



Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board

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401 Montgomery Street • Court House • Room 407 • Syracuse, New York, 13202

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

From: Jamie McNamara, Clerk

Date: May 12, 2025

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 the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board's recommendation for the annual inclusion (addition) of predominantly viable agricultural land to State certified agricultural districts in Onondaga County. **The public hearing will be held at the Onondaga County Court House, County Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor, 401 Montgomery St., Syracuse, NY on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 12:50 PM.**

New York's Agricultural Districts Law, Article 25-AA of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) was enacted in 1971 to help keep farmland in agricultural production through a combination of landowner incentives and protections that discourage the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. Responsibility for the creation and review of the State's agricultural districts lies within the authority of county legislative bodies. AML Sections 303 (district creation), 303-a (district review), 303-b (annual inclusion of lands) and 303-c (district consolidation) detail the role county agricultural and farmland protection boards and legislative bodies play in district creation and review, and prescribe the public notice and public hearing requirements.

Section 303-b (annual inclusion of lands) provides landowners with a thirty-day period to submit requests for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land to certified agricultural districts. Pursuant to Resolution No. 71-2004 of the Onondaga County Legislature, that thirty-day period began January 1, 2025 and ended January 30, 2025.

On March 25, 2025 the Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board undertook its review of the requests summarized below, and found that they consist of predominantly viable agricultural land and recommended their inclusion. The Onondaga County Legislature will consider the inclusion recommendation at the public hearing. If the Onondaga County Legislature finds that the lands be included as recommended, the report, map, list of parcels, and supporting materials will be forwarded to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for recertification.

The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board's report, map, and list of parcels may be examined at the Onondaga County Department of Planning, Carnegie Building, 335 Montgomery Street, 1st Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202, or viewed at <http://www.ongov.net/planning/additions.html>. For more information contact the Onondaga County Department of Planning at 315-435-2611 or agriculture@ongov.net.

2025 ADDITION REQUESTS				
DISTRICT	MUNICIPALITY	OWNER(S)	PARCEL	GIS ACRES*
3	MANLIUS	MABIE PROPERTIES, LLC	072.-01-05.0	9.59
4	LAFAYETTE	DUSTIN & EVELYN STOUT	005.-03-32.1	18.41
GRAND TOTAL				28.00
* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.				