

**RESOLUTION NO.     – 2025**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 223-2000, the County submitted a proposal to the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets (the “NYS Commissioner”) to establish the Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 (the “District”) and designate a review period every eight (8) years. The NYS Commissioner certified the lands designated in Resolution No. 223-2000 for districting effective July 19, 2001. Recertification of the District is once again necessary and is due to be completed on or before July 19, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, certain enumerated actions must be taken in order to recertify the District. First is to publish a notice that a review is underway, second is to direct the Westchester County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (“AFPB”) to prepare a report and recommendations, and third is to schedule a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the first two steps were previously authorized by your Honorable Board by Resolution No. 13-2025. The third step, the scheduling of the public hearing, was previously authorized by your Honorable Board by Resolution No. 21-2025 and an initial public hearing was duly held on March 24, 2025 to consider the original report and recommendations adopted by the AFBP, dated March 11, 2025. A second public hearing was duly held on June 16, 2025 to consider the AFBP’s amended report and recommendations dated April 15, 2025 (the “April 15<sup>th</sup> Amended Report”), which the AFBP prepared and submitted for District recertification; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law requires that the Board take certain additional, enumerated actions in relation to the recertification of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has reviewed the April 15<sup>th</sup> Amended Report prepared by the AFPB and has given due consideration to the proposals and statements made during the course of the public comment period and during the first and second public hearings, which were duly held on March 24, 2025 and June 16, 2025, respectively (together the “Public Hearings”).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators finds that the District should be modified for the reasons set forth in the AFPB April 15<sup>th</sup> Amended Report; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the modifications included in the AFPB April 15<sup>th</sup> Amended Report are appropriate, except for the re-inclusion of North Castle as a District-eligible municipality; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Board adopts the evaluation, purposes, goals, and modifications set forth in the AFPB April 15<sup>th</sup> Amended Report, except for the re-inclusion of North Castle as a District-eligible municipality, with due consideration to the proposals and statements made during the public comment period and during the Public Hearings; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to forward to the NYS Commissioner (i) certified copies of this Resolution; (ii) a description of the District,

including a map delineating the exterior boundaries of the District which shall conform to tax parcel boundaries; (iii) the tax map identification numbers for every parcel in the District; (iv) a copy of the AFPB April 15<sup>th</sup> Amended Report; and (v) copies of the testimonies given at the Public Hearings.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ 2025  
White Plains, New York