

TOMPKINS COUNTY

AGRICULTURE & FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

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To: Town of Enfield Planning Board

Re: 8-year Review & Recertification of Agriculture District #2

Every eight years the County is required to review agricultural districts to determine the level of agricultural activity within the district and the compatibility of the district with town planning goals and regulations. This year, Agricultural District #2 is up for review. As part of this process, the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has reviewed air photos, tax maps, zoning districts, and agricultural assessment for all agricultural district parcels. Based on this review, the AFPB has identified a number of parcels that they believe should be added to or removed from the district. Attached is map showing these parcels in the Town of Enfield, with corresponding information about each proposed change itemized below (note that the letters and numbers on the map correspond with the letters and numbers listed in the description below). We would greatly appreciate input from the Town Planning Board on these proposed changes to the district. I look forward to discussing this with you at your November 1st meeting. I will also plan to give a brief overview of how agricultural districts work if that is helpful.

Criteria used to identify potential parcels for addition:

Parcels were identified for potential addition to the ag district if one or more of the following is true:

- They are a hole in the district and are either farmland or adjacent to farmland
- They receive ag assessment and are currently not included in the district (unless these parcels are physically separated from the rest of the district and/or in an area with residential/commercial development)
- They are active farmland and are located outside a non-agricultural zoning district (e.g. hamlet)

Areas proposed to be added to the District in the Town of Enfield (see attached map with corresponding numbers)

1. Hole in the ag district on Christian Hill Road. This property is mostly farmland.

Criteria used to identify potential parcels for removal from the Agricultural District:

The goal here is to remove any areas that no longer make sense in the ag district due to a combination of zoning and current property use. Our review included looking at areas where non-agricultural zoning (e.g. medium density residential) overlap with the ag district. However, it's generally better to avoid holes in the district. If there's active ag surrounding a development area it's best to leave it in the ag district so that new home/land buyers are notified of the district and potential farming in the surrounding areas.

Areas proposed to be removed from the District in the Town of Enfield (see attached map with corresponding letters)

- A. Wooded area with no adjacent farmland at corner of Connecticut Hill Road and Black Oak Road
- B. Wooded area with no adjacent farmland at the southwest corner of South Van Dorn Road and Bostwick Road

Thank you!

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