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RESOLUTION NO. 24 - 2025

WHEREAS, this Board, by Resolution 2025-13, authorized (i) the publication of notice commencing the Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1 (the "District") review (the "Public Comment Notice") in a newspaper of general circulation within the District, (ii) the circulation of the Public Comment Notice by first class mail to the municipalities whose territory encompasses the District, and (iii) the posting of the Public Comment Notice on the Westchester County website and in at least five (5) conspicuous places within the District; and

WHEREAS, as the proposed action, at this time, is limited to scheduling a public hearing to consider the review of the District, any proposed modifications and recommendations to the District submitted by the Westchester County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board ("AFPB") and any other proposed modifications to the District filed in writing with the clerk of the Board during the public comment notice period; and

WHEREAS, Section 303-a of the New York State Agricultural and Markets Law requires that this Board take certain enumerated actions in relation to the review of Westchester County Agricultural District No. 1; and

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 Commissioner.

Dated: March 11, 11 2025 White Plains, New York

***** LEGAL NOTICE *****

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 7:00 p.m. on the 24th day of March, 2025 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York. 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 (3,832 acres), Town of Bedford (1,255 acres), Town of Somers (2,065 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.

Copies of the AFPB report, a list and map of farms proposed to be included in the district and modifications proposed by the public are available on the County website at www.westchestercountyny.gov and at the Department of Planning, Room 432 of the Michaelian Office Building, located at 148 Martine Avenue in White Plains and the Office of the County Clerk. For more information, visit the County website or contact Matt Castro, Principal Environmental Planner, at (914) 995 4423 or mycl@westchestercountyny.gov.