

Public Notice

30-day period of the inclusion of
predominantly viable agricultural lands
into existing agricultural districts

Per New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, the Chautauqua County Legislature has designated January 2 through January 31 as the annual thirty-day period during which landowners may submit requests to include predominantly viable agricultural land into an existing certified agricultural district.

The Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development will accept applications from January 2 through January 31. Please submit all inclusion requests to the Department of Planning and Development, 201 West Third Street Suite 115 Jamestown, NY 14701 or email to sharpl@chqgov.com on or before 4:30 PM on January 31, 2022. Any questions on this process should be directed to the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development.

The Agricultural District Inclusion Worksheet, current Agriculture District Maps, and additional information can be found on the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development (CCDPD) website at <https://planningchautauqua.com/planning/afpb/ag-dist-inclusion/>

At the end of the thirty (30) day period, the proposed parcels requested for inclusion will be submitted to the Chautauqua County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB). Based on the AFPB's recommendations, a report will be prepared for the Planning & Economic Development (PED) Legislative Committee's review. After review by the PED Legislative Committee the recommendation will be forwarded to the County Legislature for a public hearing. Following the public hearing, the Legislature will vote via resolution to accept the recommendations made by AFPB. The County Legislature will then send the resolution to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to certify the inclusion of lands or not. If the Commissioner certifies the inclusion of the parcels, the land will become part of the Agricultural District.

An agricultural district is a geographic area which consists predominantly of viable agricultural land. Agricultural operations within the district are the priority land use and afforded benefits and protections to promote the continuation of farms and the preservation of agricultural land. This should not be confused with the agricultural assessment program which allows eligible farmland located both within and outside the agricultural districts to be taxed at its agricultural assessment. Landowners should see their local assessor to find out more information on agricultural assessment for their parcel(s).

Contact:

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Chautauqua County Agricultural District Inclusion Worksheet

This application is to be completed by landowners who wish to include a parcel or parcels of predominantly viable agricultural land into one of Chautauqua County's Certified NYS Agricultural Districts. This form, accompanied by a copy of a map which included the parcel(s) identified by tax number, must be received no later than 4:30pm on January 31, in the offices of the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development at the address below.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LANDOWNER				
1. Complete and sign worksheet and attach a copy of the tax map which included the identified parcel(s)				
2. Return to Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development no later than January 31 at 4:30pm.				
LANDOWNER DESCRIPTION				
Name _____		Telephone # _____		
Mailing Address _____		State _____	Zip _____	
Email Address _____				
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION				
Fill in the following information about the parcel(s) you are requesting to be added to the Agricultural District. If you are unsure of you SBL number or whether or not a parcel is currently receiving an Agricultural Assessment, please check with you local assessor.				
SBL Number (Tax ID)	Street Address	Town	Size (acres)	Agricultural Assessment (Yes/No)
<i>100.01-1-1.01</i>	<i>1 Sample Street</i>	<i>Anytown</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>No</i>
Describe the current agricultural activity the parcel is being used for: _____				

SIGNATURE				
I/we attest that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and hereby officially request that my property, which is predominantly viable agricultural land be included in the Certified NYS Agricultural District Program. I/we recognize that such lands, once officially included in the Agricultural District, may not be removed until the next eight-year review period for that Agricultural District. I/we understand that this is not an application for an agricultural tax assessment. I/we also acknowledge that this request is subject to review by the Chautauqua County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, a public hearing, action by the Chautauqua County Legislature, and certification by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.				
SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER(s): _____			DATE: _____	

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