

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE ANNUAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONSOLIDATED ORANGE COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL
AND MARKETS LAW SECTIONS 303-a AND 303-b.**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:49 p.m. by Paul Ruszkiewicz, Chairman of the Education and Economic Development Committee.

The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Orange County Legislature and members of the Department of Planning of the County of Orange, New York, will meet remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, via videoconferencing, with the public participating via teleconference call at 6:45 p.m. (EDST) on Thursday, the 3rd day of June 2021 for the purpose of holding a public hearing and to solicit comments and concerns from the public with respect to the proposed modifications to the Consolidated Agricultural District No. 1. Consolidated Agricultural District No. 1 encompasses the Towns of Blooming Grove, Chester, Cornwall, Crawford, Deerpark, Goshen, Greenville, Hamptonburgh, Minisink, Monroe, Montgomery, Mount Hope, Newburgh, New Windsor, Wallkill, Warwick, Wawayanda and Woodbury and the Villages of Chester, Florida, Goshen, Maybrook, Montgomery, South Blooming Grove, Warwick, and Washingtonville, and is comprised of approximately 146,237 acres of land.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this public hearing will be held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and members of the public are invited to participate *via teleconference* by calling the telephone number and conference I.D. number listed on the Orange County website under "Important Documents - Notice of Public Hearing." Please call in at 6:30 p.m. (EDST) 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. The public may view the public hearing via livestreaming. Please see County Website: www.orangecountygov.com then proceed to the Legislative calendar for the link.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that copies of said documents relating to the 2021 Annual Modifications to the Consolidated Agricultural District No. 1 Review 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, and on the Orange County website: www.orangecountygov.com.

The Notice was published in the May 26TH issues of the Hudson Valley Press, the Times Community Newspapers (Wallkill Valley and Mid-Hudson Times), and the May 28th issues of the Orange County Post, Straus Newspapers (the Warwick Advertiser, Monroe Photo News, the Chronicle), and News of the Highlands-Cornwall Local, and The Gazette.

Alan Sorensen, Commissioner of Planning, displayed a power point presentation. He explained that the thirty-day notice was published which ran from March 1st to March 30th. There were five applications for inclusion that were submitted which were reviewed by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. They are recommending to the Legislature that all five parcels be included in Agricultural District No. 1. The parcels are located in Chester, Cornwall and three in Goshen. The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board believes that the parcels are agriculturally viable land, and they will further the purpose of Agricultural District No. 1.

With no members of the public wishing to speak, Chairman Ruszkiewicz declared the public hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.