

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Part I

1. The proposed action is located in the County of Orange and the Town(s) of Blooming Grove, Chester, Cornwall, Crawford, Deerpark, Goshen, Greenville, Hamptonburgh, Minisink, Monroe, Montgomery, Mount Hope, New Windsor, Newburgh, Palm Tree, Wallkill, Warwick, and Wawayanda and the Village(s) of Chester, Florida, Goshen, Montgomery, South Blooming Grove, Warwick, and Washingtonville.
2. The agency responsible for preparing this Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the County Legislative Body of Orange County.
3. The name and address for the Clerk of the above named County is Annie Rabbitt, Orange County Clerk, 255 Main Street Goshen, NY 10924
4. Is this an application for the formation of a new agricultural district? Yes No If yes, what is the total number of acres to be included in this district? _____ acres
5. Is this an application to modify an existing district? Yes No If yes, what is the total number of acres comprising the district as it exists prior to modification? 166,227 acres
6. If this application involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the district?
 Yes No If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? 22,161 acres
Does this represent an increase or decrease? (Check one)
7. Is there a public controversy related to this district proposal? Yes No If yes, describe in the space below:

TO BE DETERMINED – PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

The Department of Agriculture and Markets, as lead agency for the Agricultural Districts Program, has conducted a programmatic review of the environmental effects of agricultural districting and has concluded that there is little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impact resulting from the formation or modification of such districts. It is, however, the responsibility of the agency preparing this form to review the site-specific proposal under consideration to determine if unique circumstances exist which increase the likelihood of environmental significance. If any such circumstances exist, please describe them in the space provided below and explain how the resulting impact will be mitigated. (Refer to the criteria contained in 6NYCRR §617.11 for aid in determining the likelihood of significance and whether of not it is material, substantial, large or important.)

There are no significant adverse environmental impacts anticipated due to the proposed changes to proposed Agricultural District 1 or the merger of Agricultural District 1 and Agricultural District 2.

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Part III

Please indicate desire for lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below:

- Since the proposed action will be undertaken by this County Legislative Body and since any adverse environmental impacts will be primarily of local significance, it is hereby recommended that this County Legislative Body serve as lead agency to insure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act. It has been determined that the only other agency required to undertake an action in this case is the Department of Agriculture and Markets.
- The County Legislative Body does not choose to nominate itself to serve as lead agency.

Part IV

The County Legislative Body of Orange County has determined that: (check one)

- The proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.
- Although unique circumstances beyond those anticipated by the Department of Agriculture and Markets in its programmatic environmental assessment will result from the proposed action, it has been determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Due to unique circumstances detailed in Part II, significant environmental impact will result from the proposed action. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will be required and will be prepared or approved by this County Legislative Body prior to the undertaking of any action.

This Environmental Assessment Form was prepared for the County of Orange
by The Orange County Planning Department (agency).

Authorized Signature

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