

Ulster County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board
2018 Agricultural District Inclusions
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Agriculture & Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b (2)

...the county agricultural and farmland protection board, which shall...report to the county legislative body its recommendations as to whether the land to be included in the agricultural district consists predominantly of "viable agricultural land" as defined in subdivision seven of section three hundred one of this article and the inclusion of such land would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district;

Agriculture & Markets Law - Article 25AA Definitions

301-(7) "Viable agricultural land' means land highly suitable for a farm operation" as defined in 301-(11).

301-(11) "Farm operation" means the land and on-farm buildings, equipment, manure processing and handling facilities, and practices which contribute to the production, preparation and marketing of crops, livestock and livestock products as a commercial enterprise, including a "commercial horse boarding operation" as defined in subdivision thirteen of this section, a "timber operation" as defined in subdivision fourteen of this section, "compost, mulch or other biomass crops" as defined in subdivision seventeen of this section and "commercial equine operation" as defined in subdivision eighteen of this section. Such farm operation may consist of one or more parcels of owned or rented land, which parcels may be contiguous or noncontiguous to each other.

Department of Agriculture and Markets Guidance Concerning Annual Inclusions to Agricultural and Farmland Protection Boards

"The statutory definition of 'farm operation' does not require minimum acreage and income thresholds for most operations. Many viable farm operations are conducted on limited acreage (e.g., greenhouses, poultry and aquaculture); as well as on marginal lands (e.g., farmed deer on steep slopes and non-prime soils, etc.). Much of the land in a county could, therefore, be considered 'highly suitable for a farm operation.' Farm operations are much more than their land base, however; they rely on their owners and operators, including the ideas, skills and investment they bring, to become and remain viable other."







- RS-1 -- Residential Settlement
 - Agriculture Principal Permitted Use with no site plan review
- §110-49. Animal husbandry
 - Goats permitted
 - Livestock have minimum acreage requirements
 - Section addresses horse stables extensively
- Prime and Important Soils
 - Cd Canandaigua silt loam, till substratum

- Poultry
 - Egg production
- Christmas trees
- Planned operation goats (meat and dairy)









Neighboring Orchard

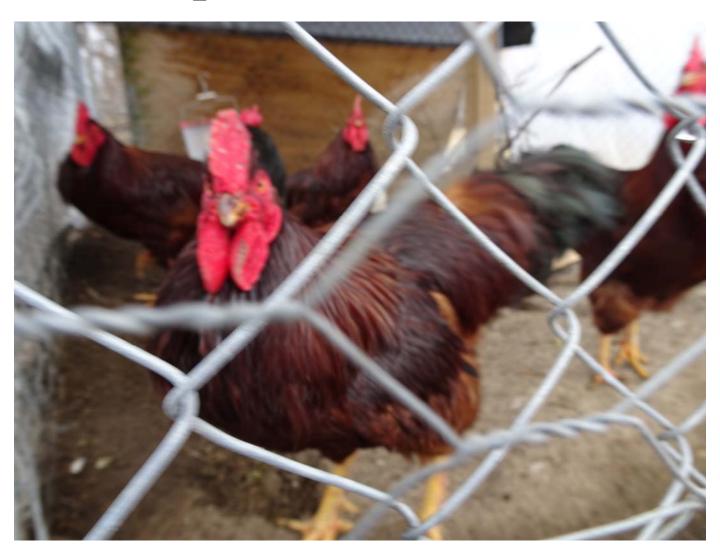


Neighboring Orchard

















- RA -- Rural Agricultural District
 - Agriculture Permitted by Right, zoning or building permit and certificate of occupancy usually required by building inspector, but does not require review by any municipal board
- § 220-37. Protection of agriculture
 - Agricultural buffers
 - Agricultural zoning exemptions height, building footprint, impervious surface coverage and lot line setback restrictions
- § 220-49. Keeping of animals; kennels
 - Land requirements for keeping large animals 1/4 acre per sheep
- Prime and Important Soils
 - CaB, CaC Cambridge gravelly silt loam
 - Ra Raynham silt loam
 - VoA, VoB Volusia gravelly silt loam
 - Cc Canandaigua silt loam

- Tax parcel is subject to a conservation easement held by the Wallkill Valley Land Trust.
- Conservation easement allows for a variety of agriculture, and provides enough room for agriculture to be commercially viable.
- Agricultural operations are subject to fewer restrictions than other land uses.
 - Allows for more tree cutting, for vehicles associated with farming operation to travel outside defined development area, etc.
 - Agricultural structures allowed anywhere on the property, except not within 100 feet of a wetland and a total building footprint not to exceed 10 acres.
- No subdivision of land, except for lot line revisions with adjoining parcels.
- NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets reports having tax parcels with similar conservation easements in the agricultural district program already.

- Willow Pond Sheep Farm
 - Rents from applicants
- Planned operation creamery and pasture for sheep
 - Construction of production facility and new barn
 - Orchard and hay

Management and labor

Management of the farm will be undertaken by Brent and Carrie and our roles will fall roughly along these lines:

- Brent: Creamery manager, hay production, orchardist
- Carrie: Livestock manager, sales & marketing, accounting

We anticipate hiring a part-time employee in 2020. The worker will be paid \$15/hr. and be trained to handle milking and dairy processing, as well as orchard work. In 2023, when we have reached our 50-ewe capacity, we will consider hiring a full-time employee. This person will mainly be responsible for serving our products at markets and events, but will also assist with milking and dairy processing.



Our experience: Brent was a cheesemaker for four years at Sprout Creek Farm in Poughkeepsie, NY, made cheese on a farm in Austria, and studied gelato making in Sicily. He is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, and has a masters in food studies from New York University. He is trained in biodynamic agriculture, having worked for a year at Dottenfelderhof, a large biodynamic farm in Germany, and a year at Hawthorne Valley Farm, a diverse and successful biodynamic farm in Ghent, NY.

Carrie is a food and agriculture journalist who for 10

years was the editor of *Vermont's Local Banquet*, a quarterly food & farming magazine. From 2009 to 2016, she was an intern on a number of livestock farms in Vermont, gaining experience with sheep, goats, and poultry. In 2016, she apprenticed on a sheep farm in Devon, England during lambing season. Later that year she raised a crop of her own meat lambs in Vermont.





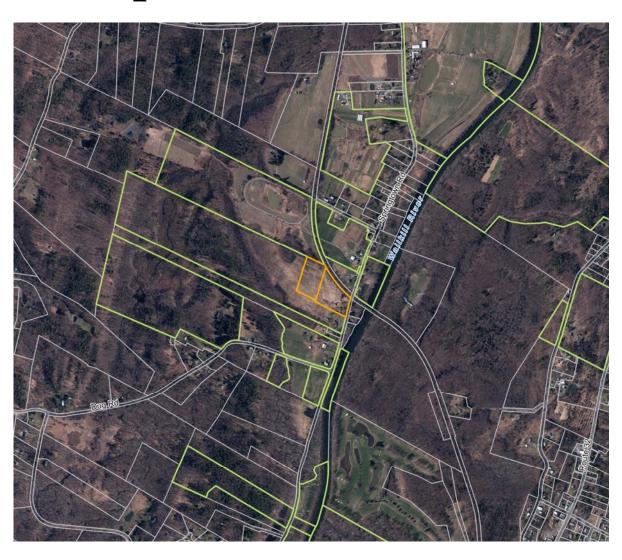












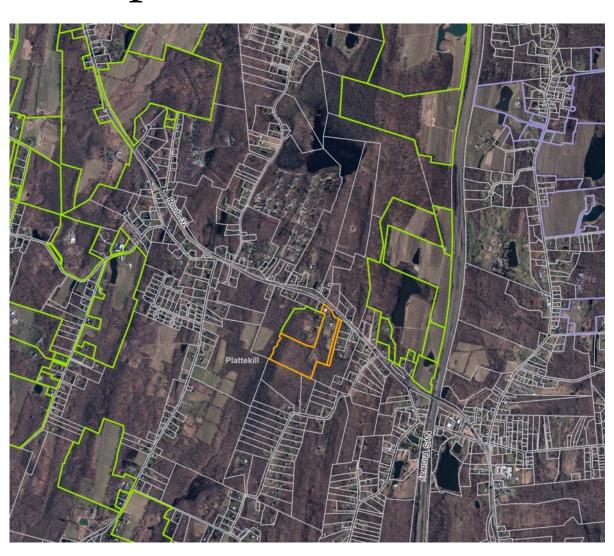


- FF-- Flood Fringe Zoning District
 - Agriculture, including the keeping of fowl or farm animals
 site plan review
 - Agriculture, not including the keeping of fowl or farm animals permitted by right
- Prime and Important Soils
 - He Haven loam

Kamp – New Paltz (town) 2 parcels – 10 acres

• Planned operation – vegetables







- RS-1 -- Residential Settlement
 - Agriculture Principal Permitted Use with no site plan review
- §110-49. Animal husbandry
 - Section addresses both private and commercial horse stables extensively
 - Minimize impacts on adjoining properties
 - Minimum area requirements for horses (overall acreage of property and space within stables)
- Prime and Important Soils
 - MgB Mardin-Nassau complex
 - Cd Canandaigua silt loam, till substratum

- Stone Silo Horse Farm
- Breeding, training and selling of high performance horses



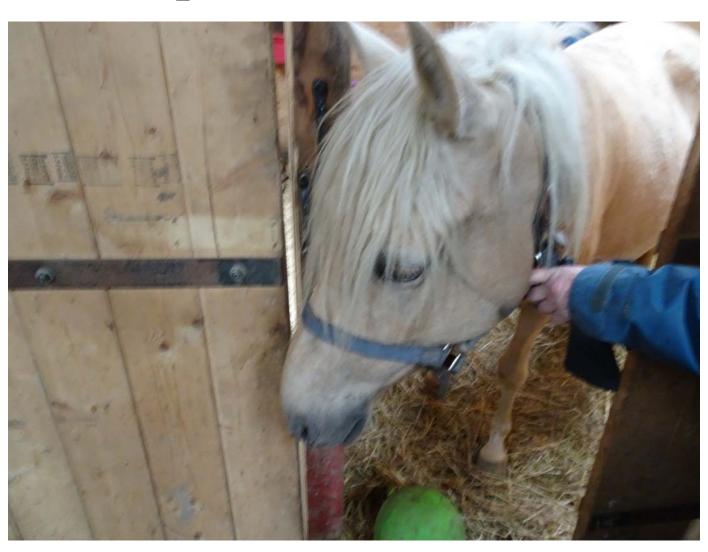


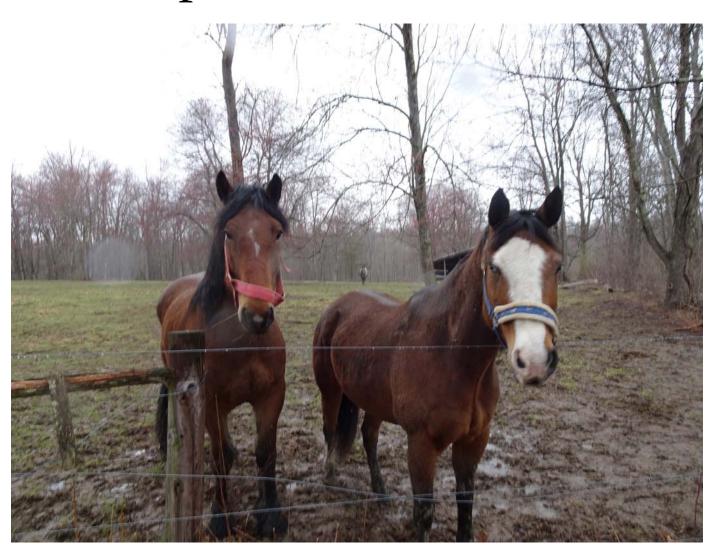


















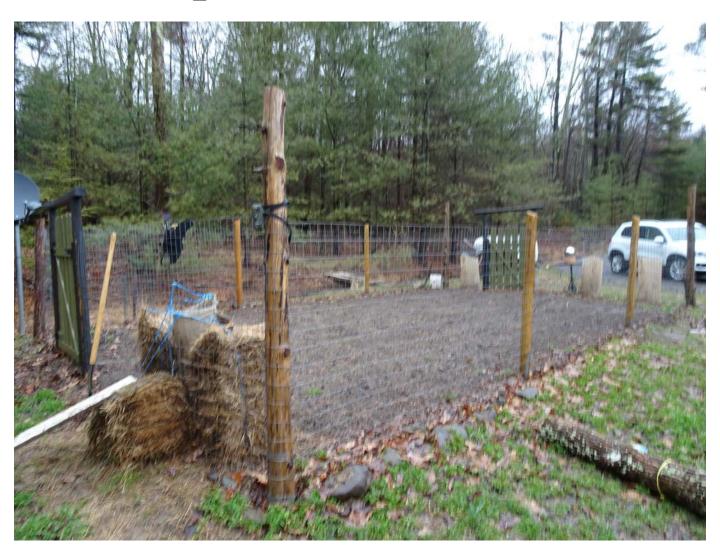
- R-2 -- Low Density Residential District
 - Agriculture (animal) Principal Permitted Use with site plan review
 - Agriculture (non-animal) Principal Permitted Use with no site plan review
- §140-14. Animal husbandry

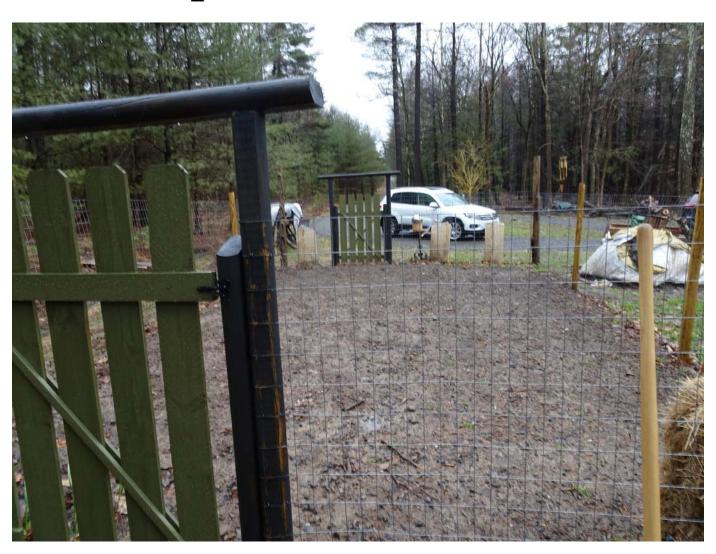
- Aster Farm
- Planned operation aquaculture, maple sap, apiary, wildflowers, herbs, industrial hemp and tinctures for animals
 - Topography suited for gravity flow lines



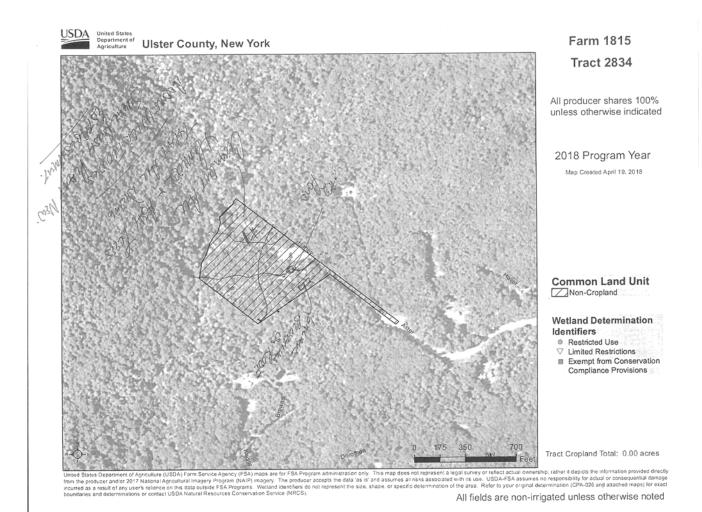








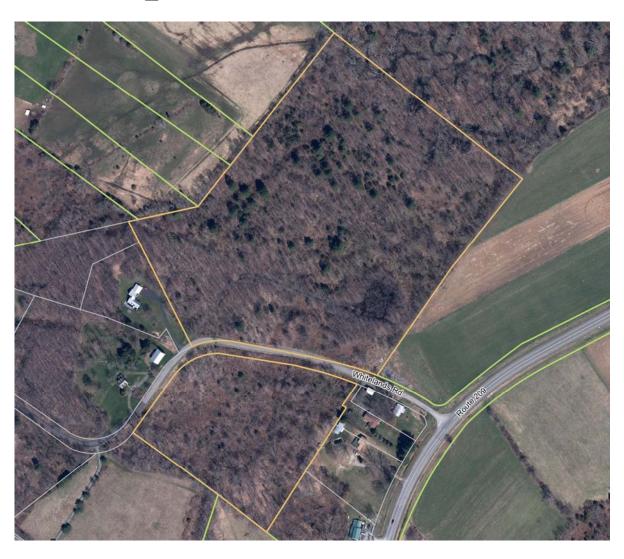












- A-2 -- Residence District (Agriculture 2)
 - Permitted Use upon Zoning Permit and Plot Plan Approval by the Code Enforcement Officer
 - Crop production
 - Animal production
 - Commercial poultry and egg production allowed by special use permit
- §200-38. Agriculture
 - Commercial farm operations involving the keeping of livestock shall only be permitted in an A-2, A-3 or A-4 Zoning District, subject to issuance of a special permit and compliance with certain standards
- Prime and Important Soils
 - MdB Mardin gravelly silt loam
 - WsB Williamson silt loam
 - BgC Bath gravelly silt loam
 - Ra Raynham silt loam

- Weber Farm
- Planned operation organic vegetables, woodland-raised pigs (silvopature) and poultry



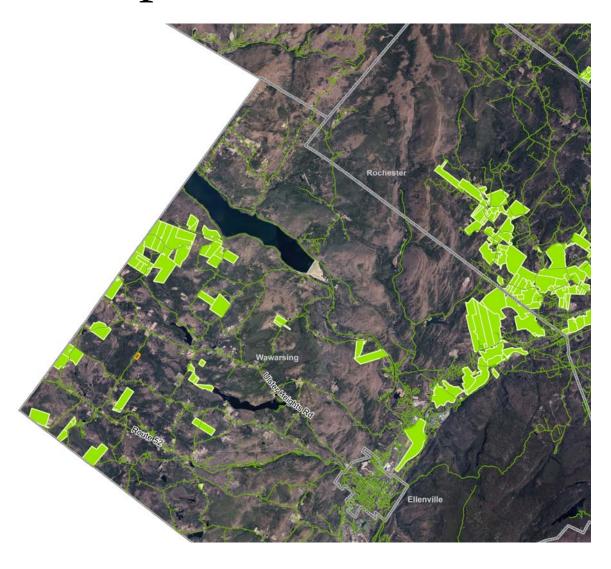






Weber – Marbletown 1 parcel – 35 acres









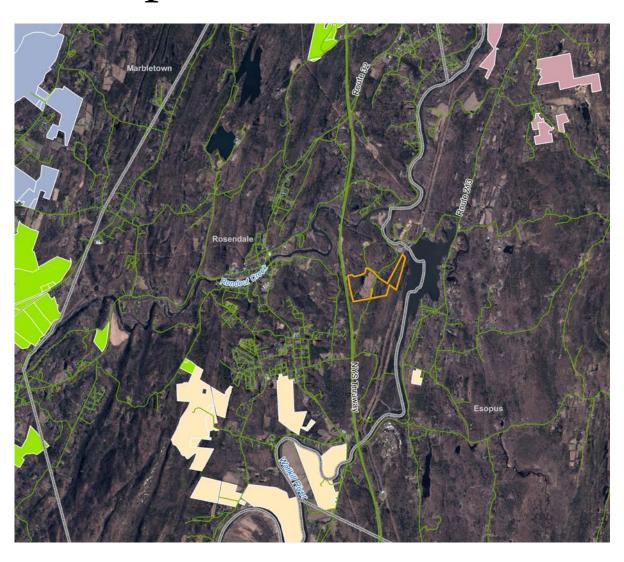
- RU -- Rural District
 - Agriculture Principal Permitted Use with no site plan review

• Planned operation – maple sap and vineyard













- Zoning District A (Residence)
 - Crop and livestock agriculture permitted by right
- §75-18. General Provisions
 - Part L standards for poultry operations
- Prime and Important Soils
 - HuC Hudson silt loam

- Planned operation cut flowers, wild flowers, apiary and maple sap
 - Started discing field
 - Topography suited for gravity flow lines

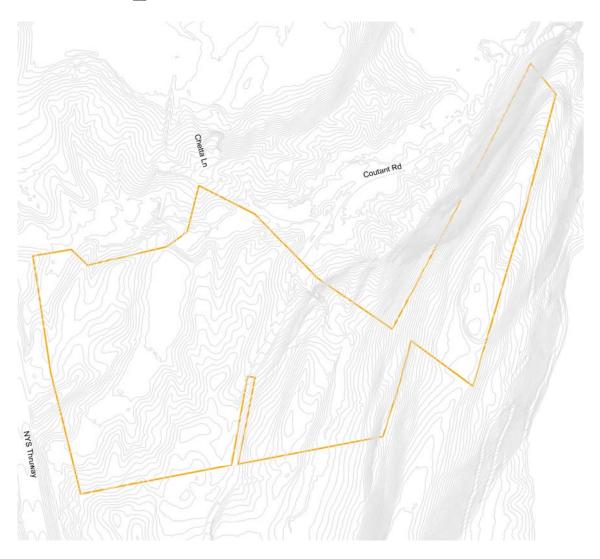




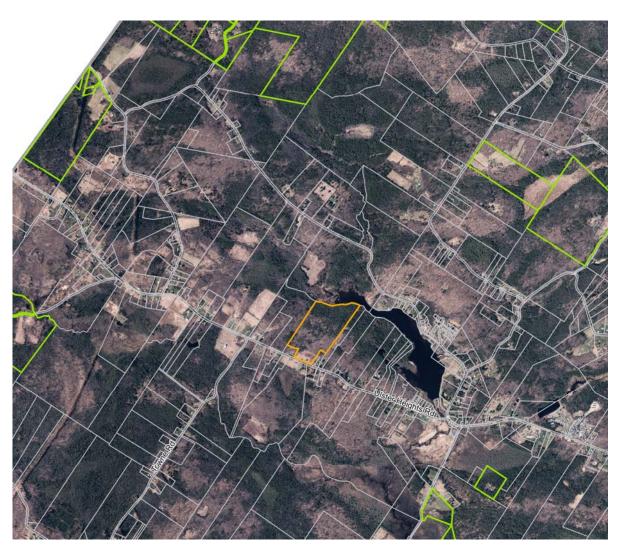














- RU -- Rural District
 - Agriculture Principal Permitted Use with no site plan review
- Prime and Important Soils
 - SwB Swartswood stony fine sandy loam

- Parcel is ancillary to an operation on a 110 acre parcel nearby on Sherman Rd, which is already in a New York State Certified Agricultural District.
- Additional grazing land for sheep and goats
- Operation on main parcel is in early stages with some poultry, sheep and goats; beef cattle planned.















Main Parcel

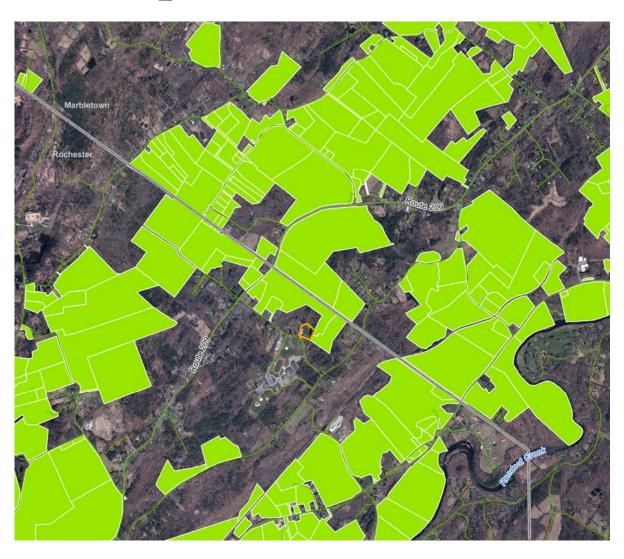




Main Parcel











- AR-3 -- Residential Agricultural District
 - Agriculture (animal and non-animal) Principal Permitted Use with no site plan review
- §140-14. Animal husbandry
- Prime and Important Soils
 - MgB Mardin-Nassau complex

- Vineyard early stages
- Existing garlic, blackberries, blueberries, gooseberries, black courants, peppers and tomatoes
 - Sells to restaurants
- Planned shitake mushrooms
- Sculpture and metalworking studio on site





















- A-3 -- Residence District (Agriculture 3)
 - Permitted Use upon Zoning Permit and Plot Plan Approval by the Code Enforcement Officer
 - Crop production
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• RRR Ranch

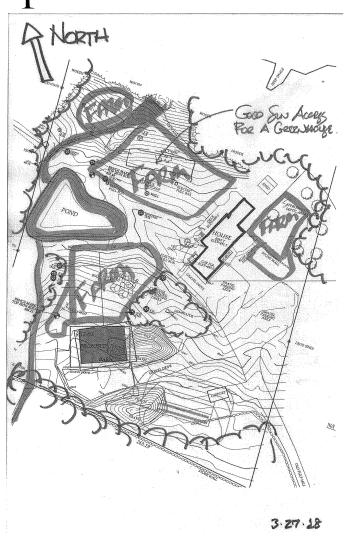
- Planned operation greens, microgreens and vegetables
- Partnership with Clove Valley CSA
- Facilities for small-plot intensive agriculture













Jaster – Olive 1 parcel – 32 acres





- R/C-10A -- Residential/Conservation District and R/E-1A -- Residential/Exurban District
 - Farm Uses Permitted Principal Use with site plan review
- Prime and Important Soils
 - HgA Hoosic gravelly loam

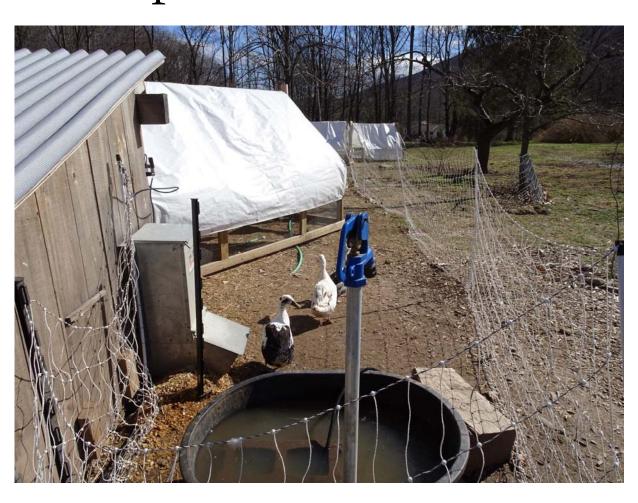
- Atticus Farm
- Vegetables (various) and fruit trees (apple, pear, nectarine and peach)
- Planned operation woodland-raised pigs (silvopasture) and poultry













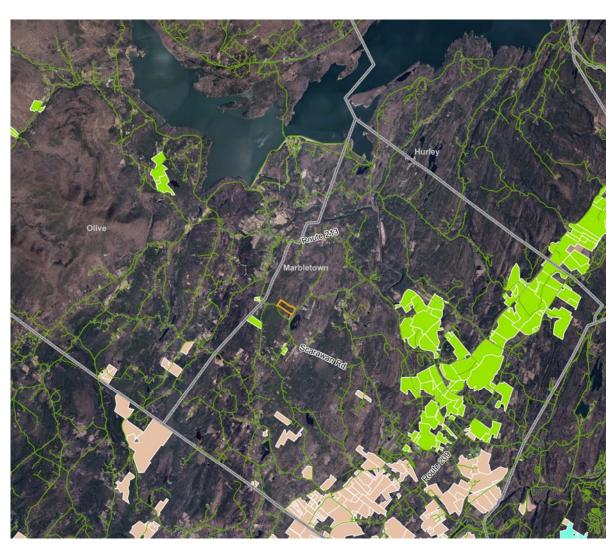


Newly Planted Saplings (Photo taken May 2018)



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McLean & Bowen – Marbletown 1 parcel – 32 acres







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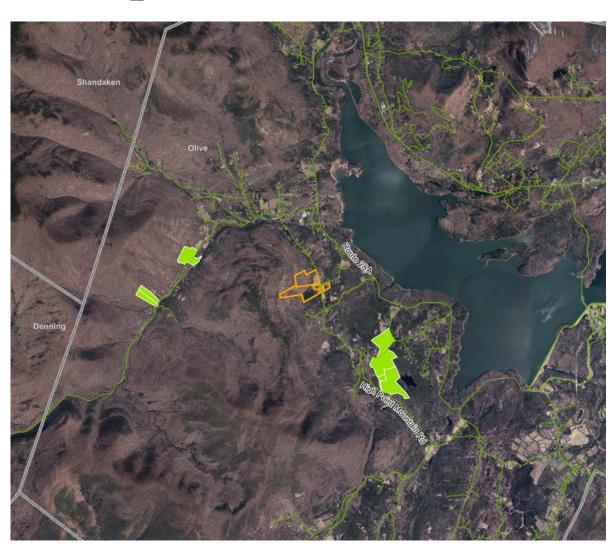
- Planned operation maple sap
 - Topography suited for gravity flow lines
 - Some preparation of land to accommodate maple sap operation















- R/C-10A -- Residential/Conservation District and R/R-3A -- Residential/Rural District
 - Farm Uses Permitted Principal Use with site plan review

- Planned operation apple orchard
 - supplier for hard cider production















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Recommendation?