

**2016 Agricultural Districts Inclusions
Report to the Ulster County Legislature**
from the
Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board



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Photo: International Riding Academy's White Fence Farm in Wawarsing

Purpose

To provide the Ulster County Legislature with the requisite information to execute the legislative requirement concerning the inclusion of land into agricultural districts.

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Inclusion Applications and AFPB Slideshow
are filed with the Clerk of the Legislature

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Background

Pursuant to NYS Agriculture & Markets Law (AML), Article 25 AA Section 303-b, directing county legislative bodies to designate an annual thirty-day period during which landowners may request inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land into an existing certified agricultural district, the Ulster County Legislature adopted Resolution 322 on December 4, 2003, designating March 1 through March 30 as the specified annual period.

Accordingly, a Notice of 30 Day Review was issued to all Town/Village/City Clerks in Ulster County on February 8, 2016 to be posted in their respective municipal halls. A press release regarding the Annual Additions was also issued on February 12, 2016 to 32 newspapers, magazines, radio stations, television stations and internet publicity sites. The 30 Day Notice of Review was also published on the Ulster County Planning Department website.

During the interval March 1 through 30, 2016, applications from 12 landowners were received requesting the inclusion of 23 parcels, totaling approximately 367 acres into all four existing certified agricultural districts in Ulster County. These 12 landowners represented 11 operations, as 1 operation had land owned by an individual and a trust. Staff from the Ulster County Planning Dept. (UCPD) reviewed the applications for completeness, current agricultural district status and legal ownership.

The applicants were notified of the date and time for a proposed site visit. All 11 sites were visited. Staff from Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) and Ulster County Planning made site visits to applicants' lands on April 21 and April 28, 2016.

Applications were formally transmitted by the Legislature to the AFPB by letter on May 6, 2016. CCE and UCPD staff reported findings to the AFPB at the AFPB's May 12, 2016 meeting. The AFPB is required to evaluate the applications as to conformance with Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) and make recommendations to the Ulster County Legislature. The full report from the AFPB, including correspondence, is filed with the Clerk of the Legislature.

Summary of Recommendations

The AFPB recommends the inclusion of 23 parcels totaling about 367 acres into all four Certified Agricultural Districts in Ulster County. Since the Annual Inclusion program began in 2004, the County added 219 parcels, or 7,376 acres, to its Agricultural Districts.

Public Hearing Information

Pursuant to the AML and Resolution 271 of the Ulster County Legislature adopted on May 17, 2016, a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 7:15 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston NY. The notice of the Public Hearing will be published in the Shawangunk Journal and the five editions of Ulster Publishing newspapers on June 2, 2016. Municipalities containing lands for which inclusion was applied for will be notified of the Public Hearing by e-mail on June 2, 2016.

Action Required

The Ulster County Legislature is required to adopt a resolution regarding the inclusion of additional lands into Agricultural Districts. In so doing, the Legislature is free to accept, reject or modify the recommendation of the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

Upon the adoption of the resolution, the Ulster County Legislature shall submit the resolution, the report of the AFPB, tax map ID numbers and tax maps for each parcel of land to be included to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

Within thirty days of receipt of the resolution, the Commissioner shall certify to the Ulster County Legislature whether the inclusion is feasible and shall serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district(s). If certified by the Commissioner, the land shall become part of the district(s) immediately.



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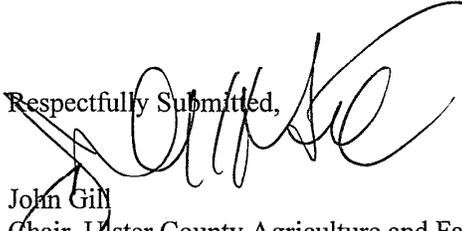
Dear Legislators:

Subject: Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) Section 303-b; Land Owner
Requests for Inclusion of Predominantly Viable Agricultural Land in an
Existing Certified Agricultural District

In accordance with Section 303-b of the AML, the Ulster County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) has reviewed 12 landowner requests for 2016 inclusion of 23 land parcels into existing Agricultural Districts at the AFPB meeting on May 12, 2016.

It is the recommendation of the AFPB that the legislature include 23 parcels noted "Include in District" in the attached report, into the specified agricultural district, as the AFPB has found that these parcels consist predominantly of viable agricultural land and the inclusion of such land would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry in these districts.

Respectfully Submitted,


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2016 Inclusions to Ulster County Certified Agricultural Districts:

Details of AFPB Recommendation

<u>Town</u>	<u>AFPB Recommendation</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Parcel ID #</u>	<u>Acres</u>
ESOPUS					
	Include in District	Cynthia Krasne McVay	1	64.3-2-7	82.3
GARDINER					
	Include in District	Beverly A. Cooper	2	100.1-3-13.120	5.01
		Anna Simonse and John Barton	2	93.2-1-39	4.28
HURLEY					
	Include in District	John H. and Susan E. Grumme	4	37.2-4-14	1.8
	Note: John Grumme is deceased.	John H. Grumme	4	37.2-4-15	4.3
	Applications for all ten parcels filed by Susan Grumme.	John H. Grumme	4	37.2-4-16	3.2
		John H. Grumme	4	37.2-4-17	4.3
		John H. and Susan E. Grumme	4	37.2-4-18	5.14
		Susan E. Grumme	4	37.2-4-19	4.7
		Susan E. Grumme	4	37.2-4-20	0.63
		Susan E. Grumme	4	37.2-4-21	0.17
		Susan E. Grumme	4	37.2-4-45	2.5
		Braun Irrevocable Asset Management Trust	4	37.2-4-63.100	16.6
MARBLETOWN					
	Include in District	Matthew D. and Chenai Koch	4	61.20-3-17.200	4.6
		Charles Merguerian	3	61.2-1-24.200	6.86
		Staples-White Family Trust and Anna S. White	3	61.2-1-25	11.4
ROCHESTER					
	Include in District	Elinor M. and Harry P. Gregor	3	77.2-3-63.100	6.02
	Note: Harry Gregor is deceased; Elinor filed application.				
SAUGERTIES					
	Include in District	Joseph H. and Elizabeth L. Hernandez	4	8.3-2-13	9.36
		Kevin and Christina Brady	4	17.2-3-16	47.82
		Kevin and Christina Brady	4	17.2-3-37	45
		Kevin and Christina Brady	4	17.2-3-38	30.5
		Kevin and Christina Brady	4	17.3-3-17.217	7.2
WAWARSING					
	Include in District	White Fence Farm, LLC	3	82.1-2-22	64

Ulster County 2016 Agricultural District Inclusions

Summary by Agricultural District								
District	Current Data		2016 Applications		Recommend Inclusion		Prospective Total	
	Parcels	Acres	Parcels	Acres	Parcels	Acres	Parcels	Acres
1	739	15,149	1	82	1	82	740	15,231
2	712	27,949	2	9	2	9	714	27,958
3	532	16,379	4	88	4	88	536	16,467
4	330	10,610	16	188	16	188	346	10,798
Total	2,313	70,087	23	367	23	367	2,336	70,454

Summary by Municipality								
Municipality	Current Data		2016 Applications		Recommend Inclusion		Total w/Inclusions	
	Parcels	Acres	Parcels	Acres	Parcels	Acres	Parcels	Acres
Esopus	32	1,066	1	82	1	82	33	1,148
Gardiner	242	7,756	2	9	2	9	244	7,765
Hardenburgh	2	580					2	580
Hurley	27	1,221	10	43	10	43	37	1,264
Kingston (T)	1	9					1	9
Lloyd	186	5,055					186	5,055
Marbletown	225	6,568	3	23	3	23	228	6,591
Marlborough	405	6,764					405	6,764
New Paltz (T)	90	4,821					90	4,821
New Paltz (V)	4	39					4	39
Olive	11	271					11	271
Plattekill	183	5,358					183	5,358
Rochester	287	7,741	1	6	1	6	288	7,747
Rosendale	17	808					17	808
Saugerties	142	3,920	5	140	5	140	147	4,060
Shandaken	12	226					12	226
Shawangunk	300	11,691					300	11,691
Ulster (T)	52	1,453					52	1,453
Wawarsing	81	4,519	1	64	1	64	82	4,583
Woodstock	14	221					14	221
Total	2,313	70,087	23	367	23	367	2,336	70,454

Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB)

2016 Agricultural District Inclusions Voting Results

Voting was conducted at the May 12, 2016 AFPB Meeting

AFPB Members present: Polly Armour, John Adams, Bruce Davenport, Dennis Doyle, John Gill (Chair), Thomas Jackson, Chris Kelder and Teresa Rusinek

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Results of voting where the motion was made for an applicant's parcel(s) **be included into an agricultural district.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstention</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>
Brady	8	0	0	Doyle	Armour
Hernandez	8	0	0	Davenport	Rusinek
Grumme/Braun Trust	7	0	1 (Doyle)	Adams	Davenport
McVay	8	0	0	Armour	Jackson
Koch	7	0	1 (Davenport)	Jackson	Gill
Merguerian	7	0	1 (Jackson)	Davenport	Kelder
Staples-White Trust	8	0	0	Jackson	Kelder
Gregor	7	0	1 (Kelder)	Armour	Jackson
Barton & Simonse	8	0	1	Armour	Davenport
Cooper	8	0	0	Adams	Gill
White Fence, LLC	8	0	0	Adams	Kelder