

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ULSTER COUNTY
EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW of AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 2**

A public hearing will be held on the Eight-Year Review of Ulster County Agricultural District No. 2 on **Tuesday, March 17 at 7:15 PM** or as soon thereafter as the public may be heard, in Legislative Chambers in the Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair St. Kingston, New York.

Review Process

Pursuant to Section 303-a of NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 25AA, the Ulster County Legislature is required to review any agricultural district created under this section eight years after the date of its creation and the end of every eight year period thereafter. The review date for Agricultural District No. 2 is July 21, 2015.

Description of District

Agricultural District #2 is wedge-shaped and straddles the Wallkill River Valley from Shawangunk to Rosendale where it meets the Rondout Creek, The District is widest at the County Line in Shawangunk narrowing to only a few parcels in Rosendale. The Shawangunk Mountains form a natural western boundary of the District and the New York State Thruway, with few exceptions is the District's eastern boundary. An outlier parcel is located in the Town of Esopus. The majority of the acreage in the District lies within the Towns of Shawangunk and Gardiner.

Agricultural Farmland Protection Board (AFBP) Recommendations

The Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB), in its review of the District, recommended it be continued with modifications. The AFPB recommended the removal of 59 parcels totaling 163 acres the District. The parcels recommended for removal have been subdivided into residential lots or have had non-farm structures located on them since the District's last review. The AFPB did not recommend removal of parcels adjoining residential subdivisions where conservation easements were in place and evidence of recent agricultural use was seen.

Availability of Documents/ Questions

A description of the process and the recommendations of the AFPB may be viewed in the County Planning Department office and on the County Planning Department website at [http://ulstercountyny.gov/agricultural district 2 review](http://ulstercountyny.gov/agricultural_district_2_review) Questions should be directed to Burt Samuelson at 845-339-2490.

Comments

All parties and interested citizens will be heard by the Ulster County Legislature at this Public Hearing. Farmers within the District are urged to comment on and participate in the identification of appropriate district boundaries. Written comments will be accepted at the public hearing or by mail and email **no later than 7:15 P.M. on March 17, 2015** and should be directed to:

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Dated: March 5, 2015
Kingston, NY

Victoria Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature