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RESOLUTION NO. -2023

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

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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, Rules and

Regulations of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated:

2023

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:					
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):					
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Brief Description of Proposed Action:					
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Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	_	phone:			
	E-Mai	l:			
Address:					
City/PO:		State:	Zip (Code:	
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, l	local law	, ordinance,		NO	YES
administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and	the env	ironmental resources t	that		
may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to	questio	n 2.			
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:	other go	overnmental Agency?		NO	YES
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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 □ Urban □ Rural (non-agriculture) □ Industrial □ Comm		□ Residential (suburl	ban)		
□ Forest □ Agriculture □ Aquatic □ Other		`			
□ Parkland					

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?			
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?			
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural	1	NO	YES
landscape?			
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Al If Yes, identify:	rea?	NO	YES
If Tes, identify.			
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?		NO	YES
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?			
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed ac	tion?		
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water:			
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:			
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic		NO	YES
Places? b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?			
b. is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area:			
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	n	NO	YES
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	ı		
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:			
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check a	all that	apply:	
☐ Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successi	ional		
☐ Wetland ☐ Urban ☐ Suburban		NO	***********
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?		NO	YES
		NO	TITIO
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?		NO	YES
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?		NO	YES
If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? □ NO □ YES			
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drain If Yes, briefly describe:	1s)?		

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)?	NO	YES
If Yes, explain purpose and size:		
19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE KNOWLEDGE	BEST C	OF MY
Applicant/sponsor name: Date:		
Signature:		
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Project: Date:

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?		
2.	Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?		
3.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?		
4.	Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?		
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?		
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?		
7.	Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?		
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?		
8.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?		
9.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?		
10.	Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?		
11.	Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?		

Agency Use Only [If applicable]
Project:
Date:

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.

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. 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.					
Name of Lead Agency	Date				
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer				
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)				

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 2023 are described in more detail in the 2023 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.

Inclusion of Additional Parcels within the Westchester County Agricultural District Addendum to Short EAF Page 2

2023 APPLICATIONS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PARCELS WITHIN THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

Application	Farm Name	SBL	Acres	Street Address	Municipality
2023-01	Harring Brook Farm	381709-4	6.97	732 Titicus Rd	North Salem
	Cipriano Farm	77.11-2-5	16.14	371 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
2023-02		77.11-2-11	0.55	387 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
		77.04-3-61	3.13	469 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
		77.04-3-59	1.96	475 Smith Ridge Rd	Lewisboro
			77.04-3-58	0.71	5 East St
2023-03	Boniello Farm	26.16-1-3.1	36.14	81 Mahopac Ave	Somers
2023-04	Capoccia/Pegues	48.17-1-7	7.93	78 Moseman Ave	Somers
		48.18-1-1	4.89	84 Moseman Ave	Somers
2023-05	Indian Hollow Farm	74.17-1-25	79.16	27 Jingle Rd	Bedford

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

