



Agriculture and Markets

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Governor

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Commissioner

April 9, 2024

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Albany County Legislature
112 State Street- Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Ms. Chambers,

February 13, 2025 will mark the anniversary of Albany County Agricultural District No. 2 which was first formed on February 13, 1977.

Consistent with the requirements of the Agriculture and Markets Law, your legislative body must conduct a review of the District. This letter serves as a notice to initiate the review and generally defines the review process and timeframe.

The review is designed to gauge the District's effect on local government policies concerning community development, environmental protection and preservation of the agricultural economy. The review must also consider how District farms and farm acres have furthered the purposes for which it was originally established, the extent to which it has achieved its original objectives and its degree of consistency with community economic and land use conditions.

The Agricultural District 8-year review procedures and forms are detailed on the Department's website at: <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/ap/agservices/agdistricts.html>.

If I can be of any assistance during the district reviews or if you have any questions regarding the Agricultural Districts Program, please call me at 518-457-4626 or e-mail me at jeffrey.kehoe@agriculture.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Kehoe".

Jeff Kehoe
Assoc. Environmental Analyst

cc:

~~Laura DeGaetano, Albany County Natural Resources Planner~~
Tom Gallagher, Executive Director, Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension
Susan Lewis, District Manager, Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District
Tom Della Rocco, Chair, Albany County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
Susan Hoskins, Cornell IRIS

MEMORANDUM

To: Laura DeGaetano, Albany County Natural Resources Planner
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From: Jeff Kehoe, Associate Environmental Analyst 

Date: April 9, 2024

Subject: Albany County Agricultural District No. 2 Eight-Year Review

February 13, 2025 will mark the 8-Year Review anniversary for Albany County Agricultural District No. 2 which was first formed on February 13, 1977.

Consistent with the requirements of the Agriculture and Markets Law 25AA §303-a, the County legislative body must conduct a review of the District. This memorandum serves to alert you that the review process should be initiated and to provide several aids, which may benefit your respective review roles.

The following Agricultural District 8-year review procedures and forms are available by contacting Jeff Kehoe at jeffrey.kehoe@agriculture.ny.gov.

- Agricultural Districts program Mapping Checklist
- SEQRA Process and Review
- RA-114 District Review Profile
- RA-113 District Review Sheet, and
- Article 25AA PDF—Agriculture and Markets Law (as amended through August 1, 2019)

Enclosed maps identify the state certified district boundaries as adopted by your County legislative body. The maps have been provided through the facilities at IRIS, 1015 Bradfield Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853-5601. Should the eight-year review process result in District modifications, the change must be shown on a revised mylar or may be submitted digitally after contacting Cornell IRIS at (607) 255-6529 for further guidance. Please be reminded that the Commissioner will not recertify an agricultural district until a map is filed with IRIS.

Also, please include all properties added to the District during the annual inclusion/open enrollment period. Any attached maps, if requested, do not include the annual inclusion properties. If I can be of any assistance during the review you may contact me at (518) 457-4626 or by e-mail at: jeffrey.kehoe@agriculture.ny.gov