

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ULSTER COUNTY**

**EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW of AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 4**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held pursuant to New York State Agricultural and Markets Law Section 303-a on the Eight-Year Review of Ulster County Agricultural District No. 4 on **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:15 PM** or as soon thereafter as the public may be heard. in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair St. Kingston, New York, 12402.

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. 4 is March 13, 2023.

Description of District

Agricultural District #4 covers northern Ulster County. The Catskill Mountains occupy the western portion of the District. The Hudson River borders the District on the east. In between, along the Esopus Valley, large areas contain concentrations of prime soils with many farms. Diverse types of agriculture can be found across Agricultural District #4. Its mountainous areas host maple sugaring operations and other small farms. The flat areas have larger farms that include livestock and crop operations, especially field crops.

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board Recommendations

The Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB), in its review of the District, noted the stability of agricultural use there, recommended it be continued with modifications. The AFPB recommended the removal of 2 parcels totaling 4.9 acres from the District. The parcels recommended for removal have been subdivided into residential lots, are near other residential properties, and have no apparent connections to farm operations.

Availability of Documents/ Questions

A description of the process and the recommendation of the AFPB may be viewed by appointment in the County Planning Department office and on the County Planning Department website at [https://ulstercountyny.gov/agricultural\\_district\\_4\\_review](https://ulstercountyny.gov/agricultural_district_4_review). Questions should be directed to Burt Samuelson at 845-339-2490 or via email at [bsam@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:bsam@co.ulster.ny.us)

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 5:00 P.M. on October 18, 2022** and should be directed to:

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Dated: October 5, 2022  
Kingston, NY

Victoria Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature