scozzari, vice president of Scozzari Builders Inc. "It preserves open space and, because it is a working farm, it gives school children a hands-on perspective of what agriculture and farm life was like 100 years ago."

In addition to greeting visitors, the visitor center houses the farm's general offices, classrooms, a gift shop, restrooms and a kitchen. Entering the center, patrons will think they are visiting a 19th century farm house, which includes an oak-past beam construction and hardwood floors.

At a later date, a 1,800 square-foot barn will be erected adjacent to the visitor center. The barn represents Howell Farm's phase 11 of the building proxy.

About 50,000 people visit the public farm in its 20 Year of operation located on Woodens Lane in Hopewell Township. The farm's staff and volunteers replicated how a farm operated between 1890 and 1910. According to Peter Watson, the farm's administrator, t wo.t birds of the world's, farming is still done the same way it is at the Mond Farm.

Prior to the visitor center being built, the farming staff would greet visitors in a portion of the original farmhouse. The farmhouse, which dates back to the early 1800s, will be furnished to replicate the interior of a typical farmhouse of the 19th century:



Attending the Howell Living History Farm Visitor Center dedication are: (left to right) Leonard Scozzari., president. Scozzari Builders, Inc.; Bob Prunetti, Mercer County Executive; Peter Watson, administrator, Howell Living History Farm; and Nicolas Scozzari, vice president, Scozzari Builders, Inc.