

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

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 review of proposed additions to Albany County Agricultural Districts			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Albany County Agricultural District #3			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: Pursuant to Article 25AA section 303-a of NYS Agriculture and Markets law, The County Legislature has initiated a review of Agricultural District #2. A total of 463 acres are proposed for inclusion in the District. 505 acres are proposed for removal from the district . This action would modify Agricultural District #2 boundaries to include the subject parcels.(see attached list and report)			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Albany County Legislature		Telephone: 518-447-7168	
		E-Mail:	
Address: 112 State St. Room 710			
City/PO: Albany		State: NY	Zip Code: 12207
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 government 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, are adjoining or 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			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: _____ _____	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 CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		
Applicant/sponsor/name: <u>Hon. Joanne Cunningham</u> Date: _____		
Signature: _____ Title: <u>Chairwoman</u>		

Project: Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
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"/>

Project: _____

Date: _____

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

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.

The proposed modification to Albany County Agricultural District #2 will result in the removal of 505 acres and the addition of 463 acres within the district boundary. The findings of this review relied on information provided by the landowner, analysis of aerial photos, and in some cases, a field assessment of the subject parcels and review by the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. The recommended additions below were found to be consistent with the intent of agricultural districting as described in NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 25AA and compatible with the goals and objectives of the Agricultural Districts Law. Based on the information and analysis conducted, the modification of the agricultural district boundary was found not to have any significant adverse environmental impacts.

- 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.
- 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.

Albany County Legislature

November 4, 2024

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Hon. Joanne Cunningham

Chairwoman

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Joanne Cunningham
Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

PRINT FORM

PROPOSED ADDITIONS - 2024
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #2

	Parcel #	Town	Acres
Gale Della Rocco-Cramer	126.-2-1.22	Westerlo	3.49
Thomas Della Rocco	126.-2-1.21	Westerlo	19.47
Dan Furia	135.-2-27	Rensselaerville	9
Gregory Hotash	149.-1-32.10	Rensselaerville	73.6
Guy Klob	164.-1-7.11	Westerlo	6.77
Guy Klob	164.-1-7.31	Westerlo	12.5
Guy Klob	164.-1-7.32	Westerlo	9.95
Dawn & Mike Latham	127.-2-14.10	Westerlo	54.2
Dawn & Mike Latham	138.-2-2.4	Westerlo	6.2
Philip Pearson	148.-1-39.1	Rensselaerville	45.8
Philip Pearson	148.-1-39.4	Rensselaerville	6.2
Philip Pearson	148.-1-39.5	Rensselaerville	6.7
Philip Pearson	148.-1-35.60	Rensselaerville	9.26
Golden Acres Charolais LLC	139.-1-8.13	Westerlo	3..75
Golden Acres Charolais LLC	139.-1-8.12	Westerlo	5.22
Ingeborg Boudreau	151.-2-3.10	Westerlo	194.9

**PROPOSED PARCELS TO REMOVE NON-AGRICULTURAL 2024
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #2**

Peters, Lois Holle	176.-2-4	Westerlo
Donovan, Charles R.	176.-1-38.2	Westerlo
Bishop, Daniel	164.-1-11	Westerlo
Day, Sandra E.	163.-1-17	Westerlo
Mahoney, Michael W.	163.-1-9.20	Westerlo
Ragone, Joseph	163.-1-6.30	Westerlo
Williams, Wendell C.	152.-1-21	Westerlo
Williams, Wendell	152.-1-20	Westerlo
Filkins, Raiph&Rosemary	150.-2-14	Westerlo
Crisafulli, Salvatore	150.-1-5	Westerlo
Burnside, Stephen	150.-1-18.1	Westerlo
Herzhaft, Frank	138.-2-33	Westerlo
Leggio-Sherman, Pennie	138.-2-22	Westerlo
Boone, Joseph J.	138.-2-13	Westerlo
Smith, Beatrice	138.-2-34	Westerlo
Brick, Andrew	138.-2-25	Westerlo
Leggio, Pennie	138.2-23	Westerlo
Schaller, Charles	138.-2-36.2/1	Westerlo
Vogel, David	127.-2-27.10	Westerlo
Perrin, Michael C.	127.-2-27.30	Westerlo
Matott, Robert	127.-2-27.20	Westerlo
McFarland, Heidi Jo	127.-2-26	Westerlo
Stone, James	127.-2-20.2	Westerlo
McDermott, Charles Jr	127.-2-33	Westerlo
McDermott, Charles Jr	127.-2-32	Westerlo
Vardabash, James	116.-2-11	Westerlo
Biggs, William E. Jr	115.-2-8	Westerlo
Lyons, William J.	115.-2-11	Westerlo
Feiner, Richard	181.-2-41	Rensselaerville
Borwegen, Ralph	171.-1-6	Rensselaerville
Donnelly, Felix G.	171.-1-8	Rensselaerville
Willis, Cynthia	171.-3-43	Rensselaerville
Willis, Cynthia	171.-3-42	Rensselaerville
Bashwinger, Warren	171.-3-40	Rensselaerville
Walker, James	171.-3-39	Rensselaerville
Dennis, Eleanor H.	161.-2-27	Rensselaerville
Lewis, Rebecca L.	160.-2-11.1	Rensselaerville
Gifford, Kenneth	160.-2-4	Rensselaerville
Hillicoss, Edward Jr	147.-1-11	Rensselaerville
Rappazzo, Charles	136.-2-3.2	Rensselaerville
Fritz, Kenneth D.	136.-2-15	Rensselaerville
Kropp, Jeremy	136.-2-16	Rensselaerville
Marc Avigdor	140.-1-29	Westerlo
Peter Jorgensen	138.-2-6.2	Westerlo

Louis Curschmann	138.-2-34	Westerlo
NYS	147.-1-7	Rensselaerville
NYS	159.-1-16	Rensselaerville
Wendell Williams	152.-1-20	Westerlo
Wendell Williams	152.-1-21	Westerlo
Diana Robert	127.-2-37.12	Westerlo
Susanna Freidmann	125.-1-16.20	Rensselaerville
Timothy Bohler	135.-1-4.2	Rensselaerville
Michael Flynn	180.-2-12	Rensselaerville
Brookside cemetery	171.-3-2	Rensselaerville

ADDITIONS RESULTING FROM PARCEL BOUNDARY OR NUMBER CHANGES

Owner	Parcel #	Town	Acres
Daniel Furia	135.-2-31.1	Rensselaerville	148.6
Ryan Ricci	183.-2-18	Rensselaerville	26.95
Austin Egan	127.-2-34.31	Westerlo	28.48
Austin Egan	127.-2-34.32	Westerlo	6.41
Austin Egan	127.-2-34.33	Westerlo	42.42
Roger Gifford	125.-1-29	Rensselaerville	37.17
Anthony Santoro	176.-2-12	Westerlo	16.07
Lynda Ann Witt	176.-2-1.1	Westerlo	116.58
Ryan Ricci	183.-2-18	Rensselaerville	26.95
Earl David Potter	171.-1-1	Rensselaerville	67.8
Jonathan Wilber	161.-1-2.12	Rensselaerville	47.93
Paul Baitsholts	126.-1-13.1	Rensselaerville	59.32
Jeffrey Brown	126.-1-11.10	Rensselaerville	46.28

CLERICAL REMOVALS

Parcel #	Reason
124.-1-10	parcel # no longer exists
124.-1-8	parcel # no longer exists
171.-1-2	parcel # no longer exists
126.-1-13	parcel # no longer exists
161.-2-15	parcel # no longer exists
150.-1-16	parcel # no longer exists
150.-1-18	parcel # no longer exists
183.-2-11.1	parcel # no longer exists
171.-1-2	parcel # no longer exists