## \*\*\*\*\* LEGAL NOTICE \*\*\*\*\* RESOLUTION 2025 - 60 PUBLIC HEARING

## REVIEW OF WESTCHESTER AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

The Westchester County Board of Legislators, pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law shall hold a public hearing to consider the review of Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1, the proposed modifications as recommended by the Westchester County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board ("AFPB") as described in a report adopted by the AFPB, and any other proposed modifications submitted in writing to the Westchester County Board of Legislators during the comment period. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the 16th day of June, 2025 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York. The County Board will permit inperson access to the meeting and will allow participation in the public hearing both in-person and through WebEx. To register to speak via the Board's WebEx online teleconferencing system, please visit this link: https://bit.ly/4dLgwrn; Event number: 2444 354 0088; Event password: **PublicHearing** (no space). Or by calling 1-844-621-3956, access code: 2444 354 0088; Registration to speak in-person shall be available before the meeting starting at 6:15 pm. Speakers will be called in the order of registration, alternating between in-person and Webex registrations. Comments may also be submitted in writing by emailing: BOLPublicHearingComments@westchesterlegislators.com or mailing them to the Clerk of the Board of Legislators, 148 Martine Ave., 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601. Written comments must be received by June 16, 2025, at 5pm.

Please contact the Board of Legislators at (914) 995-2800 if you require special arrangements for access to the public hearing. After the close of the public hearing, no additional comments will be received.

The Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 consists of a total of 9,254 acres of land within the following municipalities (listed in order of the amount of farmland in each): Town of North Salem (3,888 acres), Town of Bedford (1,255 acres), Town of Somers (2,085 acres), Town of Yorktown (715 acres), Town of Mount Pleasant (384 acres), Town of Cortlandt (353 acres), Village of Sleepy Hollow (222 acres), Town of Lewisboro (428 acres).

Modifications to the agricultural district proposed by the AFPB consists of the re-inclusion of the towns of New Castle, North Castle, Ossining and Pound Ridge as eligible municipalities as described in the AFPB report.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, two (2) Resolutions were previously approved by the Board of Legislators in connection with the recertification of Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 (the "District"), Resolution 13-2025 and Resolution 21-2025. A third Resolution is currently pending before the Board of Legislators, which if approved, would adopt the March 11, 2025 report and recommendation of the Westchester County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board ("AFPB") to modify the District; and

WHEREAS, after submission of the third Resolution, the AFPB met and adopted an amended report dated April 15, 2025 (the "April 15<sup>th</sup> Revised Report") and now seeks to submit this revised report and recommendation to your Honorable Board to recertify the District. The AFPB now seeks, in addition to the six (6) parcels of land initially recommended to be added to the District which totaled approximately fifty-four and eight tenths (±54.8) acres, the addition of three (3) more parcels of land. This will bring the total number of acres to be added to the District to approximately seventy-seven and seven tenths (±77.7) acres with the re-inclusion of the Towns of New Castle, North Castle, Ossining and Pound Ridge as eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action, at this time, is limited to scheduling a second public hearing (the "Second Public Hearing") to consider the revised review of the District and any proposed modifications and recommendations to the District submitted by the AFPB in its April 15<sup>th</sup> Revised Report.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to publish, in a newspaper of

general circulation within the District, a notice in the form annexed hereto; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to post upon the home page

of the County of Westchester website a notice in the form annexed hereto; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to provide notice in the form

annexed hereto by first class mail to those municipalities whose territory encompasses the

District; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to provide, in writing, any

proposed modifications to the District; to persons, as listed on the most recent assessment roll,

whose land is the subject of a proposed modification; and to the New York State Commissioner

of Agriculture and Markets.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_2025 White Plains, New York