

ADDITION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS
NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS
ONONDAGA COUNTY
Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
March 2018

ONONDAGA COUNTY
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INTRODUCTION

This report presents the findings of the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board's 2018 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 a farm operation..." and a farm operation as defined in sub.11 is "...the land and on-farm buildings, equipment, manure processing and handling facilities, and practices which contribute to the production, preparation and marketing of crops, livestock and livestock products as a commercial enterprise... Such farm operation may consist of one or more parcels of owned or rented land, which parcels may be contiguous or noncontiguous to each other."

The requested additions were, therefore, examined primarily for the presence and characteristics of onsite and adjacent agricultural operations, agricultural production opportunities, location relative to existing agricultural districts, nearby development trends, and natural features.

LANDOWNER REQUESTS

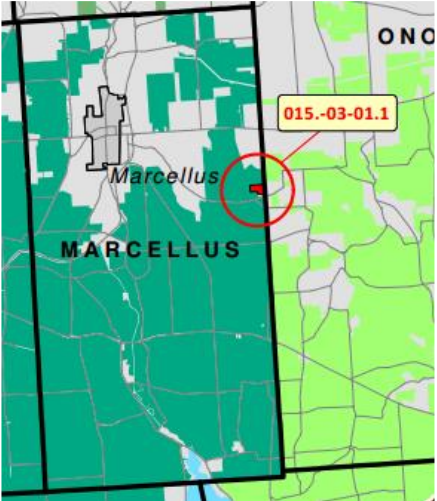
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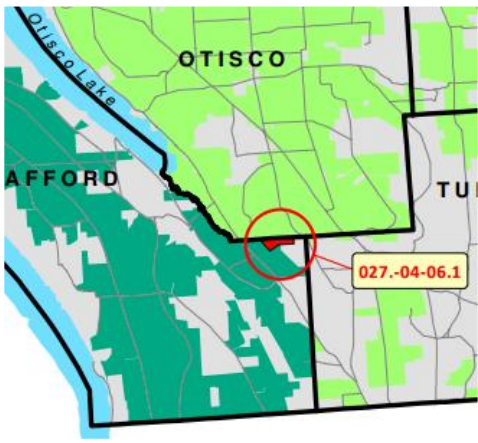
The following is a description of each of the properties requested to be added to Agricultural Districts 2, 3 and 4, including aerial photography showing the proposed property, existing enrolled Agricultural District properties (shaded green), and area context.

DISTRICT 2 REQUESTED ADDITIONS

MARCELLUS (HEER): One parcel in the Town of Marcellus is proposed for addition, located along Pleasant Valley Road, approximately 3 mile southeast of the Village of Marcellus. The 23.07 acre parcel contains tilled land and woods on a sloping hillside. Agricultural uses are listed as hay, soybean, corn and wheat production. The parcel is connected to other farmed parcels, and lands enrolled in Agricultural District 2. The owner of the property also owns over 250 additional acres in the Town of Marcellus enrolled in the district, and is proposing addition of 37 acres in the Town of Onondaga, as part of the concurrent Agricultural District 1 renewal process.



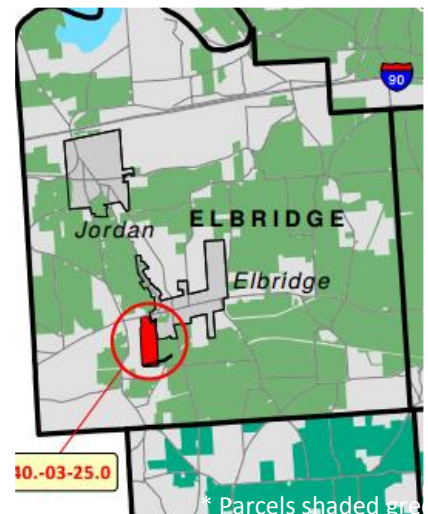
SPAFFORD (KOWALEWSKI): The subject 48.04 acre parcel lies at the eastern edge of the Town of Spafford, at the border with the Towns of Otisco and Tully. The parcel is located in a largely rural and agricultural area, and is a landlocked parcel. The land includes approximately 13 acres of farm fields, with agricultural uses noted as u-pick berries, poultry and pumpkins. The remainder of the land is wooded and steeply sloped with a grade change of approximately 450 feet along what is referred to as Vesper Hill.





DISTRICT 3 REQUESTED ADDITIONS

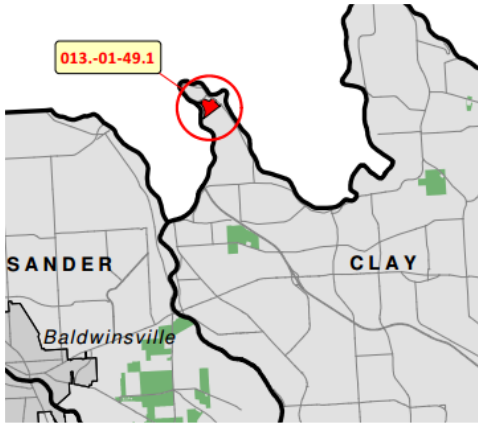
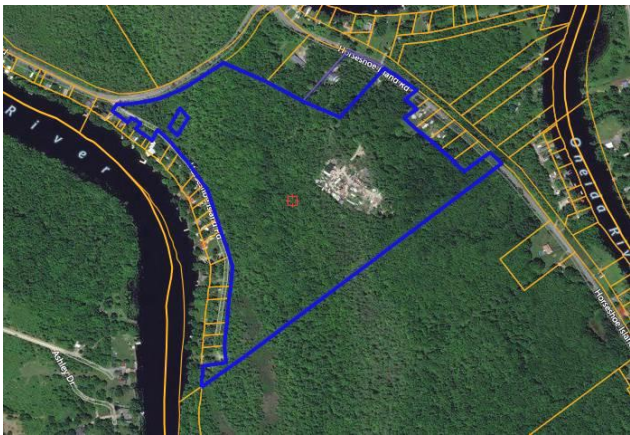
ELBRIDGE (RINALDO): The landowner is proposing addition of a 127.01 acre parcel to Agricultural District 3, with frontage on NYS Route 5 and located just west of the Village of Elbridge. Per the request form, the land has been used for field crops and has been in family ownership for over 100 years. The parcel is bisected by Skaneateles Creek, an important stream corridor, at its north end, and bisected at the southern end of the parcel by a linear National Grid electric transmission parcel. Despite its proximity to the Village, lands to the north, west and south remain primarily agricultural in nature and land use.

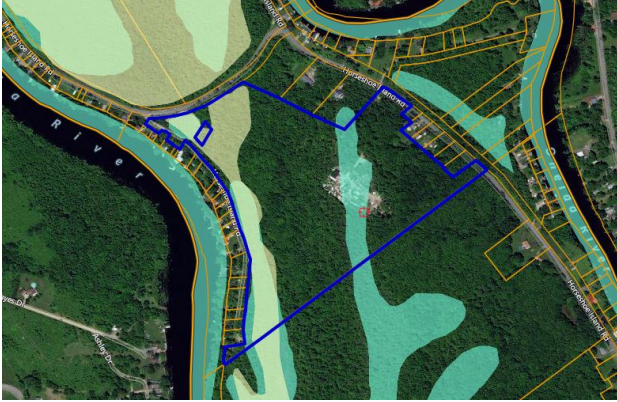


CLAY (WHITE): A 48.37 acre parcel of land located in the northernmost portion of the Town of Clay in an area known as Horseshoe Island is proposed for addition to Agricultural District 3. The Horseshoe Island area is characterized by its configuration in the shape of a narrow “horseshoe” shaped land mass created by the meandering Oneida River, and at its south end, a man-made portion of the NYS Barge Canal that creates a shorter path for boaters. Lands on Horseshoe Island include mostly seasonal residences along the river edge, and vacant wooded land. No agricultural activities appear to occur on Horseshoe Island, and the nearest enrolled Agricultural District parcel is over 2 miles from the site. Over 50 existing residential parcels lie adjacent to or across from the subject site.

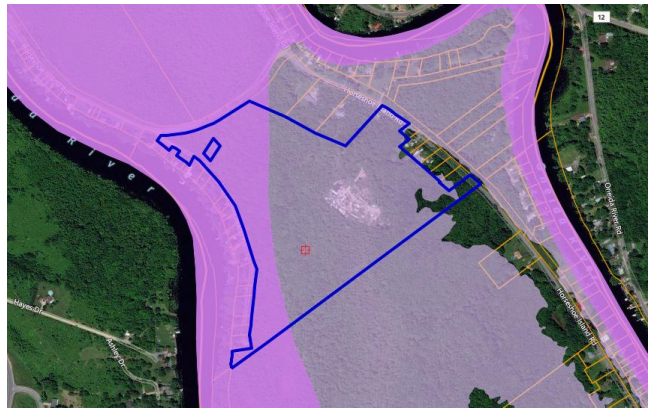
Significant portions of the land, including the subject parcel, are poorly drained and contain vast areas of FEMA floodplains and floodways, and both state and federal wetland areas. A stream channel runs through the subject parcel, the entirety of the subject parcel is located in the flood plain and approximately 14 of 48 acres are within the more restrictive floodway. State and Federal wetlands also occur on portions of the site.

The submitted addition form noted the land is currently being used for agricultural production, with selective timber harvesting, raising chickens for eggs, and bee keeping occurring on site. Per aerial photography, the subject parcel contains mostly wooded land, a single-family house at its frontage, and near the center of the site, an area has been cleared which contains garage structures and numerous vehicles, boats, tractor trailers, tires and other materials. According to the Town of Clay, the property has been the subject of numerous code violations, and is currently in litigation with the Town regarding violations. Questionable activities noted by the town include illegal filling of floodplains/floodways and wetlands without permits, large scale dumping and storage of materials including approximately 1,000 tires on site, and potential contamination of soils from motor oil leakage. No agricultural activities, including timber harvesting chicken or beekeeping, have been observed by Code Enforcement officials. The only tree clearing appeared to be part of roadway establishment.





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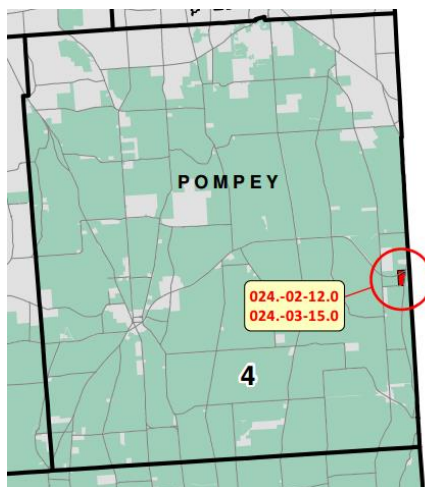
Pale Pink – Flood Plain, Bright Pink - Floodway

DISTRICT 4 REQUESTED ADDITIONS

Two adjacent parcels are proposed for addition to District 4, from separate owners:

POMPEY (BERSON): A 19.84 acre parcel on the south side of NYS Route 20 at the eastern edge of the Town of Pompey is proposed for addition to Agricultural District 4. The parcel contains a house, garage, barn, farm fields, and vegetated lands buffering and along Limestone Creek, a NYSDEC Class C stream, which meanders through the center of the parcel. The landowner notes agricultural production on the lands as livestock (beef) production along with hay harvesting and pasture. Almost all lands in this eastern portion of the Town of Pompey, and adjacent Madison County lands are rural and agriculture in nature and enrolled in the NYS Agricultural District.

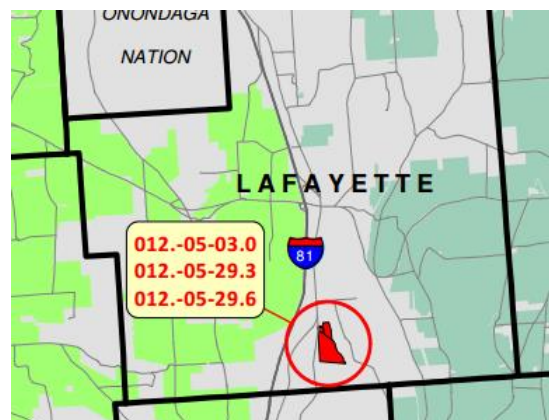
POMPEY (CHAVARRIA / BROOKS): On the north side of NYS Route 20, directly north of the proposed Berson land to be added, is a 4.64 acre triangular parcel of land also proposed for inclusion. The owners of the land purchased the property in recent years to own and operate a farm brewery on site. Plans include growing ingredients on the property for beer production, and providing the spent grain from brewing to the neighboring beef farm. The owner notes they intend to use local sourced ingredients when possible. The parcel contains vacant land, a small stretch of Limestone Creek, and abuts an active farm field.





LAFAYETTE (JOHNSON): The landowner is proposing addition of three contiguous parcels totaling 88.28 acres in the Town of LaFayette. The farm is located on North Road, which runs north/south between the Hamlet of LaFayette and Village of Tully. Parcel 012.-05-03.0 (3.49 acres) contains a house, barns and storage. Parcel 012.-05-29.3 (69.66 acres) and Parcel 012.-05-29.6 (15.13 acres) contain tilled cropland and deciduous forested areas, primarily at parcel edges and along Rainbow Creek, a feeder to Onondaga Creek that runs across the site.

While there are no nearby parcels currently enrolled in the agricultural district, the corridor remains largely rural and vegetated, and contains a significant amount of farmed parcels and open land to support farming activity in this location. The owner cites the nature of agricultural production on site as corn, hay and alfalfa cropland, leased to farmers. The site and its surroundings contain steeply sloped lands, part of the drumlins topography south of the City of Syracuse.





RECOMMENDATIONS

The farm sector in Onondaga County is strong and stable and the Onondaga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, Onondaga County 2010 Development Guide and municipal planning documents identify protection of agriculture and farmland as an important goal for preserving the character of rural areas.

As mentioned in the Introduction to this report, the requested additions were examined primarily for the presence and characteristics of onsite and adjacent agricultural operations, agricultural production opportunities, location relative to existing agricultural districts, nearby development trends, and natural features.

The requested tax parcel 013.-01-49.1 in the Town of Clay does not exhibit existing or potential onsite and/or adjacent agricultural operations. The site is not proximate to enrolled District parcels. While development in the area is limited, over 50 existing residential parcels lie adjacent to or across from the subject site. And natural features including groundwater inundation and flooding threatens the viability of farming on site. As such, this parcel is not recommended to the County Legislature for addition to the NYS Agricultural District 3.

The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board recommends adding the remaining 8 of the 9 requested parcels to Agricultural Districts 2, 3 and 4, as they have demonstrated all or most of the abovementioned desired characteristics. The total acreage being recommended for addition is 310.88.

The Board notes its recommendations to the Onondaga County Legislature in the following table:

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One requested parcel was not recommended for addition in 2018. (Clay, 013.-01-49.1)				
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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

Map – Annual Additions Map

SEQRA - Environmental Assessment Form

April 5, 2004

Motion Made By Mrs. Rapp

RESOLUTION NO. 0071

CALLING FOR DESIGNATION OF AN ANNUAL THIRTY-DAY PERIOD TO SUBMIT LAND OWNER REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS WITHIN A CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b was amended in March, 2003 to allow for inclusion of viable agricultural lands within a certified agricultural district prior to the county established review period; and

WHEREAS, the subject amendment states that the legislative body of any county containing a certified agricultural district shall designate an annual thirty (30) day period within which a land owner may submit a request for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, such request shall identify the agricultural district into which the land is proposed to be included, describe such land, and include the tax map identification number and relevant portion of the tax map for each parcel of land to be included; and

WHEREAS, the amended Agriculture and Markets Law provides for (a) referral of such requests to the county agricultural and farmland protections board; (b) publication of a notice of public hearing; (c) holding of a public hearing by the county legislative body following proper public notice; and (d) adoption or rejection of the land requested to be included within an existing certified agricultural district by the county legislative body; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Onondaga County Legislature shall designate an annual thirty-day period for submission of land owner requests for inclusion of viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district prior to the county established review period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the thirty-day period for submitting such requests during the current calendar year shall be the period from April 12 to May 12, 2004; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, beginning in the year 2005, the annual thirty-day period for submitting such land owner requests shall begin on January 1 of each year and will end on January 30 of the same calendar year, based on the recommendation of the Onondaga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

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News Release - Onondaga County Annual Agricultural District Open Enrollment and Eight-Year Review of Agricultural District 1

Don Jordan-Jr

Fri 12/22/2017 2:47 PM

To: features@syracuse.com <features@syracuse.com>; newsroom <newsroom@eaglenewsonline.com>; mjames@nyfb.org <mjames@nyfb.org>;

Bcc: Don Jordan-Jr <DonJordan@ongov.net>;

ONONDAGA COUNTY ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT AND EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 1

The Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board announces that the annual open enrollment period for the addition of viable agricultural lands into Onondaga County Agricultural Districts is set for January 1, 2018 to January 30, 2018. Agricultural districts are intended to encourage the continued use of farmland for agricultural production. Enrollment of land into a State certified agricultural district provides protection of accepted agricultural practices through New York State Agricultural Districts Law. Viable agricultural land is land highly suitable for or currently used for agricultural production.

The County has also begun the eight-year review of Agricultural District 1 in the towns of LaFayette (west of I-81), Onondaga (west of I-81), Otisco, and Tully (west of I-81). Landowners within District 1 may propose that land be added to or removed from the District. Those with land currently enrolled in the District will receive mailed notification of the review along with forms that can be used to request changes. The forms must be completed and returned to the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency by January 30, 2018. While land can be added to agricultural districts annually through the open enrollment process, land can only be removed during the eight-year review.

Change request forms and additional information are available at www.ongov.net/planning/agdist.html, or by contacting the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency at 315-435-2611 or countyplanning@ongov.net.

Onondaga County
Request to Add Viable Agricultural Land to State Certified Agricultural District
January 1, 2018 through January 30, 2018

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Property owners can request that their property be added to an Agricultural District in Onondaga County between January 1 and January 30, 2018 by completing this form and returning it to:

Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency
 John H. Mulroy Civic Center
 421 Montgomery St. – 11th Floor
 Syracuse, NY 13202-2923
 or Fax: 315-435-2439 or E-mail: countyplanning@ongov.net

For more information visit <http://www.ongov.net/planning/agdist.html> or call 315-435-2611.

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

ADD PROPERTIES				
	OWNER(S) NAME	TOWN/VILLAGE	PARCEL NUMBER	ACRES
<i>Ex.</i>	<i>Pete Jones</i>	<i>Town of Skaneateles</i>	<i>105.-02-1.11</i>	<i>25</i>
1				
2				
3				

Is this land currently used for agricultural production? Yes ____ No ____

Briefly describe the nature of the agricultural production associated with this land: _____

May 1, 2018

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Motion Made By Mr. McBride

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS WITHIN CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 303-B OF THE NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law provides land owners with a thirty-day period to submit requests for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within certified agricultural districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Onondaga County Legislature Resolution No. 71-2004, that thirty-day period began January 1, 2018 and ended January 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the following properties filed requests for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within certified agricultural districts:

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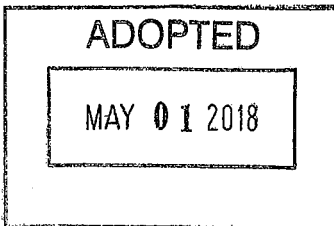
WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has reviewed such requests and determined that such property, other than Town of Clay parcel 013.-01-49.1, consists predominantly of viable agricultural land and that the inclusion of such land, other than Town of Clay parcel 013.-01-49.1, would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the districts, and recommends such property for inclusion within the certified agricultural districts, excepting the parcel within the Town of Clay; and

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law requires a hearing upon notice concerning the request for inclusion of such parcels within the certified agricultural districts, and it is the desire of this Legislature to call such hearing; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 303-b of New York State Agricultural and Markets Law, a public hearing will be held to consider the above requests for inclusion and recommendations on the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within certified agricultural districts, which hearing shall be held at the Onondaga County Court House, County Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor, 401 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 12:55 p.m.; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature hereby is directed to cause publication of such hearing pursuant to applicable 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

1st DAY OF May, 2018.

Deborah A. Matuso

CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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SECTION 303-B OF THE NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Onondaga County Legislature on the inclusion of lands into certified agricultural districts in Onondaga County. The hearing will be held at the Onondaga County Courthouse, County Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor, 401 Montgomery St., Syracuse, New York on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 12:55 p.m.

Section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law provides landowners with a thirty-day period to submit requests for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within certified agricultural districts. Pursuant to Resolution No. 71-2004 of the Onondaga County Legislature, that thirty-day period began January 1, 2018 and ended January 30, 2018.

The lands requested for inclusion into a certified agricultural district are parcel 015.-03-01.1 in the Town of Marcellus; parcel 027.-04-06.1 in the Town of Spafford; parcel 013.-01-49.1 in the Town of Clay; parcel 040.-03-25.0 in the Town of Elbridge; parcels 012.-05-03.0, 012.-05-29.3, and 012.-05-29.6 in the Town of LaFayette; and parcels 024.-02-12.0 and 024.-03-15.0 in the Town of Pompey.

The Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has reviewed such requests and determined that such property, other than Town of Clay parcel 013.-01-49.1, consists predominantly of viable agricultural land and that the inclusion of such land, other than Town of Clay parcel 013.-01-49.1, would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the districts.

These proposed changes will be considered at the public hearing. The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board report may be examined at the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency, Civic Center, 11th Floor, 421 Montgomery St., Syracuse, NY 13202, or viewed at <http://www.ongov.net/planning/additions.html>.

DATED: May 3, 2018.

I, Katherine M. French, do hereby certify that on the 3rd day of May, 2018, the above notice was posted by me in the west lobby of the Onondaga County Court House on the bulletin board.

/s/ Katherine M. French
Katherine M. French
Deputy Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature



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To: Landowners Requesting the Addition of Lands to an Agricultural District and Municipalities

From: Deborah L. Maturo, Clerk

Date: May 3, 2018

Re: Public Hearing for the Addition of Viable Agricultural Lands to Certified Agricultural Districts

A public hearing will be held by the Onondaga County Legislature to consider landowner requests and recommendations of the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board for the annual addition of land to certified agricultural districts. The hearing will be held at the Onondaga County Court House, County Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor, 401 Montgomery St., Syracuse, NY on Tuesday, June 5, 2017 at 12:55 PM.

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These additions will be considered at the public hearing. If approved by the Onondaga County Legislature, the additions will be forwarded to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for certification.

For more information, please contact the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency at 315-435-2611 or countyplanning@ongov.net, or visit <http://www.ongov.net/planning/agdist.html>.



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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS WITHIN
CERTIFIED AG DISTRICTS
JUNE 5, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. May, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Burtis, Mrs. Tassone, Ms. Cody, Mr. Plochocki, Mr. Buckel, Mr. Ryan, Dr. Chase, Mr. Holmquist, Mr. McBride, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Bush, Mr. Jordan, Mr. McMahon, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Ervin

Chairman McMahon called the 12:55 p.m. public hearing to order at 1:12 p.m.

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing and stated the notice was duly published.

Chairman McMahon asked for speakers wishing to be heard. Hearing none, Chairman McMahon closed the hearing at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah L. Maturo".

DEBORAH L. MATURO, Clerk
Onondaga County Legislature

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June 5, 2018

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Motion Made By Mr. McBride, Mr. May

RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVING THE INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 303-B OF THE NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of Agriculture and Markets Law provides land owners with an annual thirty day period to submit requests for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within certified agricultural districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 71-2004, that thirty-day period began January 1, 2018, and ended January 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, land owners have filed requests for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within certified agricultural districts; and

WHEREAS, the County referred the requests to the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, and that Board has reviewed such requests and determined that such property, other than Town of Clay parcel 013.-01-49.1, consists predominantly of viable agricultural land and that the inclusion of such land, other than Town of Clay parcel 013.-01-49.1, would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the districts, and recommends such property for inclusion within the certified agricultural districts, excepting the parcel within the Town of Clay; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 12:55 p.m. relating to such requested inclusions; 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 based on the recommendation of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and information provided through the public hearing, this Onondaga County Legislature hereby adopts and approves the inclusion of the requested viable agricultural land within certified Agricultural District No. 2, Agricultural District No. 3 and Agricultural District No. 4, with the exception of Town of Clay parcel 013.-01-49.1; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 303-b of Agriculture and Markets Law the modifications to Agricultural District No. 2, Agricultural District No. 3 and Agricultural District No. 4 are hereby described as follows, and include the following parcels listed by agricultural district, town, owner, parcel number, and acreage:

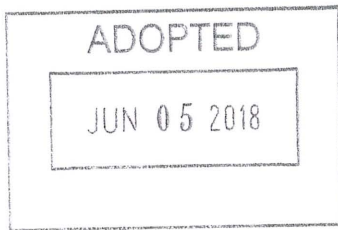
2018 ADDITIONS				
DISTRICT	TOWN	OWNER	PARCEL	ACRES*
2	MARCELLUS	RAYMOND & TONI HEER	015.-03-01.1	23.07
2	SPAFFORD	PAUL & MELISSA KOWALEWSKI	027.-04-06.1	48.04
District 2 Total				71.11
3	ELBRIDGE	KIM D RINALDO	040.-03-25.0	127.01
District 3 Total				127.01
4	POMPEY	ROBERT & LISA BERSON	024.-02-12.0	19.84
4	POMPEY	PATRICIA CHAVARRIA & ANDREW BROOKS	024.-03-15.0	4.64
4	LAFAYETTE	KENNETH & DENISE JOHNSON	012.-05-03.0	3.49
4	LAFAYETTE	KENNETH & DENISE JOHNSON	012.-05-29.3	69.66
4	LAFAYETTE	KENNETH & DENISE JOHNSON	012.-05-29.6	15.13
District 4 Total				112.76
GRAND TOTAL				310.88
* Calculated using a Geographic Information System, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.				

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that should these parcels be subdivided prior to the expiration of said Districts, each subdivision would automatically be considered a part of said Districts, and would remain in the District while it is in effect; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature is to submit a copy of this resolution, together with the report of the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board including tax map numbers and maps for each parcel of land to be included in an agricultural district to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

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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

5th DAY OF June, 2018.

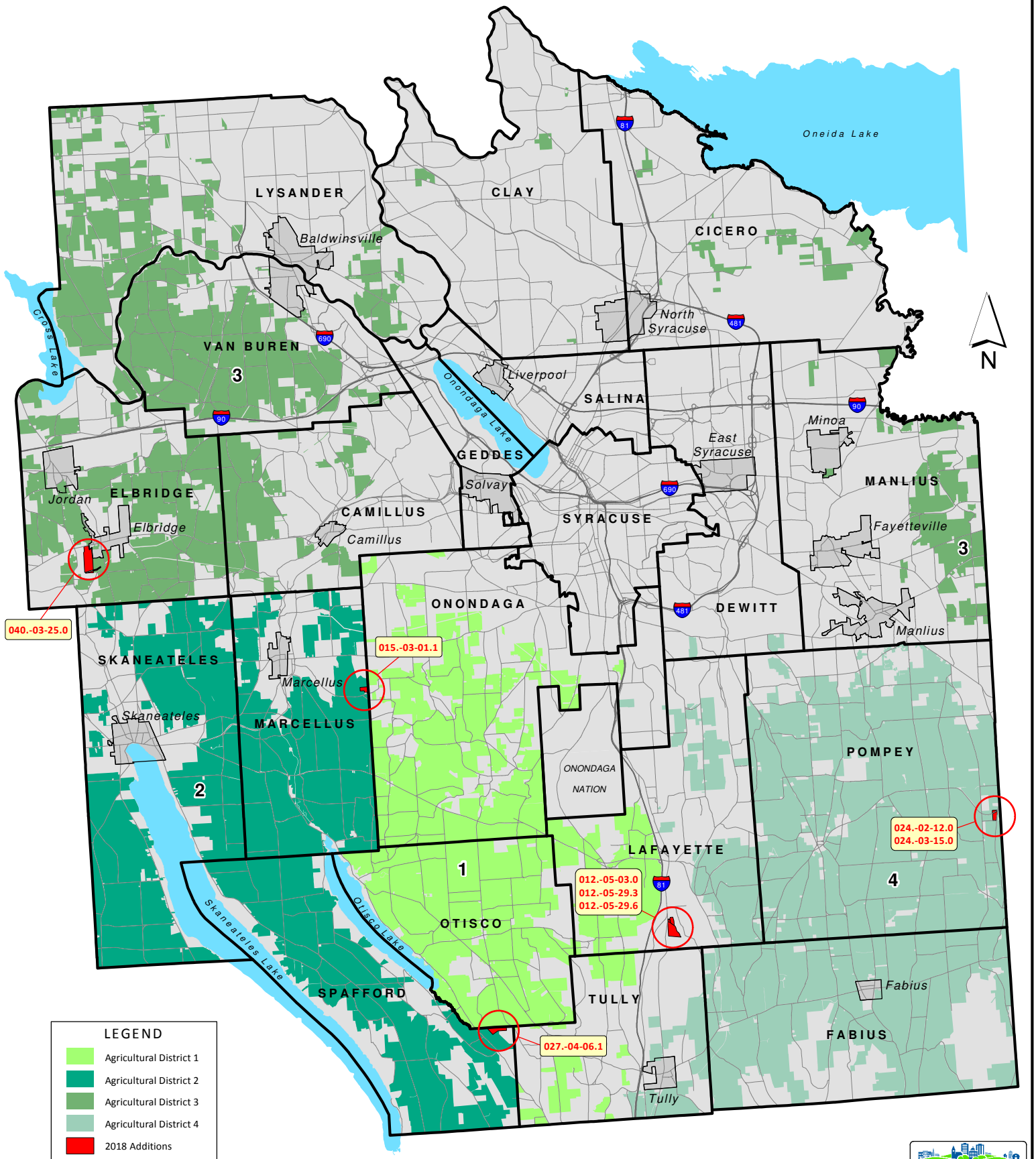
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Onondaga County Agricultural Districts 2018 Annual Additions



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	Agricultural District 1
	Agricultural District 2
	Agricultural District 3
	Agricultural District 4
	2018 Additions

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Appendix B
Short Environmental Assessment Form

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Annual addition of viable agricultural lands to agricultural districts in Onondaga County.			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Towns of Elbridge, LaFayette, Marcellus, Pompey and Spafford			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Annual addition of viable agricultural lands to agricultural districts in Onondaga County. Refer to County Legislature resolution for a list of properties recommended for addition to agricultural districts.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Onondaga County Legislature		Telephone: 315-435-2070 E-Mail: debblematuro@ongov.net	
Address: 401 Montgomery Street, Court House Room 407			
City/PO: Syracuse		State: NY	Zip Code: 13202
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

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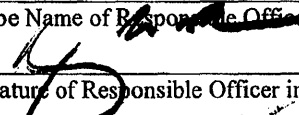
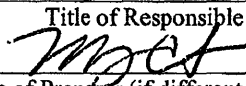
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor name: _____		Date: _____
Signature: _____		

Part 2 - Impact Assessment. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 2. Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3 - Determination of significance. The Lead Agency is responsible for the completion of Part 3. For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.
Onondaga County Legislature	6-5-2018
Name of Lead Agency	Date
J. Ryan McMahon, II	Chairman
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
	
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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