

Paul Cartanza Jr. was born and raised in Dover, Delaware and is the owner/operator of Shadybrook Farms, established in 1957, by his Grandparents, Philip and Sandra Cartanza. Paul has been managing farm operations at Shadybrook Farms since 2011 and is proud to continue his grandparents' legacy, along with his daughter, Taylor.

Paul graduated from Polytech High School in 1997, with a focus on welding, but his career at the farm began as a young boy, working alongside his father, grandfather, and uncle. A few years after becoming a full time employee at the family farm, he was given the opportunity to manage the grain elevator, trucking and field operations. At the age of 34, Paul earned his partnership in the family business, and has been productively maintaining that position ever since.

Paul has been an active spokesperson for the many obstacles facing the Route 9 corridor farming community, including the safety of our farmers while transporting farm equipment and the importance of the preservation of farmland in Kent County. He has taken the initiative to speak with The City of Dover council members, Levy Court Commissioners, DeIDOT officials, and State Representatives, to assist in reaching viable and sustainable resolutions.

Paul's passion for farming and his devotion to Kent County's farming community, has inspired his desire to become a member of the Kent Conservation District Board of Supervisors. He would like to continue to represent his district, in a more committed way, while learning as much as he can from the Supervisors currently serving on the Board. Paul is highly focused on the successful future of farming in Kent County and the ways in which that endeavor may be achieved - not just for its farming community, but for the entire community at large.