

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FOR THE ANNUAL AND EIGHT YEAR REVIEW AND PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS AND CONSOLIDATION OF ORANGE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS NOS. 1 AND 2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MARKETS LAW SECTIONS 303-a AND 303-b.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Orange County Legislature and members of the Department of Planning will meet at the Chambers of the Orange County Legislature, in the Orange County Government Center, 255 Main Street, Goshen, New York, or due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held remotely, with the public participating via teleconference call at 3:15 p.m. (EDST) on the 3rd day of September, 2020, for the purpose of holding a public hearing and to solicit comments from the public with respect to the proposed modifications and consolidation of Agricultural Districts Nos. 1 and 2.

In 1972, Orange County created two Agricultural Districts. Orange County Agricultural District No. 1 is located northeast of NYS Route 17 (future Interstate 86) and encompasses all or parts of the Towns of Blooming Grove, Chester, Cornwall, Crawford, Goshen, Hamptonburgh, Monroe, Montgomery, Newburgh, New Windsor, Palm Tree, Wallkill and Woodbury and all or parts of the Villages of Chester, Kiryas Joel, Maybrook, Montgomery, South Blooming Grove and Washingtonville. Agricultural District No. 2 is located southwest of NYS Route 17 and encompasses all or parts of the Towns of Blooming Grove, Chester, Deerpark, Greenville, Goshen, Minisink, Monroe, Mount Hope, Wallkill, Warwick and Wawayanda and all or parts of the Villages of Chester, Florida, Goshen and Warwick. The Districts were last reviewed, renewed and modified by the Orange County Legislature in 2012 and were certified by the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets in 2013.

The Orange County Planning Department prepared a draft report, description and map of the proposed modifications and consolidation of the agricultural districts for review and approval by the Orange County Legislature. The proposed modifications and consolidation are based upon specific landowner requests, municipal comments and review by the staff of the Orange County Planning Department and Office of Real Property Tax Services. The draft report incorporates review and recommendations of the Orange County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the County Legislature, will hold a public hearing at the Legislative Chambers, unless the Governor's Executive Order 202.1 allowing public meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service is extended, in which case the Legislature may hold the public hearing via videoconferencing in order to ensure compliance with all applicable social distancing and public assemble limitations. Members of the public are invited to participate *via teleconference* by calling the telephone number and access code listed on the Orange County website under "Important documents - Notice of Public Hearing." Please call in at 3:00 p.m. on the day of the public hearing to register to speak or send written comments to the Clerk of the Legislature at JRamppen@orangecountygov.com. To the extent the public hearing is held at the Legislative Chambers, all persons attending will be required to wear a mask and to have their temperature taken for admission. The public may view the public hearing via livestreaming. Please go to the Orange County website at www.orangecountygov.com/Legislature/legislative_calendar for the link.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all documents referenced in this Notice and relating to modifications and consolidation of said agricultural districts are available on the Orange County Planning Department's and Legislature's websites at www.orangecountygov.com. Hard copies of said documents are available at the Office of the Clerk of said County Legislature, 255 Main Street, 2nd Floor, in the Orange County Government Center, Goshen, New York, where they may be inspected or procured by any interested person during usual business hours.

BY ORDER OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Jean M. Ramppen, Clerk

Dated: August 7, 2020