

Recommendations of the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Annual Agricultural District Review 2021

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Pursuant to Article 25-AA section 303-b of NYS Agricultural and Markets Law, the Albany County Legislature established an annual review period beginning on February 1 during which property owners may apply to add land to any of the County's three Agricultural Districts. On behalf of the County Legislature, the County Office of Natural Resource Conservation conducted a review of all landowner applications for inclusion in a District. The findings of this review, which relied on information provided by the landowner, analysis of aerial photos, and in some cases, a field assessment of the subject parcels, have been reviewed by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. Based on this review, the following report and recommendations are submitted for consideration by the County Legislature.

A total of three (3) parcels were submitted for consideration to be included in Albany County Agricultural Districts during the 30-day annual review period beginning February 1, 2021. Of the parcels submitted, all were found to be consistent with the intent of agricultural districting and are recommended for inclusion in the appropriate Agricultural District.

TOWN	PARCEL	# OF ACRES	AG DISTRICT	Recommendation Of AFPB	Principal Enterprise
Guilderland	62.00-2-65.1 62.00-2-65.2	4.10 7.80	3	ADD RA3	Vegetables
New Scotland	841-15.2	5	3	ADD Commercial	Vegetables/ Greenhouse
Knox	352-7	3.9	1	ADD Agricultural District	Garlic/vegetables
Total Acres Added		20.8			

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