



Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Recommendations of the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Annual Agricultural District Review 2020

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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 eleven (11) parcels were submitted for consideration to be included in Albany County Agricultural Districts during the 30-day annual review period beginning February 1, 2019. Of the parcels submitted, seven (7) were found to be consistent with the intent of agricultural districting and are recommended for inclusion in the appropriate Agricultural District. Parcels 93.-1-1-1.2, 93.-1-1.11, 93.-1-1.22 are included as a correction to include the entire parcels created through a subdivision during the 2018 Agricultural District #3 review. Parcels 9.2-2-72.14 and 9.2-2-72.13 were found not to have predominantly viable agricultural land or production as defined in Agricultural District Law 25AA at this time and so were not recommended for inclusion in the District. A summary of parcel information and Board recommendations are included in the table below.

TOWN	PARCEL	# OF ACRES	AG DISTRICT	Recommendation Of AFPB	Principal Enterprise
Bethlehem	97.11-1-6	.72	3	ADD	Livestock
Bethlehem	94.-1-47.14	11.3	3	ADD	Equine
Colonie	9.2-2-72.14 9.2-2-72.13	4.55 7.87	3	DO NOT ADD	Orchard
Guilderland	14.00-1-1	10.5	3	DO NOT ADD	Horticultural
New Scotland	93.-1-1.12 93.-1-1.11 93.-1-1.22	13.43 11.6 15.01	3	ADD	
Berne	113.-1-4.310	42.5	1	ADD	Hay
Guilderland	36.00-1-12.1	26.7	3	ADD	Poultry
Westerlo	116.-3-37	67	2	ADD	Agriforestry
Total Acres Added		188.26			

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