

RESOLUTIONS 155,156 - 2022

TO: BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a report from the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, dated May 10, 2022 and revised June 9, 2022, stating its recommendations concerning six requests for the inclusion of viable agricultural land within Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1.

Your Committee has carefully reviewed the above-referenced report and is aware that this Honorable Board is charged with the duty, pursuant to Section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and Westchester County Act No. 95-2017, of scheduling a Public Hearing concerning requests to add parcels to an existing Westchester County Agricultural District and the recommendations of the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board concerning those requests.

Your Committee recommends that this Honorable Board carry out the foregoing statutory duty by adopting a Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing upon the proposed additions to Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 as soon as possible.

Your Committee would further advise, based upon its careful review of the report of the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and barring the emergence of any adverse information during the course of the scheduled Public Hearing, that this Honorable Board, by Resolution, approve the inclusion in Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 of so many of the pending requests as are consistent with the recommendation of the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.

Additionally, and as you know, your Honorable Board must comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). The Department of Planning has advised that this proposed Resolution is classified as an Unlisted Action under SEQRA regulations that requires the adoption of the attached Negative Declaration. Your Committee concurs in this conclusion.

As this project is an "Unlisted" action under SEQRA, your Committee is also in receipt of an Environmental Assessment Form prepared by the Department of Planning to assist this Honorable Board in making a determination as required by SEQRA, which is necessary if this Honorable Board is to approve the attached Resolution.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed legislation. It has reviewed the attached Environmental Assessment Form and the criteria contained in Section 617.7 of 6 NYCRR Part 617, the SEQRA regulations, to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern.

Your Committee has thoroughly analyzed the identified relevant areas of concern to determine if the proposed action may have a significant impact on the environment. For reasons set forth in the attached proposed Negative Declaration, your Committee believes that the proposed action will not have any significant impact on the environment and accordingly recommends passage of the annexed Resolution.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed legislation and recommends that your Honorable Board adopt a Resolution scheduling a public hearing concerning pending requests to add additional parcels to Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 as well as a further Resolution, barring the emergence of any adverse information during the course of the scheduled Public Hearing, approving the inclusion in Westchester County Agricultural District

No. 1 of so many of the pending requests as are consistent with the recommendation of the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.

Your Committee requests that the Clerk of the Board notify each community in which the additional parcels are located of the date and time of the Public Hearing.

Dated: July 19, 2022
White Plains, New York

Nancy & Sam
John
Henry Zeller Johnson

COMMITTEE ON Environment, Energy & Climate

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Agricultural District Adds NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$ -

Total Current Year Revenue \$ -

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations

Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount 0

Describe: No impact.

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount 0

Describe: No impact.

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: Processing of applications is performed by Planning Department staff.

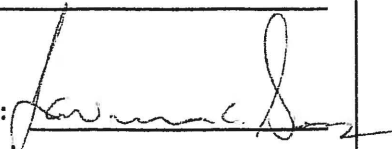
Next Four Years: Annual application period is required by New York State Agricultural Districts
Law.

Prepared by: David Kvinge

Title: Assistant Commissioner

Department: Department of Planning

Date: June 16, 2022

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 6/16/22

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and Westchester County Act No. 95-2017, the Westchester County Board of Legislators has received requests for the inclusion of additional parcels of predominantly viable agricultural land within Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1.

Those additional parcels are described as follows:

Request No.	Street Address	Municipality	Acreage (approx.)
2022-03	131 Route 100	Somers	3.2
	129 Route 100	Somers	5.9
	198 Route 100	Somers	2.0
	194 Route 100	Somers	1.9
	190 Route 100	Somers	5.0
	190 Route 100	Somers	4.3
2022-04	9 Orchard Hill Rd	Somers	5.4
2022-06	1225 Whitehill Rd	Yorktown	7.0

The Westchester County Board of Legislators, pursuant to Section 303-b of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and Westchester County Act No. 95-2017, shall hold a public hearing to consider the proposed inclusion of these additional parcels of land in Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 and the recommendations of the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the 12th day of Sept., 2022 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York.



Report of the
Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
for the Addition of New Parcels to
Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1
Calendar Year 2022

Adopted May 10, 2022

Revised June 9, 2022

Background:

Westchester County encourages the preservation of agricultural land and the promotion of the agricultural industry within the county in recognition of the important role it plays in protecting open space and the environment; preserving community, cultural, and scenic character; providing locally grown agricultural products; offering unique agricultural services and educational opportunities; and supporting the economy. The County has implemented a number of programs and initiatives to protect its remaining farmland and encourage a strong agricultural industry, including the creation of the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and the Westchester County Agricultural District. Agricultural districts provide benefits that help make and keep farming as a viable economic activity, thereby maintaining land in active agricultural use. Agricultural districts encourage development pressure to focus on other areas of a community and provide farm owners protection under the state's Right to Farm laws.

Agricultural Districts must be recertified periodically (the review period for Westchester's Agricultural District is every eight years). The Westchester County Agricultural District was certified by the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture in 2001. The County began the evaluation and recertification process in 2008, culminating with the submission in 2010 of proposed modifications to the District. The District was recertified by the Commissioner of Agriculture in September 2011, incorporating those proposed modifications, which include limiting the District to the Towns of Cortlandt, Yorktown, Somers, North Salem, Bedford and Lewisboro; the Village of Sleepy Hollow and the portion of Mount Pleasant west of the Taconic State Parkway. The following criteria were also developed to be used in the evaluation of proposals to include additional land within the district. The District was recertified in 2017 with the same geographic limitations and evaluation criteria.

1. **Farm operations must be of a minimum size or scale.** For each farm operation (not each individual parcel), the total area of the farm parcels must be a minimum of seven acres and the farm must have a minimum of \$10,000 annual gross sales value, as defined in Ag and Markets Law. A farm operation that does not meet the seven-acre minimum may be eligible for inclusion if it has a minimum of \$50,000 annual gross sales value, as defined in Ag and Markets Law.
2. **Individual parcels must function as a single farm.** If parcels of land are not contiguous, the applicant must adequately demonstrate that the individual parcels function as a single farm operation.
3. **The parcel(s) must be able to support the agricultural activity.** The applicant must demonstrate that the land is capable of supporting the agricultural activity.
4. **The agricultural operation must be the predominant commercial land use of the site.** The agricultural activity on each parcel of land must constitute a minimum of 51% of the land area of the parcel, excluding fallow land, wooded portions of the property or portions of the property used as a

residence. The agricultural activity on each parcel of land must also constitute a minimum of 51% of the annual gross sales value generated on the parcel.

5. **Sound agricultural practices must be employed to protect environmental resources.** Applicants must demonstrate that the agricultural operation is operating under a Whole Farm Plan, nutrient management plan, integrated pest management plan or similar plan to ensure that excess nutrients, pesticides, herbicides and pathogen transfer off-site is avoided to the maximum extent practical through the implementation of agricultural best management practices.
6. **Other information may be required.** The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board reserves the right to request additional information it determines necessary to fully evaluate the operation or land.

In 2003 New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) was amended to allow property owners to petition to include their lands within an existing agricultural district. Prior to the 2003 amendment, property owners would have to wait until the district was renewed at the end of the recertification period. Lands to be included in the district must be determined to be predominantly viable agricultural land per AML §301.7 and also serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district. Applications are made to the Westchester County Board of Legislators, which refers the requests to the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) for review and recommendation back to the Board of Legislators. Final recommendations are sent to the State Commissioner of Agriculture for review and certification. The application period ends March 31 of each year. This report represents the results of the review of the AFPB for applications received for 2022.

2022 Recommendations:

For calendar year 2022, the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board received six (6) applications for the inclusion of additional land within Westchester County Agricultural District Number 1. The AFPB recommends inclusion of Application 2022-03, 2022-04 (only the parcel at 9 Orchard Hill Road) and 2022-06. More detailed information follows.

Application	Farm Name	SBL	Acres	Street Address	Municipality
2022-01	Three Feathers Haberny's Farm	77.11-2-5	±16.0	371 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
2022-02	Birdstone Farm	53.1-3-20	±43.8	20 Boutonville Rd So.	Lewisboro
2022-03	Katonah Nursery	38.13-1-6	±3.2	131 Route 100	Somers
		38.13-1-7	±5.9	129 Route 100	Somers
		28.17-2-1	±2.0	198 Route 100	Somers
		38.05-2-1	±1.9	194 Route 100	Somers
		38.05-2-2	±5.0	190 Route 100	Somers
		38.05-2-3.1	±4.3	190 Route 100	Somers
2022-04	Orchard Hill Organics	37.14-1-10	±5.4	9 Orchard Hill Rd	Somers
		37.14-1-2	±3.6	12 Orchard Hill Rd	Somers
2022-05	Cipriano Farm	77.11-2-11	±0.5	387 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
		77.04-3-61	±3.0	469 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
		77.04-3-59	±1.3	475 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
		77.04-3-58	±0.7	5 East St	Lewisboro
2022-06	Anther Farm	36.15-1-19	±7.0	1225 Whitehill Rd	Yorktown

Date of Report:

The Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) adopted this report by a unanimous vote at its May 10, 2022 meeting and revised it by email vote on June 9, 2022.

Detailed Information:

Following is a more detailed review of each of the applications, along with the recommendations of the AFPB.

DETAILED REVIEW

Application Number: 2022-01

Applicant: Joseph Haberny

Farm Name: Haberny's Three Feathers Farm

Farm Operation: Farm (produce and livestock products) and Farm Stand

Property Address: 371 Smith Ridge Road, Lewisboro

Tax Parcel Identification (Section-Block-Lot): 77.11-2-5 **Acres:** ±16.0

AFPB Site Visit Date: April 25, 2022

Description of Property and Operation:

The farm was previously included in the Agricultural District (2006), but the application wasn't renewed during the last recertification. The farm consists of one parcel approximately 16 acres in size, mostly flat but with some wetlands. The applicant proposes to continue to farm approximately 9 acres of the property for a variety of produce, as well as eggs and beef grown/raised at the farm, all sold at the farm stand. Additionally, Christmas trees and berries are also grown and sold at the farm. The applicant has plans to expand the operation to include additional livestock and Christmas trees.

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Assessment and Recommendation:

The AFPB recommends against inclusion of the parcel at this time. A majority of the parcel is adjacent to or within existing wetlands (NYSDEC wetland D-45). The AFPB recommends that the applicant work with the Watershed Agricultural Council or other qualified consultant to develop and implement a nutrient management plan to minimize impacts to the wetlands, particularly from the livestock operation, and resubmit an application once a plan is in place.

DETAILED REVIEW

Application Number: 2022-02

Applicant: Lee Vogelstein

Farm Name: Birdstone Farm

Farm Operation: Equine

Property Address: 20 Boutonville Road South, Lewisboro

Tax Parcel Identification (Section-Block-Lot): 53.1-3-20

Acres: ±43.8

AFPB Site Visit Date: April 25, 2022

Description of Property and Assessment of Operation:

The farm was previously included in the original Agricultural District (2001), but the application wasn't renewed during the last recertification. The property is an existing equine operation, located near the County-owned Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. The applicant proposes to continue the equine operation, expanding the current small horse boarding operation to meet the definition of a commercial boarding operation or commercial equine operation. Properties located in the Town of Pound Ridge are not eligible for inclusion in the Westchester County Agricultural District and consequently the application is only concerning the parcel located in Lewisboro.

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Recommendation:

The AFPB recommends against inclusion of the parcel at this time. The property and existing infrastructure are well suited for the agricultural operation. However, the operation is currently not commercial in nature. The AFPB recommends that the applicant resubmit with supporting information demonstrating that the operation meets the definition of a commercial operation pursuant to Ag and Markets Law (Section 301 of 25-AA), which requires the stabling or boarding of at least ten horses and receipt of ten thousand dollars or more in gross revenue.

DETAILED REVIEW

Application Number: 2022-03

Applicant: Joseph and Elisa Lopane

Farm Name: Katonah Nursery

Farm Operation: Nursery (ornamental horticulture)

Property Address: 131 and 194 Route 100, Somers

Tax Parcel Identification	(Section-Block-Lot):	Acres:
131 Route 100	38.13-1-6	±3.2
	38.13-1-7	±5.9
194 Route 100	28.17-2-1	±2.0
	38.05-2-1	±1.9
	38.05-2-2	±5.0
	38.05-2-3.1	±4.3

AFPB Site Visit Date: April 25, 2022

Description of Property and Assessment of Operation:

The farm was previously included in the original Agricultural District (2001), but the application wasn't renewed during the last recertification. The operation is a nursery and commercial horticulture operation, for plants grown on-site as well as plants grown on approximately 140 acres of other property in Dutchess County. The applicant proposes to continue the commercial nursery operation on the property. The operation is also a participant in the Watershed Agricultural Council's program.

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Recommendation:

The AFPB recommends inclusion of all parcels.

DETAILED REVIEW

Application Number: 2022-04

Applicant: David J. Rowe

Farm Name: Orchard Hill Organics

Farm Operation: Produce

Property Address: 9 and 12 Orchard Hill Road, Somers

Tax Parcel Identification (Section-Block-Lot):	37.14-1-10	Acres:	±5.4
	37.14-1-2		±3.6

AFPB Site Visit Date: April 25, 2022

Description of Property and Assessment of Operation:

The applicant is currently operating a commercial farm producing a variety of fruits and vegetables, grown in greenhouses and outdoors, for sale at farm markets and directly to consumers through a Community Supported Agriculture operation and online. The parcel on the west side of Orchard Hill Road has relatively steep, wooded slopes but has been improved to provide level growing beds and greenhouses. A parcel on the east side of Orchard Hill Road has been purchased. It is currently wooded and includes an existing residence, ancillary buildings and lawn area. The additional parcel is proposed to be improved to include fruit trees and shrubs. The farm is being considered for inclusion in the Watershed Agricultural Council's programs for agricultural best management practices to better manage composting and other operations at the farm.

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Recommendation:

The AFPB recommends inclusion of the parcel on the west side of Orchard Hill Road only and recommends that the applicant resubmit an application for the parcel on the east side of Orchard Hill Road once an operation has commenced or more detailed plans have been prepared. The AFPB notes that both parcels are located in a relatively dense residential neighborhood with minimal setback or buffers from adjacent residences and recommends that the applicant pursue the installation and maintenance of vegetated buffers where appropriate to minimize any impacts to neighboring residences.

DETAILED REVIEW

Application Number: 2022-05

Applicant: Avraam Apazidis c/o Cipriano Farm

Farm Name: Cipriano Farm

Farm Operation: Nursery (commercial horticulture)

Property Address: 387, 469, 475 Smith Ridge Road and 5 East Street, Lewisboro

Tax Parcel Identification	(Section-Block-Lot):	Acres:
387 Smith Ridge Road	77.11-2-11	±0.5
469 Smith Ridge Road	77.04-3-61	±3.0
475 Smith Ridge Road	77.04-3-59	±1.3
5 East Street	77.04-3-58	±0.7

AFPB Site Visit Date: The applicant was not available for a site visit. The Board will continue to attempt to arrange a site visit with the applicant and may update its recommendation based on the site visit and any additional supporting information provided.

Description of Property and Assessment of Operation:

The applicant was not able to schedule a site visit and on-site meeting with the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board. An approximately 4.8-acre parcel owned by the applicant, located at 24 East Street, was included in the agricultural district in 2017 and is currently being used to grow ornamental horticultural products. However, the parcels proposed to be added at this time appear to be primarily for the storage and/or resale of ornamental horticulture products. While a portion of the products sold are grown at the 24 East Street property, the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board criteria requires that a minimum of 51% of the gross sales must be from products grown on the farm operation (the AFPB notes that a farm operation can include parcels that are not contiguous or even located in the same municipality).

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Recommendation:

The AFPB recommends against inclusion of the parcels at this time. The AFPB recommends that the applicant resubmit next year with adequate information demonstrating that the operation meets the definition of a commercial nursery and is not predominantly reselling products grown elsewhere, which would be considered a retail operation. The Board will continue to attempt to arrange a site visit with the applicant and may update its recommendation based on the site visit and any additional supporting information provided.

DETAILED REVIEW

Application Number: 2022-06

Applicant: Ken and Myra Marsocci

Farm Name: Anther Farm

Farm Operation: Nursery (cut flowers)

Property Address: 1225 Whitehill Road, Yorktown

Tax Parcel Identification (Section-Block-Lot): 36.15-1-19 **Acres:** ±7.0

AFPB Site Visit Date: June 8, 2022

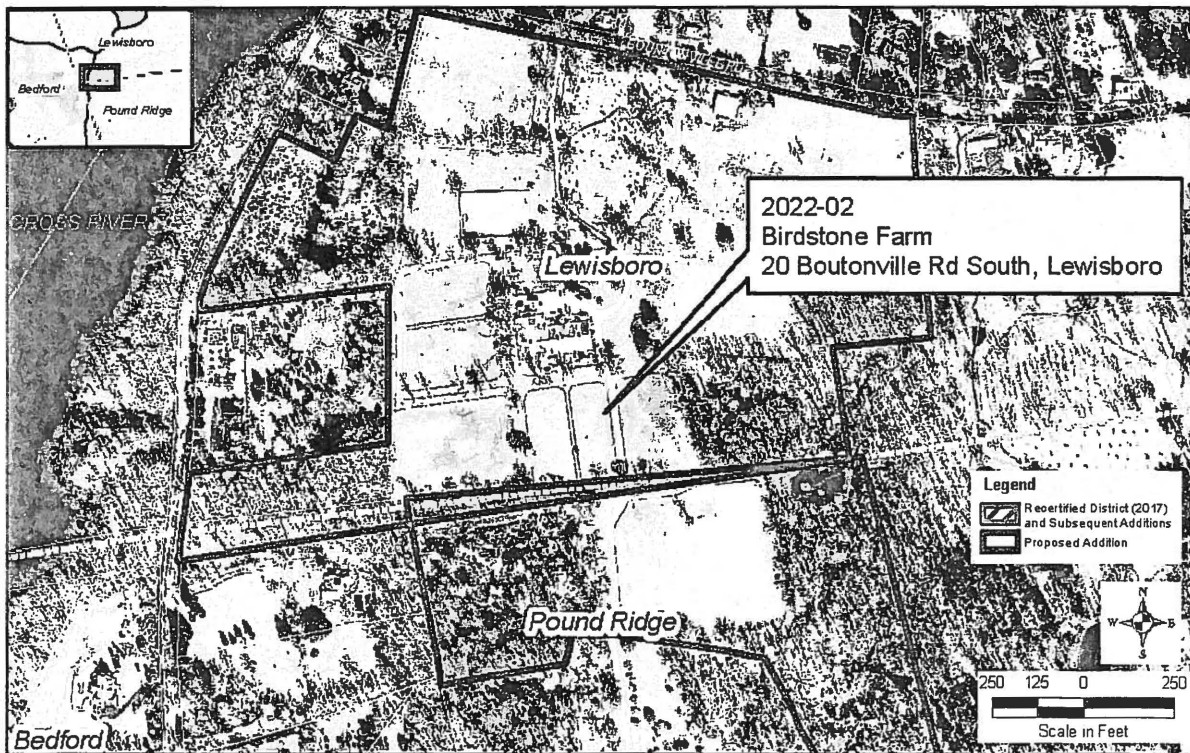
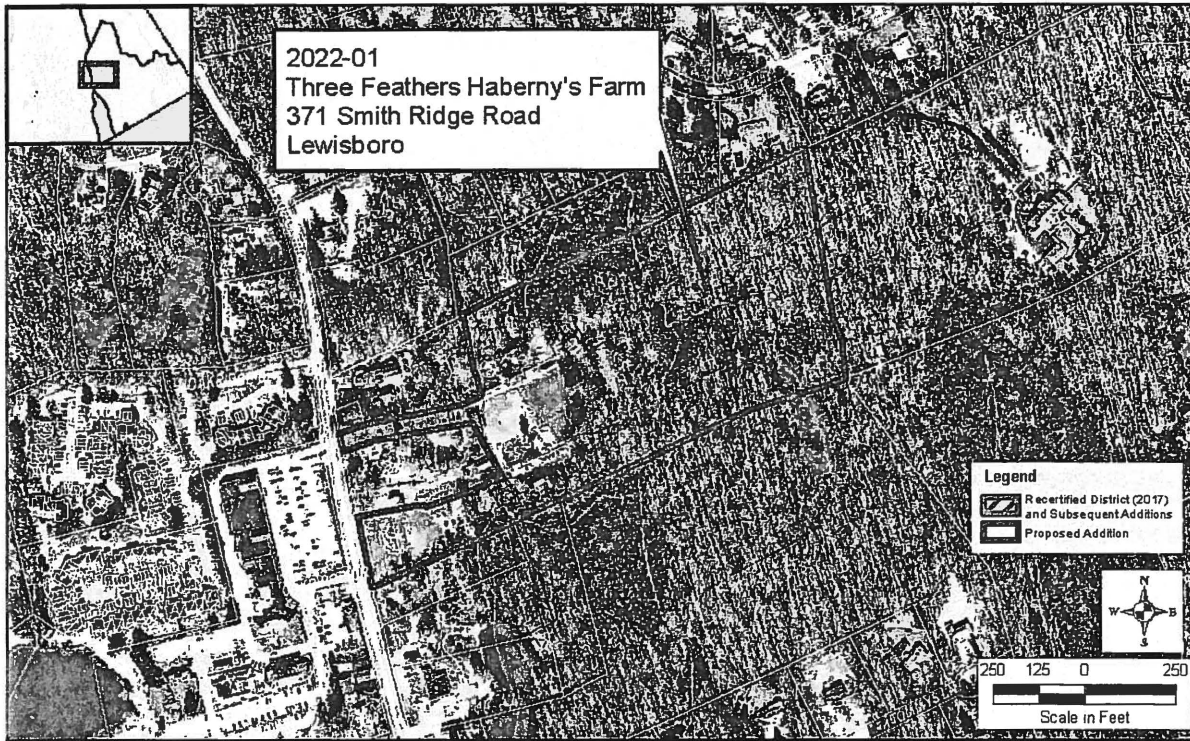
Description of Property and Assessment of Operation:

The site is approximately seven acres in size, relatively flat along Whitehill Road and sloping back to the south towards a NYSDEC wetland (A-33) in the rear of the property. Much of the parcel is appropriate for the proposed use, and the applicant has already developed approximately one acre of the front portion with greenhouses, in-ground growing areas, a farm stand and a small unpaved parking area. The operation is an organic cut flower and horticultural operation, including native plants. Part of the organic operation is the use of compost tea, and the applicants intend to be included as a pollinator friendly site in the pollinator pathway network. As the applicant continues to develop the operation and property, plans for walking trails through the woodland and wetlands will be implemented. They are consulting with the USDA Farm Services Agency to develop a plan for the use of the site that minimizes impacts to existing wetlands and buffer areas. The wetlands and an associated buffer area are regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and will require their review.

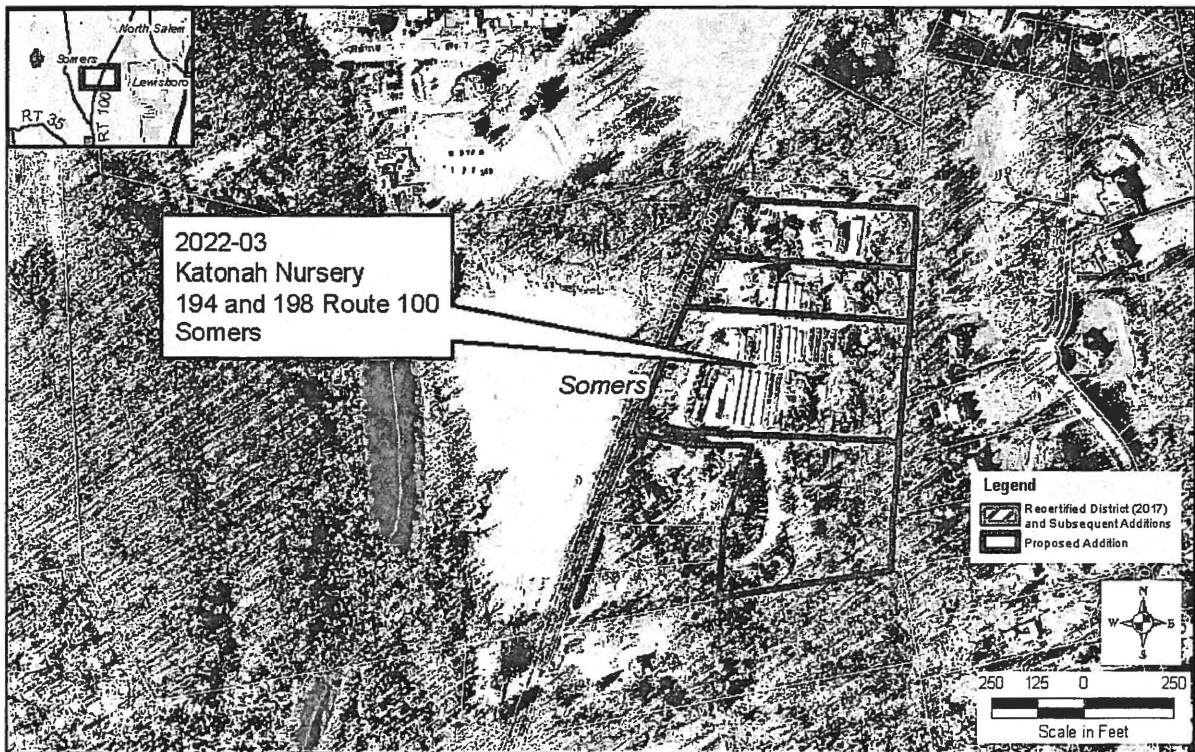
Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Recommendation:

The AFPB recommends inclusion of this parcel. The Board agreed that an organic operation specializing in cut flowers and native plants, incorporating best management practices such as compost tea, and promoting environmental initiatives such as the pollinator pathway would be a good addition to Westchester's agricultural community and the agricultural district.

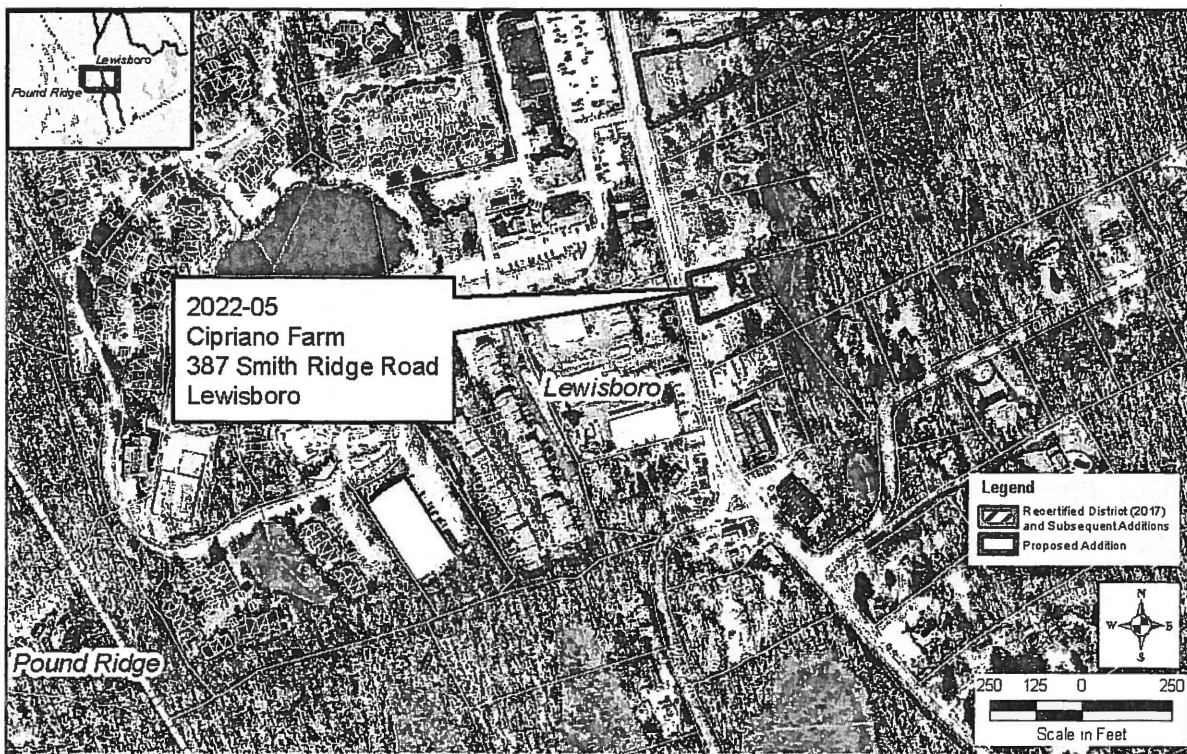
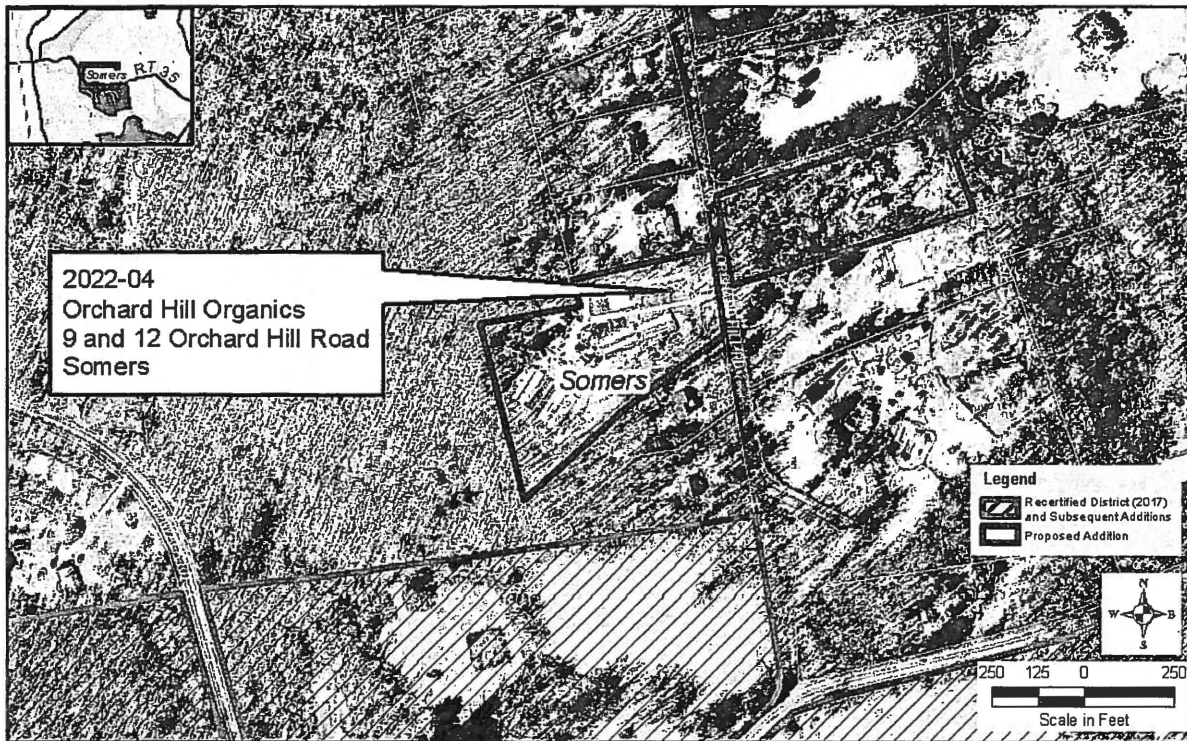
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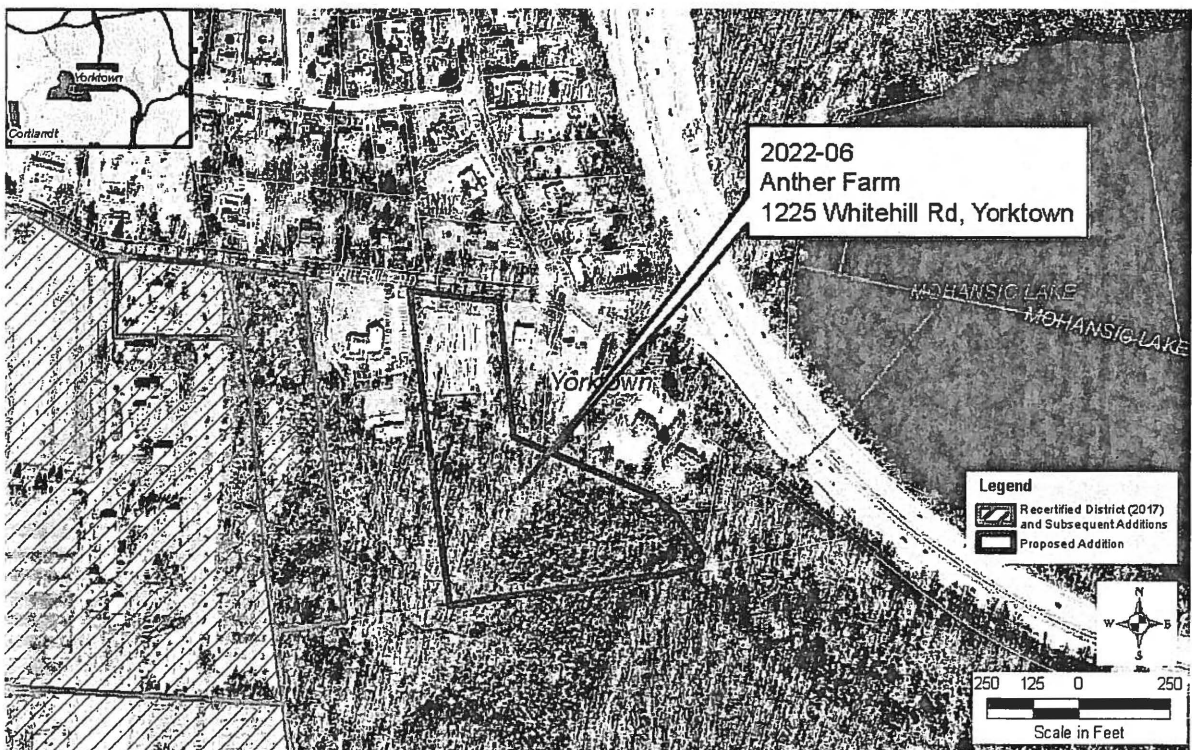
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RESOLUTION NO. 155 – 2022

WHEREAS, there is pending before this Honorable Board a Resolution to approve the inclusion of additional parcels of land within the Westchester County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, as this project is an “Unlisted” action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), an Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared by the Department of Planning to assist this Honorable Board in complying with its responsibilities under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board has carefully considered this proposed action and has reviewed the Environmental Assessment Form and the criteria set forth in Section 617.7 of 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the SEQRA regulations and has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, as are fully set forth in the attached “Negative Declaration”, to determine if this proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, State of New York, that based on this Honorable Board’s review of the Environmental Assessment Form and for the reasons set forth in the annexed “Negative Declaration,” it is determined that there will be no adverse impact on the environment from the inclusion of additional parcels of land within the Westchester County Agricultural District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators is authorized and directed to sign and date the Determination of Significance in the attached Environmental Assessment Form as Responsible Officer in Lead Agency; thereby executing and issuing a Negative Declaration on behalf of this Board pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law; and to immediately file, publish and make available the Environmental Assessment Form pursuant to the requirements of Part 617 of Title 6 of the Official Compilation of the Codes, Rule and Regulations of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: 2022
White Plains, New York

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project: Addition of land to Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Various parcels in the towns of Bedford, North Salem and Yorktown (see attached list and map).			
Brief Description of Proposed Action: The Westchester County Agricultural District was created in 2001, recertified in 2011 and recertified again in 2017. Owners of farmland may apply to have their land included within the district annually, pursuant to Agricultural Districts Law. The annual 30-day window to receive applications in Westchester County is the month of March. Six applications to include additional land were received for calendar year 2022.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor: Westchester County Board of Legislators, c/o Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk and CAO		Telephone: 914-995-4604 E-Mail: mav5@westchestergov.com	
Address: 800 Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor			
City/PO: White Plains	State: NY	Zip Code: 10601	
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			NO <input type="checkbox"/>
			YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

<p>18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?</p> <p>If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: <u>David Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner (preparer)</u> Date: <u>June 15, 2022</u></p> <p>Signature: <u><i>David Kvinge</i></u></p>		

Project:	Westchester Ag District Additions
Date:	June 15, 2022

**Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment**

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies? b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

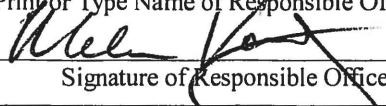
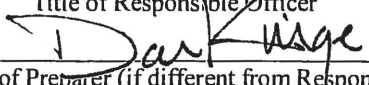
Project: Westchester Ag District Additions

Date: June 15, 2022

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

See attachment

<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.	
Westchester County Board of Legislators _____ Name of Lead Agency	September 13, 2022 _____ Date
Sunday Vanderberg _____ Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer _____ Title of Responsible Officer
 _____ Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	 _____ Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

David Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning

PRINT FORM

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW

ADDENDUM TO EAF

The Proposed Action is the recommendation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators to the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture concerning the inclusion of additional parcels of land within the Westchester County Agricultural District, as provided for under Section 303-b of Article 25-AA of New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. Inclusion of parcels of land within an agricultural district does not, in and of itself, supersede or modify existing land use ordinances or regulations. Consequently, additions of land to an existing agricultural district will not result in the physical alteration of the environment or otherwise have a negative impact on the environment. Rather, the addition of land to an existing agricultural district promotes the preservation of viable agricultural land and has other environmental benefits as described below. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has determined that modifications to an agricultural district are an Unlisted action with respect to SEQR. The County Board of Legislators is conducting uncoordinated review as permitted for Unlisted actions.

The applications received for 2022 are described in more detail in the 2022 report of the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, including recommendations on whether to include each parcel. A map and list of the applications and individual parcels follows this narrative.

Agricultural land and the agricultural industry in Westchester County continue to be under considerable pressure to convert to other land uses, typically residential subdivision. Agricultural land contributes significantly to the quality of life in Westchester County by providing open space, links to cultural history, vegetative and wildlife habitat, and a local source of fresh food. The protection and enhancement of agricultural land is in furtherance of the County's goals, as described in the County Planning Board's long-range planning document, *Patterns for Westchester: the Land and the People*, and the County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, to protect natural and cultural resources, preserve open space and community character, and reduce environmental impacts associated with development. The Westchester County Board of Legislators created the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and the Westchester County Agricultural District to protect agricultural land and enhance the agricultural industry in furtherance of these goals. New York State Agriculture and Markets Law requires that counties that have a certified agricultural district conduct an annual review of applications received for the inclusion of additional parcels of land within the agricultural district and submit recommendations, if warranted, to the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture.

Inclusion of additional agricultural parcels within the Agricultural District does not have a physical impact on the environment. Inclusion of land within the agricultural district furthers the goals and objectives of the County to:

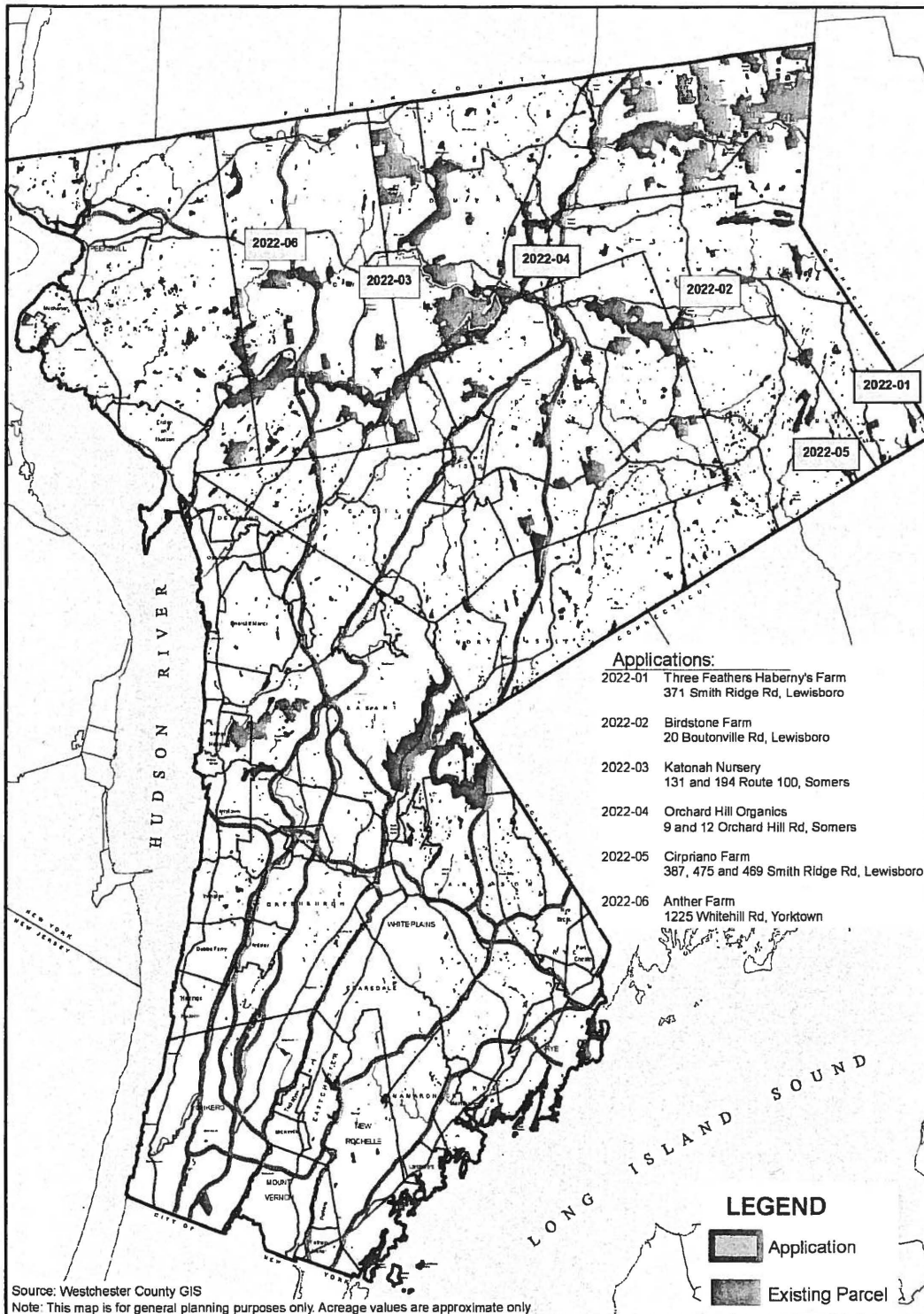
- Preserve and protect the county's natural resources, including the drinking water supply;
- Assure a diverse and interconnected system of open space, supporting a variety of flora and fauna and providing contrast in the texture of the landscape;
- Enhance a broad economic base and economic opportunity within the county; and
- Protect the county's educational, cultural, historic and aesthetic resources for future generations.

2022 APPLICATIONS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PARCELS
 WITHIN THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

Application	Farm Name	SBL	Acres¹	Street Address	Municipality
2022-01	Three Feathers Haberny's Farm	77.11-2-5	±16.0	371 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
2022-02	Birdstone Farm	53.1-3-20	±43.8	20 Boutonville Rd So.	Lewisboro
2022-03	Katonah Nursery	38.13-1-6	±3.2	131 Route 100	Somers
		38.13-1-7	±5.9	129 Route 100	Somers
		28.17-2-1	±2.0	198 Route 100	Somers
		38.05-2-1	±1.9	194 Route 100	Somers
		38.05-2-2	±5.0	190 Route 100	Somers
		38.05-2-3.1	±4.3	190 Route 100	Somers
2022-04	Orchard Hill Organics	37.14-1-10	±5.4	9 Orchard Hill Rd	Somers
		37.14-1-2	±3.6	12 Orchard Hill Rd	Somers
2022-05	Cipriano Farm	77.11-2-11	±0.5	387 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
		77.04-3-61	±3.0	469 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
		77.04-3-59	±1.3	475 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
		77.04-3-58	±0.7	5 East St	Lewisboro
2022-06	Anther Farm	36.15-1-19	±7.0	1225 Whitehill Rd	Yorktown

¹ Acres calculated from County GIS data.

Of the applications received, listed above, parcels recommended for inclusion are described in the report of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.



APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

2022 Westchester County
 Agricultural District

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 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
 MAY 2022

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RESOLUTION NO. 156 – 2022

WHEREAS, the County, by Resolution No. 223-2000, submitted a proposal to the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to establish Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1, which was certified by the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets and became effective on July 19, 2001 with an eight-year review period; and

WHEREAS, the County, by Resolution No. 161-2010, after conducting a review of the district in accordance with Agricultural Districts Law, submitted a proposal to the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to continue the Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 with modifications including limiting the district to certain municipalities within the county and creating criteria for parcels to be located within the district, which was certified by the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets and became effective on September 19, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the County, by Resolution No. 70-2017, after conducting a review of the district in accordance with Agricultural Districts Law, submitted a proposal to the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets to continue the Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 with the previous modifications including limiting the district to certain municipalities within the county and creating criteria for parcels to be located within the district, which was certified by the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets and became effective on August 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the County, by Act No. 55-2004 in accordance with Section 303-b of New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, established an annual 30-day period in which to receive applications for the inclusion of additional parcels of land within Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1, which was repealed and replaced by Act. No. 95-2017 establishing the 30-day period as the month of March; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 is the only certified agricultural district within Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Board of Legislators has received six applications for inclusion of parcels of land into Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the applications were forwarded to the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) for review and report, and the AFPB, after due deliberation and consideration of the conditions of each parcel and the agricultural operations on them or planned for them, determined: (1) whether the parcels consisted primarily of viable agricultural land as defined by New York State Agriculture and Markets Law; (2) whether the existing or proposed agricultural operation serves the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry; and (3) whether the application met the eligibility requirements and satisfied the evaluation criteria associated with the district as modified during the recertification process; and recommended approval of both of the applications as described in the AFPB report; and

WHEREAS, agricultural land contributes significantly to the quality of life in Westchester County by providing open space, links to our cultural history, vegetative and wildlife habitat, and a local source of fresh food; and

WHEREAS, the protection and enhancement of agricultural land is in furtherance of the County's goals to protect natural and cultural resources, preserve open space and community character, and reduce the environmental impacts associated with development; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held on 9/12/22 at which time local municipalities, the public, and other interested parties were given the opportunity to comment on the proposed addition of parcels to the Agricultural District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators approves the inclusion, subject to the limitations (if any) expressed in the report of the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, of the following applications for additional parcels of land within the Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1: Application #2022-03, #2022-04 (in part—9 Orchard Hill Road only), #2022-06, which applications are more fully described in the report of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution, along with the report of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and

other required information in support of the applications to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for review and certification.

Dated: 2022
White Plains, New York

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Resolutions, Resolution No's. 155, 156 - 2022, with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole, of said original Resolutions, which was duly adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, of said County on September 12, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 13th day of September, 2022.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

