

ADDITION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS
NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS
ONONDAGA COUNTY

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents the findings of the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board's 2014 review for the addition of viable agricultural land to agricultural districts in Onondaga County. The Onondaga County Legislature formally designated by Resolution 71 on April 5, 2004 an annual 30-day period in January when landowners can request that their land be added to an agricultural district.

Viable agricultural land, as defined in NYS Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 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." The requested additions were, therefore, examined primarily for natural features, location relative to existing agricultural districts, the size and characteristics of onsite and adjacent agricultural operations, agricultural production opportunities, and nearby development trends.

LANDOWNER REQUESTS

Landowners have requested that the following parcels be added to agricultural districts within Onondaga County.

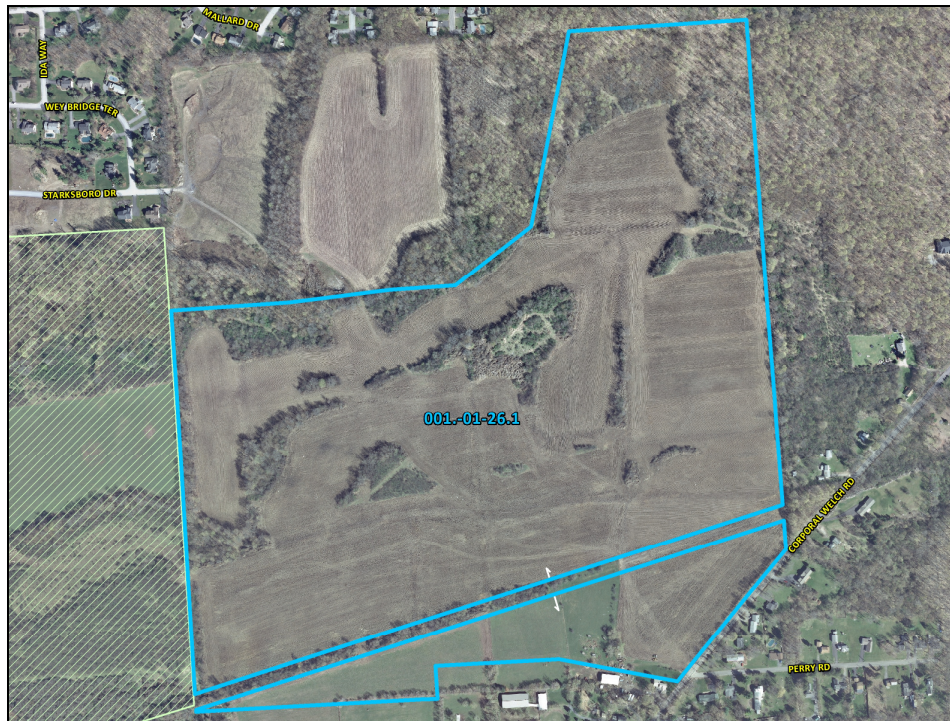
2014 ADDITIONS				
DISTRICT	TOWN	OWNER	PARCEL	ACRES*
1	ONONDAGA	ADR HOLDINGS LLC	001.-01-26.1	135.3
1	TULLY	TIMOTHY D & RYAN E CHATFIELD	118.-03-11.0	53.63
1	TULLY	TIMOTHY D & RYAN E CHATFIELD	121.-02-04.0	16.88
District 1 Total				205.81
2	MARCELLUS	V. WILLIAM LUCCHETTI	012.-01-81.1	115.16
District 2 Total				115.16
4	LAFAYETTE	ANDREW O & DAURYNE METZ	005.-01-04.1	42.9
4	LAFAYETTE	ANDREW O & DAURYNE METZ	025.-04-04.1	99.4
4	ONONDAGA	ANDREW O & DAURYNE METZ	038.-03-12.0	12.9
District 4 Total				155.2
Grand Total				476.17
* Calculated using a Geographic Information System, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.				

According to the USDA NRCS Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database, all of the properties proposed for addition consist largely of prime farmland soils. The District 1 parcel in the Town of Onondaga (001.-01-26.1) is on the border with the Town of Camillus and is within the County Sanitary District and the Syracuse Urbanized Area as defined by the 2010 Census. The land is next to land currently enrolled in Agricultural District 3 and is being used to produce corn and alfalfa as feed for dairy cows. The two parcels in the Town of Tully (118.-03-

11.0 and 121.-02-04.0) are west of Interstate 81 and the Village of Tully and are being used as pastureland for American Milking Devon Cattle and Katahdin Sheep.

The District 2 parcel in the Town of Marcellus (012.-01-81.1) is on West Seneca Turnpike just east of the Village of Marcellus and is approximately 0.25 miles from the Syracuse Urbanized Area and one mile from the County Sanitary District. The land is being used to produce feed for dairy cows.

The District 4 parcels are near the Town of LaFayette and Town of Onondaga border (LAF 005.-01-04.1, LAF 025.-04-04.1, ONO 038.-03-12.0) and are next to land currently enrolled in Agricultural District 4. The land is being used for the production of corn, soybeans, oats, hay, sweet corn, and forest products.



Town of Onondaga parcel 001.-01-26.1. Parcels currently in an Ag District are hatched.



Town of Tully parcels 118.-03-11.0 and 121.-02-04.0.



Town of Marcellus parcel 012.-01-81.1. Parcels currently in an Ag District are hatched.



Town of LaFayette parcel 005.-01-04.1 and Town of Onondaga parcel 038.-03-12.0. Parcels currently in an Ag District are hatched.



Town of LaFayette parcel 025.-04-04.1. Parcels currently in an Ag District are hatched.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board recommends adding the parcels as requested to Agricultural Districts 1, 2, and 4. The farm sector in Onondaga County is strong and stable and the Onondaga County 2010 Development Guide, the draft Onondaga County Sustainable Development Plan, and the Onondaga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan identify protection of agriculture and farmland as an important goal for preserving the character of rural areas.

APPENDICES

Resolution - Annual 30-Day

Media - News Release

Form - Annual Additions Request

Resolution - Public Hearing Notice

Notice - Public Hearing Notice

Letter - Public Hearing Landowner

Minutes - Public Hearing

Resolution - Approval

SEQR Environmental Assessment Form

Map