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December 20, 2011

Motion Made By Mrs. Rapp

RESOLUTION NO. 584

CALLING FOR PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF EIGHT YEAR REVIEW OF
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 2, TOWNS OF MARCELLUS, SKANEATELES, AND
SPAFFORD IN ONONDAGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Legislature has been requested by the County's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to begin its eight (8) year review of Agricultural District No. 2 in the Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural District No. 2 was renewed in 2004 with inclusions in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agriculture and Markets Act of the State of New York, the County Legislature must publish a notice of eight year review as part of the Agricultural District review process; now, therefore it be

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature is hereby authorized to cause to be published a Notice of Eight Year Review of Agricultural District No. 2, Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford, County of Onondaga, New York.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE

20th DAY OF December, 2011.

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November 23, 2011
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Deborah A. Matus
CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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ONONDAGA COUNTY
LEGISLATURE

NOTICE OF EIGHT YEAR REVIEW
OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 2
TOWNS OF MARCELLUS, SKANEATELES, AND SPAFFORD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Onondaga County Legislature has begun its eight-year review of Agricultural District No. 2 in the Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford in Onondaga County, which was last renewed in 2004 with inclusions made in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York. The Onondaga County Legislature may recommend that the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets modify, terminate, or continue said district for a period of eight years after conducting this review.

Said district encompasses approximately 46,919 acres and includes land within the Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford. An official map and description of said district will be on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature, Onondaga County Court House, Room 407, 401 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York, 13202. An unofficial map can also be downloaded from the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency's web page at <http://www.ongov.net/planning/agdist.html>.

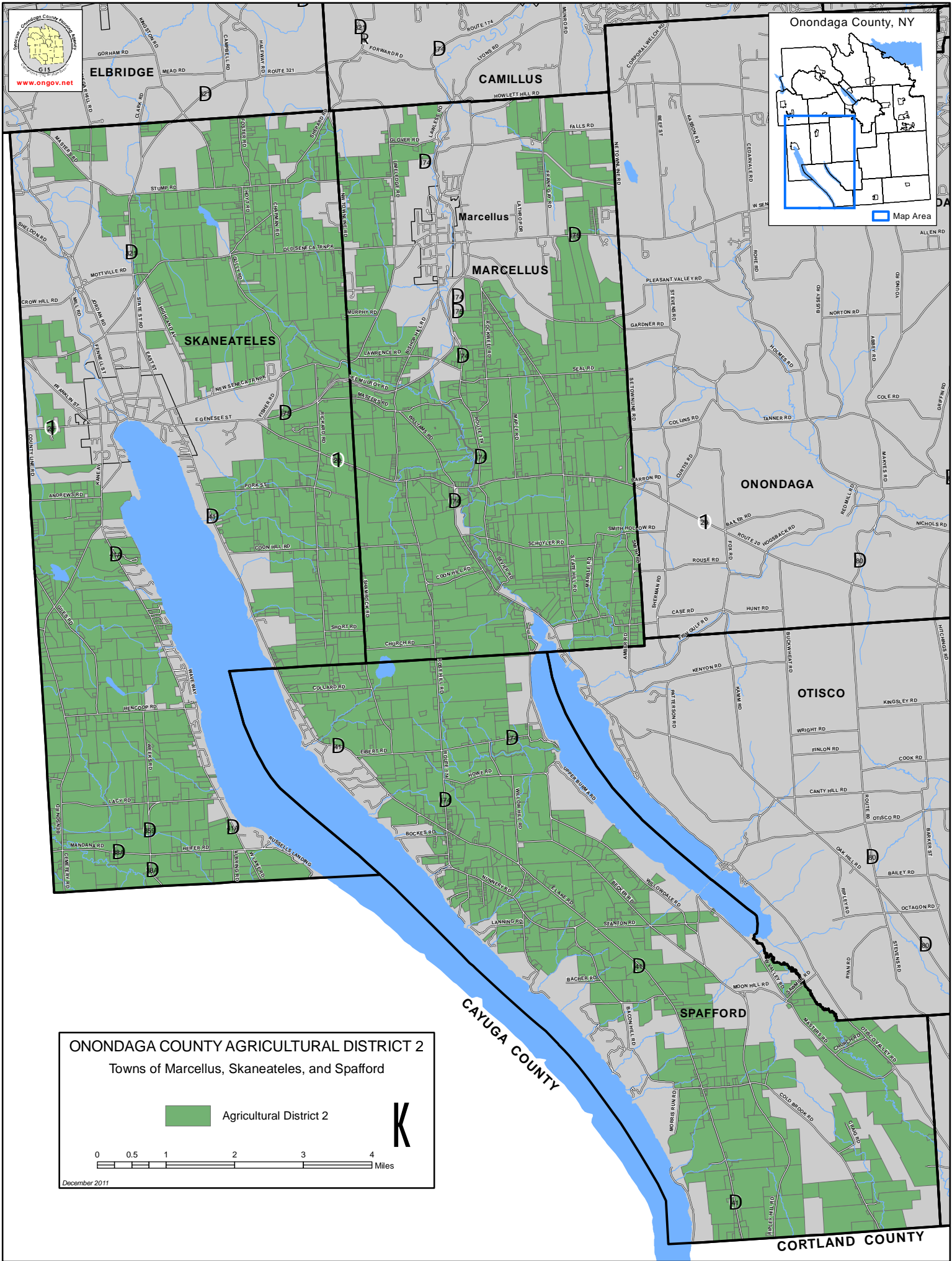
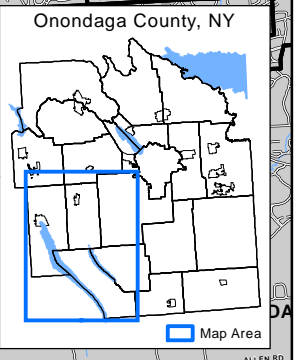
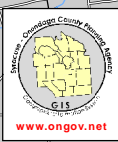
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any municipality or land owner within said district may propose a modification (parcel additions or removals) of said district. Any proposed modification should be filed with the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency, on behalf of the Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature, 11th Floor, Onondaga County Civic Center, 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York, 13202 on or before January 31, 2012.

Date:


Deborah Maturo

Syracuse, New York

Onondaga County Legislature



ONONDAGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 2
 Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford

 Agricultural District 2

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December 2011

**ONONDAGA COUNTY
AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD**

407 Court House
Syracuse, NY 13202
Phone: 315/435-2070

DEBORAH MATURO
Clerk

BRIAN REEVES
Chairman

Date: December 27, 2011

To: Onondaga County Legislators, Town Supervisors, Planning Board Chairpersons, and Assessors within
Agricultural District 2

From: Deborah Maturo, Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature

Re: Eight-Year Review and Recertification of Agricultural District 2

New York State Agricultural Districts Law 25-AA requires that State certified agricultural districts be reviewed and recertified every eight years. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has notified the Onondaga County Legislature that Agricultural District 2 located in the Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford is scheduled for its eight-year review in 2012.

The review will evaluate the viability of agriculture in the District and provide municipalities and landowners with the opportunity to request that land currently enrolled in the District be removed and that land not in the District be added. Once the review is complete, land cannot be removed from the District until the next eight-year review in 2020. Outside of the eight-year review process landowners can request that land be added to the District through the annual open enrollment period, which occurs between January 1 and January 30.

Letters, Removal and Addition Request Forms, and Farm Surveys will be sent to landowners whose land is currently enrolled in the District. Landowners with land already enrolled in the District have several options at this time: 1) do nothing and their land will remain in the district (they do not have to re-enroll their land); 2) request that their land be removed from the District by completing the Removal and Addition Request Form and returning it to the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency by January 31, 2012; and 3) request that land not enrolled in the District be added to the District by completing the Removal and Addition Request Form and returning it to the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency by January 31, 2012.

A sample Removal and Addition Request Form, Farm Survey, and a map of Agricultural District 2 have been included for your reference. Municipalities will be notified of any landowners who request to have their land added or removed. The review will take approximately six to eight months and as it progresses a public hearing notice and a final report will be sent to affected municipalities. For more information please contact Lisa Welch at the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency at 435-2949 or lisawelch@ongov.net.

Enclosures:

Sample Removal and Addition Request Form
Sample Farm Survey
Agricultural District 2 Map

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AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

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DEBORAH MATURO
Clerk

BRIAN REEVES
Chairman

Date: December 28, 2011

To: Agricultural District 2 Property Owners

From: Deborah Maturo, Clerk of the Onondaga County Legislature

Re: Agricultural District 2, 2012 Eight-Year Review and Recertification

Why did I receive this letter?

Onondaga County records indicate that you own property within Agricultural District 2 that is listed on the enclosed Removal and Addition Request Form. New York State Agricultural Districts Law requires that State certified agricultural districts be reviewed and recertified every eight years. Agricultural District 2 in the Onondaga County Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford is up for review and recertification in 2012. Agricultural District 2 area property owners can elect to have their parcels **REMAIN** in the District (no further action is required), or request that their parcels be **REMOVED** from the District or have other area parcels **ADDED** to the District by completing and returning the enclosed Removal and Addition Request Form by January 31, 2012.

What is an Agricultural District?

In 1971, the New York State Legislature passed the Agricultural Districts Law (Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25-AA) allowing the formation of agricultural districts in New York State. Agricultural districts are designed to protect agriculture through a combination of property owner incentives and protections that discourage the conversion of agricultural lands to non-agricultural land including:

- providing Right to Farm provisions that protect agriculture from private nuisance suits;
- providing the framework to limit unreasonable local regulation of agricultural practices;
- providing property tax benefits for agricultural lands (owners must apply annually to their local assessor for an agricultural assessment);
- modifying State agency administrative regulations and procedures to encourage the continuation of farm businesses;
- modifying the ability to advance public funds to construct facilities that encourage development;
- preventing benefit assessments, special ad valorem levies, or other rates and fees on agricultural lands for the finance of improvements such as water, sewer or nonfarm drainage; and
- modifying the ability of public agencies to acquire agricultural lands through eminent domain.

Agricultural Districts primarily benefit owners of property that is farmed. Being part of an agricultural district does not:

- directly affect the use of land beyond existing requirements, for example, zoning; or
- directly reduce or increase tax assessments—agricultural property owners can apply to the local tax assessor for an annual agricultural assessment.

Can I get a reduction in my property taxes?

Agricultural districts do not directly affect property tax assessments of non-agricultural lands. Although all owners of agricultural lands may be eligible for an agricultural assessment, regardless of agricultural district status, being within an agricultural district does provide additional benefits to those who are eligible for and receive an agricultural assessment. Contact your local town assessor for more information on agricultural assessments or visit: www.orps.state.ny.us/pamphlet/exempt/agassess.htm.

Why is my land in Agricultural District 2?

When first formed in the 1970's, agricultural districts were contiguous, that is, all properties within an outermost boundary that encompassed the majority of interested farms were included, regardless of their use. Parcels typically remained in the district over subsequent recertifications unless the owner at the time of recertification specifically requested that it be removed. Parcels are not automatically added or removed when they are bought or sold, and when parcels in a district are subdivided, the resulting parcels remain in the district unless the owner removes them during an 8-year review.

What kind of property should be added to Agricultural District 2?

Owners of parcels within the District 2 area (Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford) with viable agricultural lands are encouraged to add those parcels to District 2. Viable agricultural land, as defined in NYS Agriculture and Markets 25-AA, Section 301, sub.7, is "...land highly suitable for agricultural production and which will continue to be economically feasible for such use if real property taxes, farm use restrictions, and speculative activities are limited to levels approximating those in commercial agricultural areas not influenced by the proximity of non-agricultural development."

What kind of property should be removed from Agricultural District 2?

It is appropriate for owners of property that is not agriculturally viable to request that the parcels be removed from the District. The Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and local municipal leaders may also recommend to the Onondaga County Legislature that parcels be removed from the District.

How do property owners add or remove property from Agricultural District 2?

A Removal and Addition Request Form has been enclosed for your convenience. The form lists parcels owned by you that are currently enrolled in District 2. If you choose to remove any of these parcels, or add new parcels, please complete and return the form by **January 31, 2012**. Forms can also be obtained from the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency or downloaded from www.ongov.net/planning/agdist.html. You do not need to return the form if you want your parcels to remain in the District.

What should I expect next?

The Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board will prepare a report that is submitted to the Onondaga County Legislature. The County Legislature will then hold a public hearing. Property owners who have requested removal or addition of parcels will receive written notification of the hearing, a list of parcels to be removed or added, and recommended actions that the County Legislature will vote on. The report is then finalized and sent to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for recertification. This process typically takes six to eight months.

Where do I get more information?

Please visit www.ongov.net/planning/agdist.html for more information and maps, or contact Lisa Welch at the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency at 315-435-2949 or lisawelch@ongov.net.

Enclosures:

Removal and Addition Request Form
Farm Survey

Agricultural District 2
2012 Eight-Year Review and Recertification
REMOVAL AND ADDITION REQUEST FORM

Onondaga County records indicate that you own property within Agricultural District 2 that is listed below. New York State Agricultural Districts Law 25-AA requires that State certified agricultural districts be reviewed and recertified every eight years. Agricultural District 2 in the Onondaga County Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford is up for review and recertification in 2012. Agricultural District 2 area property owners can elect to have their parcels REMAIN in the District (no further action required), or request that their parcels be REMOVED from the District and/or have other area parcels ADDED to the District by completing and returning this form by January 31, 2012. For more information visit www.ongov.net/planning/agdist.html.

Grouping:	AMIDON RICHARD F JR	Please return this form by JANUARY 31, 2012 to:
Today's Date:	_____	Lisa Welch
Your Name:	_____	Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency
Mailing Address:	_____	John H. Mulroy Civic Center
	_____	421 Montgomery St. - 11th Floor
	_____	Syracuse, NY 13202-2923
Phone Number:	_____	Phone: 315-435-2949 - Fax: 315-435-2439
Email Address:	_____	lisawelch@ongov.net

Onondaga County records indicate that you own properties within Agricultural District 2 that are listed below. Please check REMOVE if you would like the parcels listed below to be REMOVED from the District. (You do not have to return this form if you simply want the parcels listed below to remain in the District.)

OWNER(S)	TOWN	TAX_ID	ACRES	REMOVE?
AMIDON RICHARD F JR AMIDON THERESA A	MARCELLUS	015.-03-07.1	33.99	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove
AMIDON RICHARD F JR AMIDON THERESA A	MARCELLUS	015.-03-04.0	1.07	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove
AMIDON RICHARD F JR AMIDON THERESA A	MARCELLUS	015.-03-70.0	59.96	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove
AMIDON RICHARD F JR AMIDON THERESA A	MARCELLUS	016.-02-31.0	11.28	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove
AMIDON RICHARD F JR AMIDON THERESA A	MARCELLUS	016.-02-27.1	84.97	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove

Please list below parcels that you would like ADDED to an agricultural district.

OWNER(S)	TOWN(S)	PARCEL(S)	ACRES
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Agricultural District 2
2012 Eight-Year Review and Recertification
REMOVAL AND ADDITION REQUEST FORM

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Grouping: **Please return this form by JANUARY 31, 2012 to:**

Today's Date: _____ **Lisa Welch**
Your Name: _____ **Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency**
Mailing Address: _____ **John H. Mulroy Civic Center**
_____ **421 Montgomery St. - 11th Floor**
_____ **Syracuse, NY 13202-2923**

Phone Number: _____ **Phone: 315-435-2949 - Fax: 315-435-2439**
Email Address: _____ **lisawelch@ongov.net**

Please list below any properties that you own that are within Agricultural District 2 and that you would like REMOVED.

OWNER(S)	TOWN	TAX_ID	ACRES	REMOVE?
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove

Please list below parcels that you would like ADDED to an agricultural district.

OWNER(S)	TOWN(S)	PARCEL(S)	ACRES
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

ONONDAGA COUNTY
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Agricultural District 2
2012 Eight-Year Review and Recertification
FARM SURVEY

Please fill out the following Farm Survey if you currently own an agricultural operation within Agricultural District 2 or rent land to an agricultural operation. You do not need to return this survey if you do not farm your property or rent your property to an agricultural operation. For more information contact Lisa Welch at 315-435-2949 or lisawelch@ongov.net, or visit www.ongov.net/planning/agdist.html. Please complete and return by January 31, 2012 to Lisa Welch, Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency, John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 421 Montgomery Street – 11th Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202 or fax it to 315-435-2439. Thank you.

Today's Date: _____

First and Last Name: _____

Farm Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

1) Do you own and operate an agricultural operation: ___ Yes ___ No

2) Do you rent land to an agricultural operation: ___ Yes ___ No

3) Acreage:

	Owned	Rented
Total Acres:	_____	_____
Number of Acres in Production:	_____	_____

4) Principle enterprise (check one or two):

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|--|-------------------------------|
| _____ Dairy | _____ Grain Cash Crop |
| _____ Beef, Sheep, Goats, Hogs, Alpaca | _____ Vegetable Cash Crop |
| _____ Poultry | _____ Orchard |
| _____ Aquaculture | _____ Berries |
| _____ Commercial Horse | _____ Vineyard |
| _____ Sugarbush | _____ Commercial Horticulture |
| _____ Christmas Trees | _____ Agri-Tourism |
| _____ Agro-Forestry | _____ Flowers |

5) Estimated annual gross sales (check one):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Below \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 - \$999,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 - \$39,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 - \$99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000,000 - \$4,999,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$199,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 - \$499,999 | |

6) Total capital investment over the past 7 years (check one):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Below \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 - \$999,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 - \$49,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 - \$99,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000,000 - \$4,999,999 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 - \$499,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,000 or more |

7) How has agriculture changed overall in the past 8 years:

- Stayed the same
- Fewer farms overall
- More farms overall
- Larger farms replacing smaller farms
- More abandoned farmland
- More houses
- More traffic

Comments:

8) What impact has residential development had on your agricultural operation:

- Positive
- Negative
- No impact

Comments:

9) Who do you view as the next generation owner of your farm or your property:

- Family member and active farm business
- Family member leasing property to another farm operator
- Non-farm owner with land remaining in agricultural production
- Land speculator
- Developer

Comments: _____

10) Do you anticipate selling or transferring ownership of your land:

Yes No
In how many years?

If yes, why?

- Property taxes
- Management burdens
- Retirement
- Need money from sale
- Relocating home, employment, or business

Comments: _____

11) In the past 8 years, have you sold or subdivided a parcel and sold it?

Yes No

If yes, why?

- Property taxes
- Management burdens
- Retirement
- Need money from sale
- Relocating home, employment, or business

Comments: _____

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August 7, 2012

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Motion Made By Mr. Knapp

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR RENEWAL OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 2,
TOWNS OF MARCELLUS, SKANEATELES, AND SPAFFORD

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 303-a of Article 25AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, this Onondaga County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 584-2011 providing for notice of the eight year review of Agricultural District No. 2 in the Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford; and

WHEREAS, as part of that review, the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has prepared reports in accordance with the provisions of Article 25AA, including recommendations to continue such district with modifications; and

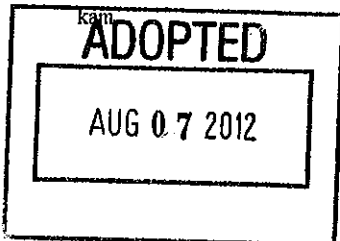
WHEREAS, as part of the review and renewal process, Article 25AA requires the County to hold a public hearing concerning the renewal of Agricultural District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, a notice of renewal for Agricultural District No. 2 was mailed to involved and affected agencies, municipalities, and landowners by the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency and the Onondaga County Legislature; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, a public hearing on the renewal of Agricultural District No. 2 shall be held at the Onondaga County Court House, 401 Montgomery St., Syracuse, New York on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 12:55 p.m.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature hereby is directed to provide notice of such hearing in accordance with the provisions of Article 25AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE

7th DAY OF August, 2012.

Deborah A. Matus

CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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ONONDAGA COUNTY
LEGISLATURE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 2,
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA,
TOWNS OF MARCELLUS, SKANEATELES, AND SPAFFORD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Onondaga County Legislature on the renewal of Agricultural District No. 2. The hearing will be held at the Onondaga County Courthouse, 401 Montgomery St., Syracuse, New York on Tuesday September 4, 2012 at 12:55 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 303-a of Article 25AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, the Onondaga County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 584-2011 providing for notice of the eight year review of Agricultural District No. 2 in the Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford.

The Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has prepared a report in accordance with the provisions of Article 25AA, with recommendations to continue such district with modifications resulting in an increase in District size of approximately 311 acres.

The lands proposed to be added are reputedly owned by Robert M. & Bonnie L. Brown and Robert & Elaine Slater Kogler in the Town of Skaneateles; and Allan J. & Ann E. Fisher, Michael L. & Joan E. Franklin, and Bruce J. & Lance M. Osadchey in the Town of Spafford.

The lands proposed to be removed are reputedly owned by Marcellus Ambulance Volunteer Emergency Services, Inc., James M. & Gwen McBurney, Francis S. Noznski, Onondaga County Water Authority, and John E. Szczech in the Town of Marcellus; Steven F. & Ann L. Deshane, David F. Eggert, James W. Fitzgerald, Betsy R. Foote, David C. Helfer, Pauline V. & Dorothy Kaufmann, Richard D. & Margaret A. Kovar, Susan J. & James Rourke, Self Storage Route 321, LLC, Grace Snook, Donald C. Symons, and Scott C. & Mary Ellen Winkelman in the Town of Skaneateles; and Barrow's View LLC, James C. Finley & Mary P. Romine, Links at Barrow's View LLC, Pirnie Family Trust, and Margaret E. & Murray Vassar in the Town of Spafford.

These proposed changes and any others will be considered at the public hearing. A detailed map of Agricultural District No. 2, along with the proposed changes, may be examined at the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency, Civic Center, 421 Montgomery St, 11th Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202, or viewed at <http://www.ongov.net/planning/review.html>.

September 4, 2012

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Motion Made By Mr. Knapp, Mr. May, Mr. Shepard,
Mr. Plochocki

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RENEWING WITH MODIFICATION AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE TOWNS OF
MARCELLUS, SKANEATELES, AND SPAFFORD

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, this Onondaga County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 584-2011 providing for notice of the eight year review of Agricultural District No. 2 in the Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 123-2012, this Onondaga County Legislature authorized a public hearing on said agricultural district renewal at the Onondaga County Courthouse on Tuesday September 4, 2012, and such hearing was duly noticed and held; and

WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Legislature has completed the eight year review of Agricultural District No. 2, and has received from the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board its report and recommendations regarding the agricultural viability of the district and regarding recommended modifications to the district; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to renew Agricultural District No. 2 with modifications as provided for herein; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed action is an unlisted action and this Legislature shall act as the Lead Agency for the purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Short Environmental Assessment Form for this project has been completed and reviewed and is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby finds and declares a negative declaration under SEQRA in that there is no anticipated construction and no anticipated change in use, that the identified possible impacts, if any, on air quality and surface water quality will not be significant and there is little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impacts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Agriculture and Markets Law, Section 303-a, said Agricultural District No. 2 in the Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford hereby is renewed with the modifications provided for herein; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the modifications to Agricultural District No. 2 are as follows and encompass the following parcels listed by town, owner, tax map number, and acreage:

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONS			
TOWN	OWNER	TAX MAP NO.	ACRES*
SKANEATELES	BROWN ROBERT M	018.-04-25.1	55.15
SKANEATELES	KOGLER ROBERT	047.-01-06.1	18.99
SKANEATELES Total			74.14

SPAFFORD	FISHER ALLAN J	026.-02-05.0	139.38
SPAFFORD	FISHER ALLAN J SR	026.-02-18.0	30.62
SPAFFORD	FRANKLIN MICHAEL L	032.-01-09.1	42.15
SPAFFORD	FRANKLIN MICHAEL L	032.-01-10.1	22.3
SPAFFORD	OSADCHEY BRUCE J	026.-01-01.0	46.77
SPAFFORD	OSADCHEY BRUCE J	026.-01-02.0	103.52
SPAFFORD	OSADCHEY BRUCE J	026.-01-26.0	8.35
SPAFFORD	OSADCHEY BRUCE J	026.-02-06.0	26.66
SPAFFORD Total			419.75
Grand Total			493.89
*Calculated using a Geographic Information System, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.			

SUMMARY OF REMOVALS			
TOWN	OWNER	TAX MAP NO.	ACRES*
MARCELLUS	MAVES	017.-07-01.8	1.35
MARCELLUS	MCBURNEY JAMES M LU	023.-03-09.1	19.03
MARCELLUS	NOZNSKI FRANCIS S	023.-01-22.1	0.89
MARCELLUS	OCWA	018.-03-14.0	11.55
MARCELLUS	OCWA	023.-01-02.0	8.07
MARCELLUS	SZCZECH JOHN E	018.-03-28.0	6.92
MARCELLUS Total			47.81
SKANEATELES	DESHANE STEVEN F	019.-01-01.3	2.52
SKANEATELES	EGGERT DAVID F	036.-01-18.0	0.95
SKANEATELES	FITZGERALD JAMES W	061.-03-08.0	5.19
SKANEATELES	FOOTE BETSY R	055.-02-09.0	0.94
SKANEATELES	GRACE SNOOK LIVING TRUST	059.-01-08.0	1.06
SKANEATELES	HELPER DAVID C	022.-02-05.4	2.59
SKANEATELES	KAUFMANN PAULINE V	060.-01-01.7	4.38
SKANEATELES	KOVAR RICHARD D	036.-01-16.0	1.64
SKANEATELES	ROURKE SUSAN J	035.-03-09.0	0.99
SKANEATELES	SELF STORAGE RTE 321, LLC	022.-01-12.3	11.7
SKANEATELES	SYMONS DONALD C	035.-01-06.0	5.34
SKANEATELES	WINKELMAN SCOTT C	048.-01-23.1	49.32
SKANEATELES Total			86.62
SPAFFORD	BARROW'S VIEW LLC	013.-02-01.1	9.52
SPAFFORD	FINLEY JAMES C	010.-01-05.1	0.72
SPAFFORD	LINKS AT BARROWS VIEW LLC	015.-01-02.6	34.11
SPAFFORD	LINKS AT BARROWS VIEW LLC	013.-02-08.3	1.82
SPAFFORD	PIRNIE FAMILY TRUST	017.-01-17.0	0.99
SPAFFORD	VASSAR MARGARET E	021.-03-16.2	1.38
SPAFFORD Total			48.54

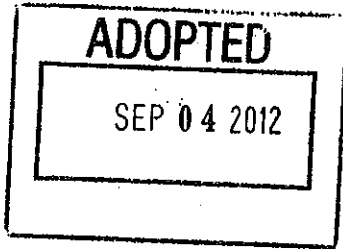
Grand Total	182.97
*Calculated using a Geographic Information System, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.	

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that should one or more of these parcels be subdivided prior to the expiration of said District, each of these subdivisions would automatically be considered a part of said District, and would remain in the District while it was in effect; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the district review plan shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets as provided for in Section 303-a of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE

4th DAY OF September, 2012.

Deborah A. Maturo

CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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LEGISLATURE
ONONDAGA COUNTY
NEW YORK

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS

State Environmental Quality Review
SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM
For UNLISTED ACTIONS Only

PART I - PROJECT INFORMATION

1. The proposed action is located in the County of Onondaga
and the Town(s) of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford
2. The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the Onondaga County Legislature.
3. The name and address for the Clerk of the above named County is Deborah L. Maturo, Clerk, Onondaga County Legislature, 401 Montgomery St., Room 407, Court House, Syracuse, NY 13202.
4. Is this an application to modify an existing agricultural district? Yes No
 - If yes, what is the total number of acres comprising the district as it exists prior to modification?
46,919 acres
5. If this application involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the district? Yes No
 - If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? 311 acres
 - Does this represent an increase or decrease?

6. Zoning and Plan Information

- Does the agricultural district correspond with a town(s) zoning district(s)?
 Yes No (The Town of Spafford has no zoning codes.)
- If Yes, please cite the applicable zoning district(s):

The Town of Marcellus has Agricultural - 1 zones and Residential - 1 zoning districts, which allow customary agricultural use.

The Town of Skaneateles has Rural Farming and Forest, Rural Residential, Industrial/Research/Office, and the Skaneateles Lake Watershed zoning districts, which allow agricultural uses.
- Is/are the zoned district(s) within the modified agricultural district compatible with the goals and objectives of the Agricultural Districts Law, as set forth in Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law? Yes No
- If Yes, please cite the applicable language:
The language is very typical of Euclidean zoning ordinances.

7. What is present and use in the vicinity of the proposed modification?

- Residential Industrial Commercial Agriculture Park/Forest/Open Space Other

Describe: Surrounding land uses are primarily agriculture, forested and shrub lands, and rural residential.

8. Is there a public controversy related to this district proposal? Yes No If yes, describe below:

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

9. Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify the proposed action.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED
ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Authorized signature: _____

Eric Walden

Date: 7/26/12

PART II- ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

General Information

In providing responses to each of the questions, the reviewer should keep in mind that the action proposed is the modification or termination of an agricultural district or districts. The action is not the land use or activity which will, or may, take place in the district(s). For example, it is not appropriate to consider the effects of management action that may be taken by individual operators in conducting farming. Agricultural farm management practices, including construction, maintenance and repair of farm buildings, and land use changes consistent with generally accepted principles of farming are listed as Type II actions in 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(3), and these actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment.

A. Does action exceed any Type I threshold in 6 NYCRR, Part 617.4? Yes No

If Yes, coordinate the review process and use the FULL EAF.

B. Will action receive coordinated review as provided for Unlisted actions in 6 NYCRR, Part 617.5?

Yes No

If No, a negative declaration may be superseded by another involved agency.

C. Could action result in any adverse effects associated with the following:

C1. Existing air quality, surface or groundwater quality or quantity, noise levels, existing traffic patterns, solid waste production or disposal, potential for erosion, drainage or flooding problems?

Explain briefly:

No

C2. Aesthetic, agricultural, archaeological, historic or other natural or cultural resources; or community or neighborhood character? Explain briefly:

No

C3. Vegetation or fauna, fish, shellfish or wildlife species, significant habitats, or threatened or endangered species? Explain briefly:

No _____

C4. A community's existing plans or goals as officially adopted, or a change in use or intensity of use of land or other natural resources? Explain briefly:

No _____

C5. Growth, subsequent development, or related activities likely to be induced by the proposed action? Explain briefly:

No _____

C6. Long term, short term, cumulative, or other effects not identified in C1-C5? Explain briefly:

No _____

C7. Other impacts (including changes in use of either quantity or type of energy)? Explain briefly:

No _____

D. Will the project have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a CEA? Yes No

E. Is there, or is there likely to be, controversy related to potential adverse environmental impacts?

Yes No If Yes, explain briefly:

PART III- DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY

Please indicate desire for lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below:

- Since the proposed action will be undertaken by this County Legislative Body and since any adverse environmental impacts will be primarily of local significance, it is hereby recommended that this County Legislative Body serve as lead agency to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act. It has

been determined that the only other agency required to undertake an action in this case is the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

The County Legislative Body does not choose to nominate itself to serve as lead agency.

PART IV - DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

INSTRUCTIONS: For each adverse effect identified above, determine whether it is substantial, large, important or otherwise significant. Each effect should be assessed in connection with its (a) setting (i.e., urban or rural); (b) probability of occurring; (c) duration; (d) irreversibility; (e) geographic scope; and (f) magnitude. If necessary, add attachments or reference supporting materials. Ensure that explanations contain sufficient detail to show that all relevant adverse impacts have been identified and adequately addressed. If question D of Part II was checked yes, the determination and significance must evaluate the potential impact of the proposed action on the environmental characteristics of the CEA.

- Check this box if you have identified one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts which **MAY** occur. Then proceed directly to the FULL EAF and/or prepare a positive declaration.
- Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action **WILL NOT** result in any significant adverse environmental impacts **AND** provide on attachments as necessary, the reasons supporting this determination:

Name of Lead Agency

J. Ryan McMahon, II

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Chairman

Title of Responsible Officer


Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency


Signature of Preparer (If different from Responsible Officer)

9.4.12

Date

**New York State
Department of Agriculture and Markets
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REVIEW PROFILE**

DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION

County: Onondaga		District No.: 2		
Town(s) in District: Marcellus, Skaneateles, Spafford				
No. acres in district: 47,230	No. acres in farms: ¹ 35,536	No. acres cropped: 14,873	No. acres owned by farmers: 26,470	No. acres rented by farmers: 9,068

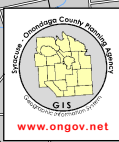
AGRICULTURAL DATA ANALYSIS

A. Since last review, number of acres in District * Added: _____ Deleted: _____
 B. Since last review, number of acres in farms ** Increased: _____ Decreased: _____

* 2004 = 45,747 2012 - 47,230 (RPS acres adjusted to GIS acres)

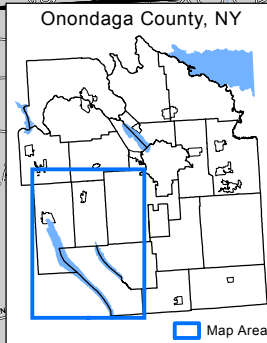
** 2004 - 28,230 2012 - 35,536 (Report methods changed and improved)

¹ Number of acres in farms represents the sum of acres owned by farmers and rented by farmers.



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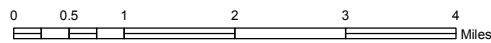


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ONONDAGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 2 Towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford

- Agricultural District 2
- Proposed Additions
- Proposed Deletions



May 2012

