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AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

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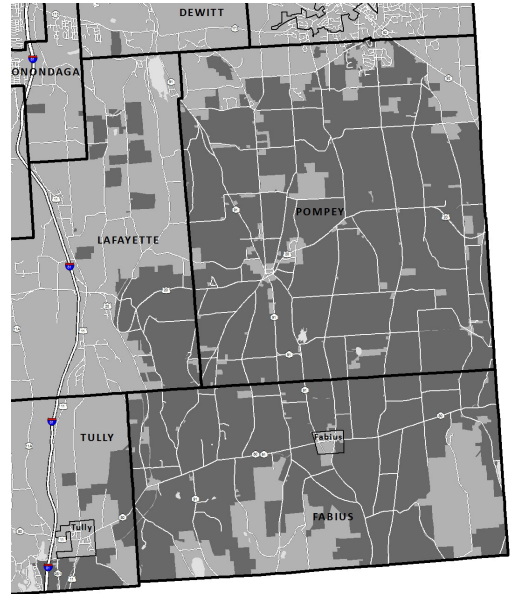
**Agricultural District 4
2016 Eight-Year Review and Recertification
FARM SURVEY**

If you currently own an agricultural operation within Agricultural District 4 or lease land in the District to an agricultural operation, please fill out the following Farm Survey, which is intended to gauge the state of agriculture in Agricultural District 4. (If you do not farm your property, nor lease your land to a farm operation, you DO NOT need to complete this survey.)

Please return completed surveys by mail, email or fax by **January 30, 2016** to the:

Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency
John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 11th Floor
421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202-2923
or email: countyplanning@ongov.net fax: 315-435-2439.

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



Onondaga County Agricultural District 4
District 4 is located in the Towns of DeWitt, Fabius, LaFayette (east of I-81), Onondaga (east of I-81), Pompey, and Tully (generally east of I-81)

Please answer the following questions in relation to your farm operation or land you lease in the District to a farm operation. The results of the survey will be aggregated within the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board's 8-year review report. Responses WILL NOT be attributed to you by name in the report.

1a) Do you own and operate an agricultural operation in Ag District 4? _____ Yes _____ No

If Yes, how many acres do you own in Ag District 4? _____
Approximately how many of these acres are in ag production? _____

Do you also lease land from others within Ag District 4? _____ Yes _____ No
Approximately how many of these acres are in ag production? _____

1b) Do you lease land in Ag District 4 to a farm operator? _____ Yes _____ No

If Yes, how many acres? _____
Approximately how many of these acres are in ag production? _____
Name of leasing farm operation: _____

2) In the past 8 years, have you sold or subdivided land from your farm or leased farmland?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, why?

- _____ Retirement
- _____ Property taxes
- _____ Need money from sale
- _____ Transfer of land to family member
- _____ Relocating home, employment, or business

Comments:

3) Do you anticipate selling or transferring ownership of your land or farm within the next 8 years?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, why?

- _____ Retirement
- _____ Property taxes
- _____ Management burdens
- _____ Need money from sale
- _____ Relocating home, employment, or business
- _____ Transferring operation to next generation farmer

Comments:

4) Who do you view as the next generation owner of your farm or leased farm property?

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

Comments:

If you own an agricultural operation, please continue to question 5. Otherwise, please skip to question 10.

5) Principal enterprise (check one or two):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agri-Tourism | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Horticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agro-Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Cash Crops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> Vineyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef, Goats, Sheep, Hogs, Alpaca | <input type="checkbox"/> Grain Cash Crops | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berries | <input type="checkbox"/> Hops | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Maple / Sugar Bush | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Horse | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchard | |

6) Estimated annual gross sales (check one):

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|--|--|
| <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 | |

7) Total capital investment over the past 8 years (check one):

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| <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 |

8) How has agriculture in District 4 changed overall in the past 8 years? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stayed the same | <input type="checkbox"/> More abandoned farmland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fewer farms overall | <input type="checkbox"/> More houses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More farms overall | <input type="checkbox"/> More traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Larger farms replacing smaller farms | |

Comments:

9) What impact has residential development had on your agricultural operation?

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Positive | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact |
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Comments:

**10) What type of assistance/support would benefit your land base or farm operation?
(please check all that apply)**

Farm Planning

- Conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Soil nutrition/health
- Crop rotation/cover crops
- Rotational grazing
- Manure management (storage, compost, re-use, neighbor relations)
- Experimentation with or transition to different or specialty types of crops (grapes, hops, etc.)
- Support a change in type of production (livestock type, cropland use, organic, grass-based, etc.)

Implementation

- Survey, design, construction of BMPs
- Cost share assistance (grants) to pay for BMPs
- Permit application assistance (Army Corps Eng, NYS DEC, US Fish & Wildlife Service)
- Stream bed/bank stabilization

Estate Planning

- To bring on the next generation of family members
- Financial management planning
- Taxation management
- Investment planning (replace equipment, infrastructure)
- Increase size of operation (incur capital debt)

Agricultural Conservation Easement Programs

- Purchase of Development Rights
- Donation of Development Rights

Would you like to receive more information on any of the above programs/practices? If so, please specify:

11) Do you have any comments about the state of agriculture in Agricultural District 4 in Onondaga County?

Name: _____ **Farm Name (if applicable):** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Date:** _____