

**Scheduling A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, To Be Held July 23, 2013 At 7:00 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning**

Referred to: The Economic Development and Tourism Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators, Loughran, Maio, Roberts and Wishnick), The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano, Loughran, Maio, Robert Parete and Ronk) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Harris, Maio, Maloney, Gregorius, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

Chairman of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee, James F. Maloney, and Deputy Chairman Peter M. Loughran offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County has established a 30 day review period for the addition of lands to Agricultural Districts in accordance with NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b; and

WHEREAS, the 30 day review period for the additions of lands to Agricultural Districts as set by the County ended on March 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board received requests from landowners to include parcels of land in Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b requires a Public Hearing to be held concerning the addition of one or more parcels of land to Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b also requires directly notifying, in writing, those municipalities whose territory encompasses lands proposed for inclusion in Agricultural Districts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby directed to act according to NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b to cause a legal notice of said Public Hearing to be published, and to provide a copy of the hearing notice in writing, to all municipalities that have lands proposed for inclusion in Agricultural Districts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that said Public Hearing will be held on July 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as the public can be heard, in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York,

