



# Onondaga County Legislature

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## PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

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**10:15 a.m.**  
**May 19, 2026**

**Onondaga Community College, Academic II. Rm P112**  
**180 Ransom MacKenzie Dr., Syracuse, New York 13215**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:
  - 1. **CENTRAL NEW YORK REGIONAL MARKET AUTHORITY:** William Fisher, CEO
    - a. INFORMATIONAL: Overview
  - 2. **MICRON:** Joe Nehme, Senior Manager of External Affairs
    - a. INFORMATIONAL: Overview
  - 3. **DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING:**
    - a. Approving the Inclusion of Viable Agricultural Land Within Certified Agricultural Districts Pursuant to Section 303-B of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law
    - b. Modification of Agricultural District No. 1, County of Onondaga, Town of Otisco and the Towns of LaFayette, Onondaga, and Tully (West of I-81)
  - 4. **COUNTY LEGISLATURE:**
    - a. DISCUSSION: Special Meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee to Discuss Pilot Agreements with Members of the Public and OCIDA (Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at North Syracuse Junior High School)
- C. Adjournment

# CNY REGIONAL MARKET

SHOP FRESH. EAT LOCAL.

Presentation to Planning & Economic Development Committee, Onondaga County Legislature  
May 19, 2026

## **Central New York Regional Market Authority**

William Fisher, CEO

1. The CNY Regional Market and the CNY Regional Market Authority
2. “Growers Season” and our Other Seasons
3. Saturday Markets, Sunday Markets, and Thursday Markets
4. Other Events at the CNY Regional Market
5. Plans for a new Produce Distribution Warehouse

**CENTRAL NEW YORK REGIONAL MARKET AUTHORITY PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT  
PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION WAREHOUSE  
\$25,000,000**

With financial support provided by the Onondaga County Planning Department and Empire State Development Corp., a consulting team led by Ted Spitzer of Market Ventures, Inc. delivered a Revitalization Plan for the Central New York Regional Market, which has served farmers, produce distributors, consumers, and other stakeholders since 1938.

A key component of the CNY Regional Market Revitalization Plan is a project to construct a 40,000 sq. ft. food distribution warehouse, along with related Site work and Utilities service upgrades, at an estimated cost of \$25,000,000.



*CNY Regional Market (Syracuse, NY): Rendering of a new Produce Distribution Warehouse*

The produce distribution businesses that operate out of Commission Warehouses that opened in 1938 are faced with many challenges due to these outdated, vastly inefficient facilities. This project will position these businesses for growth, thereby creating job opportunities for Upstate NY farmers and produce companies alike. The new Produce Distribution Warehouse will also support food processing activities that will allow growers and wholesalers to add value to their New York-grown food products.

This project will greatly enhance the Central New York region's ability to aggregate and process New York-grown food products and expand sales of these products to schools, universities and other institutional buyers throughout NYS, taking advantage of opportunities created by Executive Order 32.

June 2, 2026

Motion Made By Ms. Denton

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVING THE INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 303-B OF THE NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW

WHEREAS, Section 303-b of Agriculture and Markets Law provides landowners with an annual thirty day period to submit requests for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within certified agricultural districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 71-2004, that thirty-day period began January 1, 2026, and ended January 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, landowners have filed a request for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, the County referred the request to the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, and that Board has reviewed such requests and determined that such property would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district, and recommends such properties for inclusion within the certified agricultural district; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 11:00A.M. relating to such requested inclusions; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed action is an Unlisted action and this Legislature shall act as the Lead Agency for the purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Short Environmental Assessment Form for this project has been completed and reviewed and is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby finds and declares a negative declaration under SEQRA in that there is no anticipated construction and no anticipated change in use, that the identified possible impacts, if any, on air quality and surface water quality will not be significant and there is little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impacts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that based on the recommendation of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and information provided through the public hearing, this Onondaga County Legislature hereby adopts and approves the inclusion of the requested viable agricultural land within certified Agricultural Districts No. 4; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 303-b of Agriculture and Markets Law the inclusion of viable agricultural land in Agricultural District No. 4 is hereby described as follows, and include the following parcels listed by agricultural district, town, owner, parcel number, and acreage:

<b>2026 ADDITION REQUESTS</b>				
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<b>4</b>	<b>LaFayette Total</b>			<b>9.69</b>
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<b>4</b>	<b>Onondaga Total</b>			<b>240.99</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>250.68</b>
* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.				

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that should these parcels be subdivided prior to the expiration of said District, each subdivision would automatically be considered a part of said District, and would remain in the District while it is in effect; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature is to submit a copy of this resolution, together with the report of the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board including tax map numbers and maps for each parcel of land to be included in an agricultural district to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.



**DEPARTMENT**  
**ONONDAGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING**  
**PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET**

**PURPOSE:**

This resolution calls for the County Legislature to make a finding as to whether the land to be added to an agricultural district consists of predominantly viable agricultural land.

**OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:**

New York's Agricultural Districts Law, Article 25-AA PDF of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law was enacted in 1971 to help keep farmland in agricultural production. Agricultural districts are designed to protect agriculture through a combination of landowner incentives and protections that discourage the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses.

Responsibility for the creation, review and management of the State's agricultural districts lies within the authority of the county's legislative bodies. AML Sections 303 (district creation), 303-a (district review), 303-b (annual inclusion/addition of lands) and 303-c (district consolidation) detail the role county agricultural and farmland protection boards and legislative bodies play in district creation and review and prescribe the public notice and public hearing requirements.

Per Section 303-b, landowners can submit requests during an annual thirty-day period for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within certified agricultural districts. Pursuant to Onondaga County Resolution No. 71-2004, that thirty-day period is to occur January 1-30 of each year. This review period aligns with any eight-year reviews taking place that same year.

The Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) then prepares a report with a recommendation as to whether the land to be included in an agricultural district consists of predominantly viable agricultural land and presents it to the County Legislature, who is to hold a public hearing and then make its finding. The County Legislature then submits the final report with its finding to the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for certification.

During January 1-30, 2026 landowners made requests to add four parcels totaling 250.68 acres in the Towns of LaFayette and Onondaga to an agricultural district. The Onondaga County Department of Planning prepared a report, and at its March 31, 2026 meeting the AFPB reviewed and voted to forward the report and recommendation for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within a certified agricultural district to the Onondaga County Legislature. The Onondaga County Legislature has also been asked to authorize a public hearing on Tuesday June 2, 2026, just prior to that day's Session.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

No fiscal impact.

**BUDGET:**

No fiscal impact.

# REPORT TO THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

## ANNUAL ADDITION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS TO NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS IN ONONDAGA COUNTY

MARCH 2026

### ONONDAGA COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

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WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE ONONDAGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

## INTRODUCTION

This report presents the findings of the Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board's (AFPB) 2026 review and final recommendations to the County Legislature for **the addition of viable agricultural land to agricultural districts** in Onondaga County. The Onondaga County Legislature formally designated by Resolution 71 on April 5, 2004 an annual 30-day period in January when landowners can request that their land be added to an agricultural district.

Viable agricultural land, as defined in NYS Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 301, sub.7, is "...land highly suitable for a farm operation..." and a farm operation as defined in sub.11 is "...the land and on-farm buildings, equipment, manure processing and handling facilities, and practices which contribute to the production, preparation and marketing of crops, livestock and livestock products as a commercial enterprise..."

The NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets provides further guidance in how it defines farm operations and thresholds in determining farm activities to constitute a commercial enterprise, to include factors such as types of products, acreage in production, gross sales and capital investment, experience and commitment.

In judging viability, Article 25-AA of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law requires the AFPB to consider:

- natural factors including soil, climate, topography;
- markets for farm products;
- the extent and nature of farm improvements;
- the present status of farming;
- anticipated trends in agricultural economic conditions and technology; and
- any other relevant factors.

The following requests were examined with these considerations in mind as well as their location relative to existing agricultural districts and nearby development.

**LANDOWNER REQUESTS**

Landowners have requested that the following parcels be added to agricultural districts within Onondaga County.

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**DISTRICT 4 ADDITION REQUESTS**

**TOWN OF LAFAYETTE (OPPEDISANO):** The landowners are requesting the addition of one parcel totaling approximately 9.69 acres located on Meeker Hill Road approximately two miles south of LaFayette.

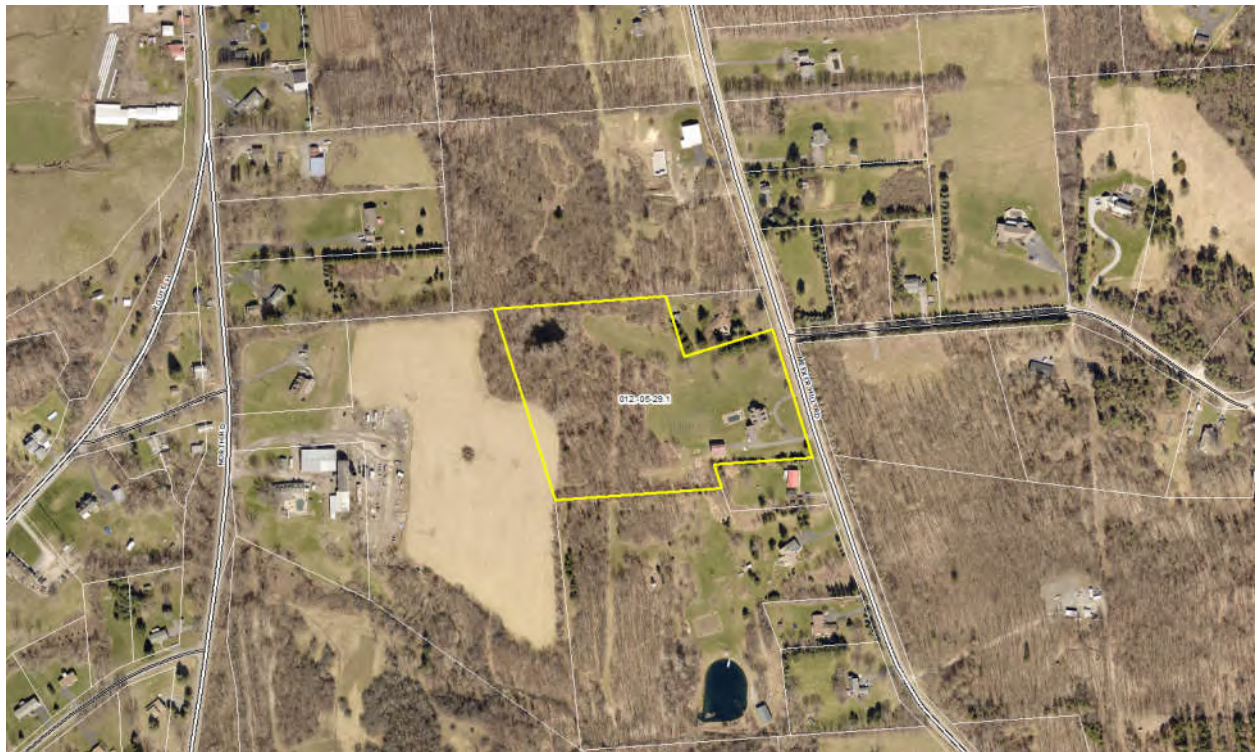
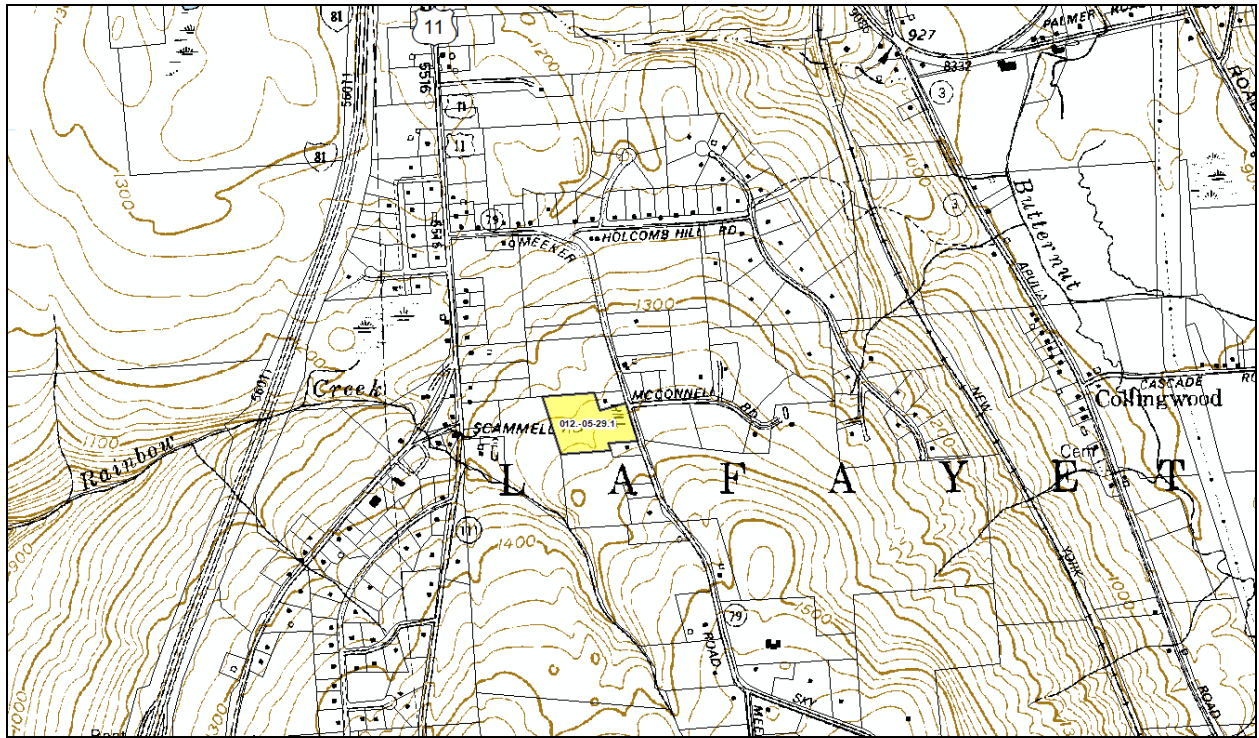


This property had not been receiving an agricultural assessment or otherwise included in the Ag Mapper dataset when it was created in 2021.

The owner’s single-family residence is located on the property, and they also operate a lavender farm (including U-Pick) and a native plant nursery. They recently expanded operations to include new retail shed and parking area not shown on the aerial photograph. The land was formerly farmland/pastures.

One hundred percent of the property is comprised of Prime Soils and Soils of Statewide Importance. The property is in the Chittenango Creek Basin/Butternut Creek Watershed and Onondaga Lake Basin/Onondaga Creek Watershed. There are no mapped streams, wetlands, floodplains, or aquifers on the property.

The adjacent parcel to the west is in Agricultural District 4 and looks to be in agricultural production. There also appears to be agricultural production to the south, although it’s not in the Agricultural District. Remaining surrounding parcels are otherwise comprised of large, rural residential lots and forested/open lands.



**TOWN OF ONONDAGA (PATRICK SHAFFER):** The landowner is requesting the addition of three parcels totaling approximately 241 acres located on Graham, Sentinel Heights, and Kennedy Roads, immediately east of the Onondaga Nation, Nedrow, and I-81, and less than 0.5 miles south of the City of Syracuse via LaFayette Road. The landowner also owns approximately 101 acres of land in Agricultural District 1 on the west side of I-81.

When the Ag Mapper dataset was created in 2021, these properties had been receiving an agricultural assessment and scored between 7.43 – 9.78 (Countywide average is 7.71) in the analysis for important farmland.

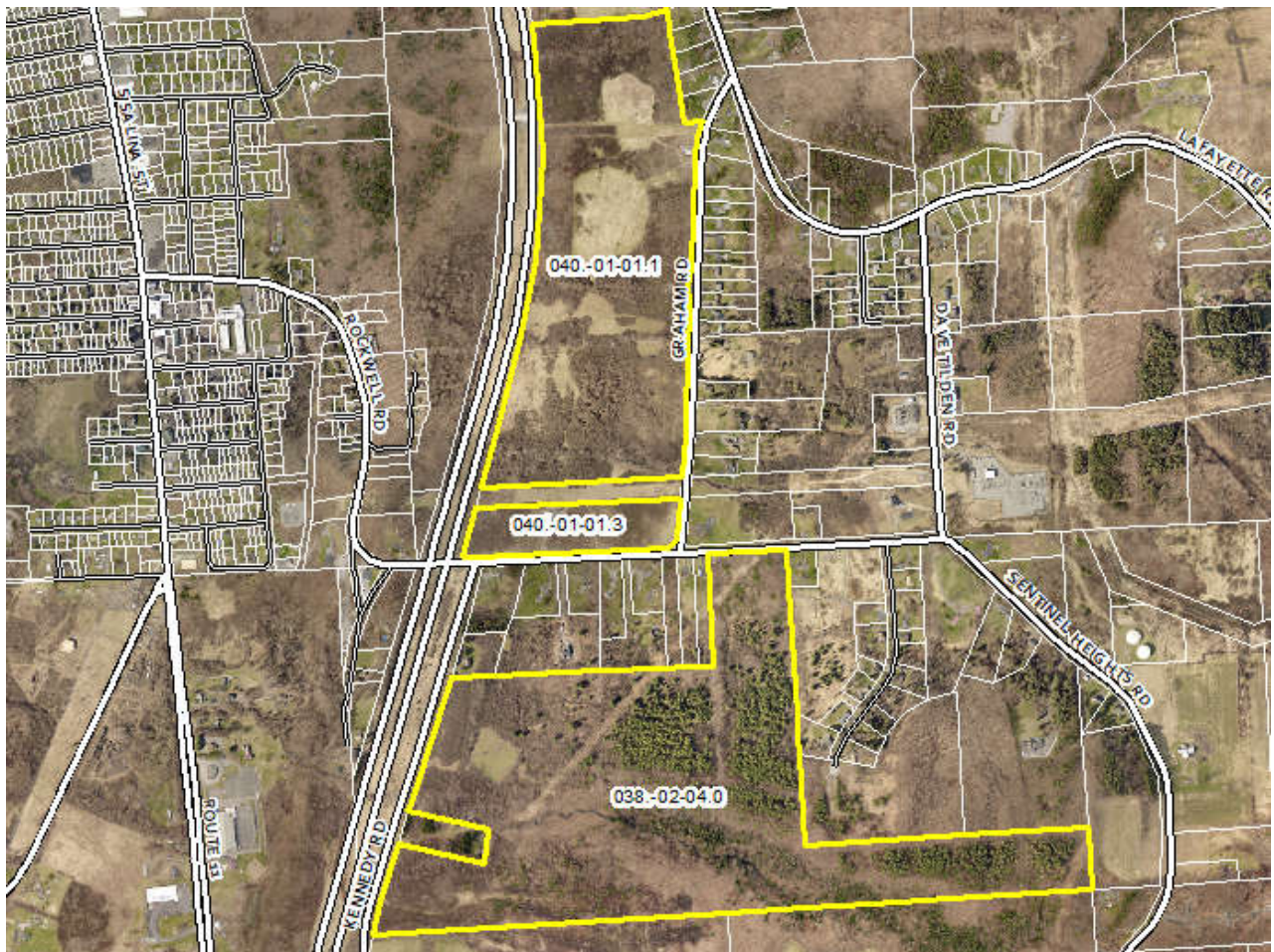
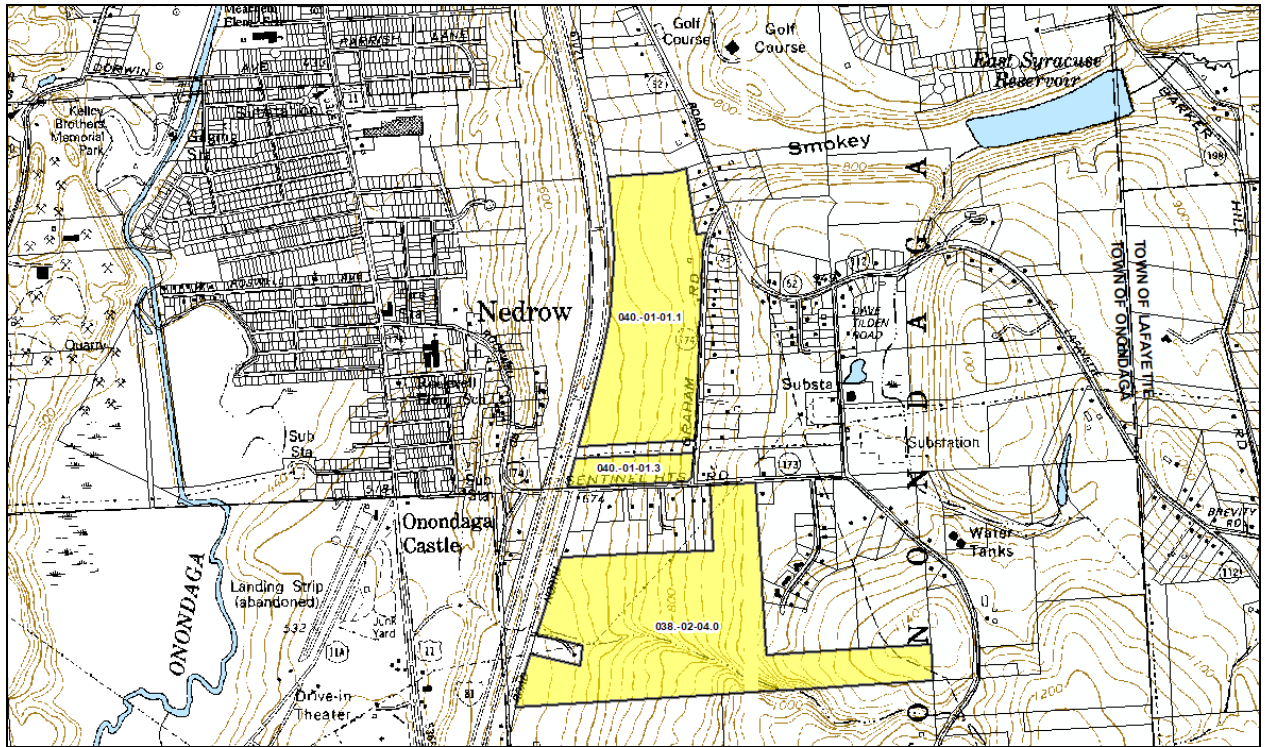
A majority (70%) of the properties are comprised of Prime/Drained Soils and Soils of Statewide Importance. This area is in the Onondaga Creek watershed, and there are no mapped wetlands or streams/waterbodies on the properties.

The landowner has formed an LLC (Cedar Crest Farm) and is establishing an organic orchard (apple and cherries). He also harvests trees and maintains cow corn/deer food plots. The production is for personal use at this time.

Two transmission lines (345 kV and 115 kV) cross or bisect the properties and a National Grid substation is located to the east. This area is in a water service area and is just beyond the County sewer district.

The property is located on the outermost edges of Agricultural Districts 1 and 4, on the outskirts of the Syracuse Urban Area and is surrounded by a mix of urban and suburban uses, rural large-lot residential development, and open lands. The former LaFayette Golf Club in the City of Syracuse and the Town of LaFayette is located immediately adjacent to the northeast of parcel 040.-01-01.1. A proposed redevelopment of the site includes 263 housing units in the City of Syracuse in the initial phase(s).

The local Town of Onondaga zoning designation for this area is R-C (Residential and Country) and has been for many years.



**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The farm sector in Onondaga County is strong and stable, and the Onondaga County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan, Plan Onondaga, and municipal planning documents identify protection of agriculture and farmland as an important goal for preserving the rural economy, local food system, and rural character.

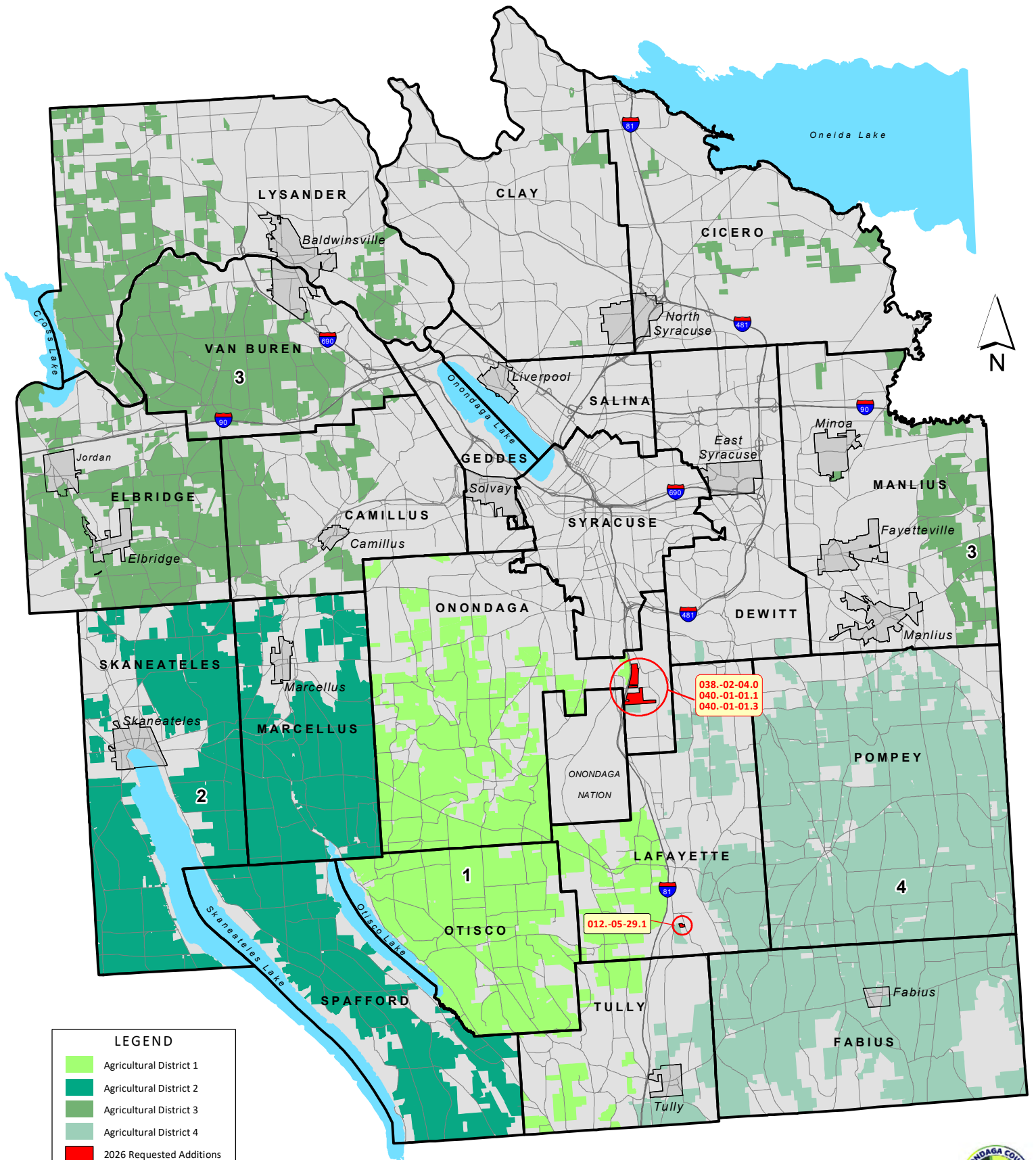
The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board recommends adding the following parcels to Agricultural District 1. The total acreage being recommended for addition is 250.68 acres.

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**APPENDICES**

- Resolution - Annual 30-Day
- Form - Annual Additions Request
- Resolution - Public Hearing Notice
- Notice - Public Hearing Notice
- Letter - Public Hearing Landowner
- Minutes - Public Hearing
- Resolution - Approval
- Map – Annual Additions Map
- SEQRA - Environmental Assessment Form

# Onondaga County Agricultural Districts 2026 Requested Additions



LEGEND	
<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:10px; background-color:#90EE90;"></span>	Agricultural District 1
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<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:10px; background-color:#FF0000;"></span>	2026 Requested Additions



# *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.

<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>				
Name of Action or Project:				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):				
Brief Description of Proposed Action:				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone:		
		E-Mail:		
Address:				
City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:	
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
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, are adjoining or near the proposed action:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify):				
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland				

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?  b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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? b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest    Agricultural/grasslands    Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban    Suburban		
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
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
49. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b>  Applicant/sponsor/name: _____ Date: _____  Signature: _____ Title: _____		

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?”

	<b>No, or small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
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?		

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)

June 2, 2026

Motion Made By Ms. Denton

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**MODIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 1, COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, TOWN OF OTISCO AND THE TOWNS OF LAFAYETTE, ONONDAGA, AND TULLY (WEST OF I-81)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, this Onondaga County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 141-2025 providing for notice of the eight-year review of Agricultural District No. 1 in the Town of Otisco and the Towns of LaFayette, Onondaga, and Tully (west of I-81); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 87-2026, this Onondaga County Legislature authorized a public hearing on said agricultural district modification at the Onondaga County Courthouse on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 11:15AM, and such hearing was duly noticed and held; and

WHEREAS, the Onondaga County Legislature has completed the eight-year review of Agricultural District No. 1, and has received from the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board its report and recommendations regarding the agricultural viability of the district and recommended modifications to the district; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Legislature to modify Agricultural District No. 1 as provided for herein; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed action is an Unlisted action and this Legislature shall act as the Lead Agency for the purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Short Environmental Assessment Form for this project has been completed and reviewed and is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby finds and declares a negative declaration under SEQRA in that there is no anticipated construction and no anticipated change in use, that the identified possible impacts, if any, on air quality and surface water quality will not be significant and there is little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impacts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Agriculture and Markets Law, Section 303-a, said Agricultural District No. 1 in the Town of Otisco and the Towns of LaFayette, Onondaga, and Tully (west of I-81) is modified as provided for herein; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the modification to Agricultural District No. 1 is as follows and encompasses the following parcels listed by town, owner, parcel number, and acreage:

<b>ADDITION REQUESTS</b>			
<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>TAX ID</b>	<b>GIS ACRES*</b>
Onondaga	Brennan, Matthew	051.-01-17.0	9.95
Onondaga	Khazaleh, Saho	062.-03-35.0	5.87
<b>Onondaga Total</b>			<b>15.81</b>

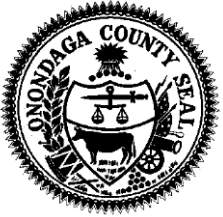
Otisco	Doody, Reed J	020.-02-26.1	75.87
<b>Otisco Total</b>			<b>75.87</b>
Tully	Potter, James	122.-01-21.1	16.63
Tully	Potter, James	122.-02-11.1	12.24
<b>Tully Total</b>			<b>28.88</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>120.55</b>
* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.			

<b>REMOVAL REQUESTS</b>			
<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>TAX ID</b>	<b>GIS ACRES*</b>
LaFayette	Vere Vintage LLC	021.-03-08.0	2.60
<b>LaFayette Total</b>			<b>2.60</b>
Onondaga	Dominion Transmission Inc	054.-02-03.1	1.48
<b>Onondaga Total</b>			<b>1.48</b>
Otisco	Canfield, Richard W	011.-03-10.0	5.26
Otisco	Dominion Transmission Inc	007.-02-27.0	2.43
Otisco	Edinger, Scott	023.-02-03.3	1.36
Otisco	Locke, Christopher A	006.-05-23.4	1.54
Otisco	Murphy, Michael W	017.-04-23.1	0.48
Otisco		017.-04-24.0	2.03
<b>Otisco Total</b>			<b>13.10</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>17.18</b>
* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.			

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that should one or more of these parcels be subdivided prior to the expiration of said District, each of these subdivisions would automatically be considered a part of said District, and would remain in the District while it was in effect; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the district report with finding shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets as provided for in Section 303-a of the Agriculture and Markets Law.



**DEPARTMENT  
ONONDAGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING  
PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET**

**PURPOSE:**

This resolution calls for the County Legislature to make a finding regarding the modification of Agricultural District 1 in the Town of Otisco, and the Towns of Onondaga, LaFayette, and Tully (west of I-81).

**OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:**

New York's Agricultural Districts Law, Article 25-AA of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law was enacted in 1971 to help keep farmland in agricultural production. Agricultural districts are designed to protect agriculture through a combination of landowner incentives and protections that discourage the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses.

Responsibility for the creation and review of the State's agricultural districts lies within the authority of the county's legislative bodies. AML Sections 303 (district creation), 303-a (district review), 303-b (annual inclusion/addition of lands) and 303-c (district consolidation) detail the role county agricultural and farmland protection boards and legislative bodies play in district creation and review, and prescribe the public notice and public hearing requirements.

Per AML Section 303-a, the County Legislature is responsible for conducting a review of each agricultural district in the County on an eight-year schedule. During the review period, established to be between January 1-30, landowners and municipalities can request to have property added to or removed from the district. This review period aligns with the annual additions request process for all districts in the County.

The Onondaga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) then prepares a report with a recommendation to continue, terminate, or modify the district and presents it to the County Legislature, who is to hold a public hearing and then make its final finding. The County Legislature then submits the final report with its finding to the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets for certification.

Agricultural District 1 is up for review in 2026 and landowners requested that lands be added to and removed from the District. The Onondaga County Department of Planning prepared a report, and at its March 31, 2026 meeting the AFPB reviewed and voted to forward the report with its recommendation to modify Agricultural District 1 to the Onondaga County Legislature. The Onondaga County Legislature has also been asked to authorize a public hearing on Tuesday June 2, 2026, just prior to that day's Session.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

No fiscal impact.

**BUDGET:**

No fiscal impact.

**REPORT TO THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**2026 EIGHT YEAR REVIEW**

**AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 1**

**TOWN OF OTISCO**

**TOWNS OF LAFAYETTE, ONONDAGA, AND TULLY (WEST OF I-81)**

March 2026

**ONONDAGA COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD**

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**INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the findings of the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board’s (AFPB) 2026 eight-year review and final recommendations to the County Legislature for Agricultural District 1 in the Onondaga County Town of Otisco, and the Towns of LaFayette, Onondaga, and Tully (west of I-81).

New York’s Agricultural Districts Law, Article 25-AA PDF of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (AML), was enacted in 1971 to conserve, protect, and encourage the development and improvement of its agricultural land for production of food and other agricultural products, and as valued natural and ecological resources which provide needed open spaces for clean air sheds and aesthetic purposes. Responsibility for the creation, review, and management of the State’s agricultural districts lies within the authority of the county’s legislative bodies.

Agricultural operations within an agricultural district are afforded the following benefits and protections:

- requires state agencies to modify administrative regulations and procedures to encourage the maintenance of viable farming;
- limits the exercise of eminent domain and other public acquisitions, and the advance of public funds for certain construction activities;
- limits the power to impose benefit assessments, special ad valorem levies, or other rates or fees in certain benefit areas or improvement districts such as water, sewer, and non-farm drainage;
- limits unreasonable local restrictions and regulations of farm operations;
- requires agricultural data statement reviews for certain planning and zoning actions that impact a farm operation;

- provides Right to Farm provisions for protection from private nuisance suits;
- requires agricultural district disclosure notices for real estate transactions involving property within an agricultural district; and
- provides for a five-year rather than eight-year conversion penalty period for landowners who receive an agricultural assessment.

The Agricultural Districts Law also establishes an agricultural assessment program that allows reduced property tax bills for eligible farmland in agricultural production both inside and outside of agricultural districts.

Being within an agricultural district does not:

- restrict the use of property for agricultural production, or otherwise prohibit other uses;
- change the local municipal zoning designation; or
- restrict the sale or lease of property.

Article 25-AA of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law requires the AFPB to consider the following factors when creating an agricultural district:

- the viability of active farming within and adjacent to the district;
- the presence of viable inactive farmlands within and adjacent to the district;
- the nature and extent of land uses other than active farming within and adjacent to the district;
- county developmental patterns and needs; and
- any other relevant matters.

Viable agricultural land, as defined in NYS Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-AA, Section 301, sub.7, is "...land highly suitable for a farm operation..." and a farm operation as defined in sub.11 is "...the land and on-farm buildings, equipment, manure processing and handling facilities, and practices which contribute to the production, preparation and marketing of crops, livestock and livestock products as a commercial enterprise..."

NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets provides further guidance in how it defines farm operations and thresholds in determining farm activities that constitute a commercial enterprise, to include factors such as types of products, acreage in production, gross sales and capital investment, experience, and commitment.

Districts must consist predominantly of viable agricultural land. Predominance has been interpreted as more than 50 percent of land in farms.

In judging viability, Article 25-AA of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law requires the AFPB to consider:

- natural factors including soil, climate, topography;
- markets for farm products;
- the extent and nature of farm improvements;
- the present status of farming;
- anticipated trends in agricultural economic conditions and technology; and
- any other relevant factors.

**DISTRICT EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW**

Agricultural districts are reviewed by the Onondaga County Legislature and recertified by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner every eight years. During the review landowners can decide if they want their property to remain in the district, or be removed and/or added. The review is announced through public notices and announcements, a municipal notice letter, and a mailing to all landowners within the district, which includes a property owner notice letter, a removal and addition request form, and an optional farm questionnaire.

The Onondaga County Legislature directs the AFPB to prepare a report that includes:

- the nature and status of farming and farm resources within such district, including the total number of acres of land and the total number of acres of land in farm operations in the district;
- the extent to which the district has achieved its original objectives;
- the extent to which county and local comprehensive plans, policies and objectives are consistent with and support the district;
- the degree of coordination between local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that apply to farm operations in such district and their influence on farming; and
- recommendations to continue, terminate or modify such district.

Following the last review and recertification in 2018, the District encompassed 38,580.00 acres. Since 2004, NYS Agricultural Districts Law has given property owners the option to request to add viable agricultural land to an agricultural district during an annual open enrollment period, which is held between January 1-30 in Onondaga County. As a result, a total of 150.30 acres had been added to the Agricultural District 1 since the 2018 recertification. Following a parcel GIS mapping modification adjustment of -4.46 acres, the District totaled 38,725.84 acres at the start of this review in 2026.

<b>ACREAGE HISTORY</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>GIS Acres*</b>
2018 Renewal Acreage	38,580.00
<i>2020 Additions</i>	<i>28.40</i>
<i>2021 Additions</i>	<i>7.14</i>
<i>2023 Additions</i>	<i>114.76</i>
Additions Subtotal	150.30
Parcel Mapping Adjustment **	-4.46
<b>2026 Review Total</b>	<b>38,725.84</b>
* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.	
** A parcel mapping adjustment reflects acreage changes resulting from Geographic Information System (GIS) parcel splits, combinations, and/or redrafting.	

**STATUS OF FARMING AND FARM RESOURCES**

Agricultural District 1 is located in the Towns of Onondaga (41%), Otisco (41%), LaFayette (12%), and Tully (6%). It extends from the Alleghany Plateau escarpment in the Town of Onondaga south to Tully Lake in the Town of Tully on the Cortland County line. It is bordered on the west by Otisco Lake in the Town of Otisco and extends east to the Tully Valley bordering Interstate Route 81 in the Towns of LaFayette and Tully. The Onondaga Nation is located along the northeast boundary of the District. The

vast majority of the District is in the Onondaga Lake Basin with only a small area in the southern-most part of the District that is in the Tioughnioga River Basin.

Elevation within the District ranges from 1,879 feet on Dutch Hill in the Town of Otisco to elevations between 500 and 600 feet in the northern end of the Tully Valley in the Town of LaFayette. Most of the land in the District can be described as rolling hills and large glacial outwash valleys, a variable topography typical of the Alleghany Plateau region in the southern part of Onondaga County.

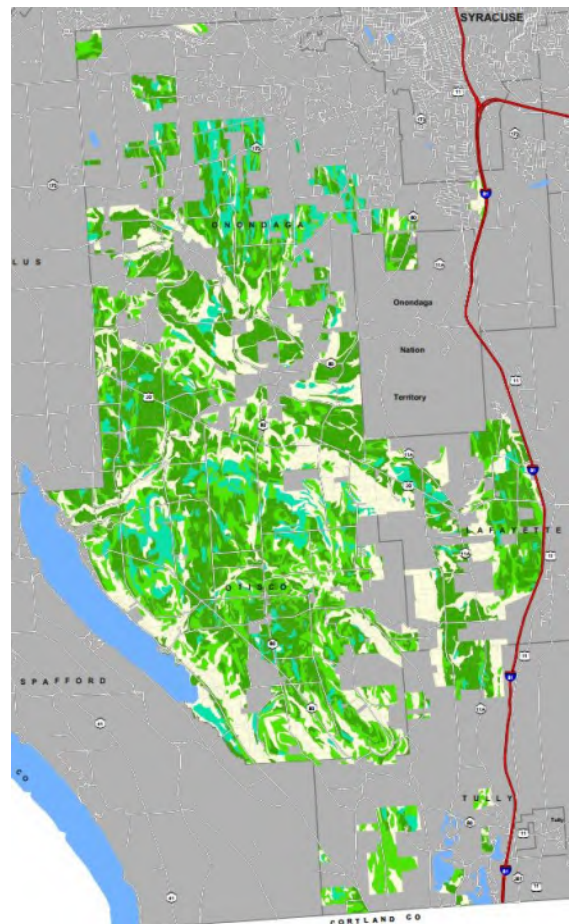
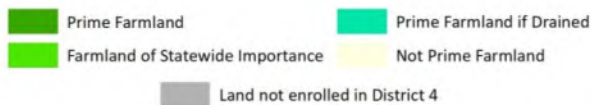
The District is situated primarily in rural agricultural and forested towns that contain small historic villages and hamlets, and rural roadside residences. The northern edge of the District in the Town of Onondaga borders directly on the ever-expanding Syracuse Urban Area with its urban amenities and public sewer and water infrastructure.

Transportation corridors within the District, including Interstate Route 81, US Route 20, and NYS Routes 80, 175, and 11A, provide critical infrastructure for the movement of crops to markets, and services and goods for agricultural production, and also provide convenient routes for residents who work and shop in the Syracuse Urbanized Area.

**SOILS**

Approximately 61 percent of the District is composed of Prime Farmland (39%) and Prime Farmland of Statewide Importance (23%). These deep, well-drained soils are well-suited to farming and are responsive to agricultural management practices. An additional nine percent of the District is classified as Prime Farmland if Drained.

SOIL SUITABILITY		
SOIL CLASSIFICATION	GIS ACRES*	PERCENT OF DISTRICT
Prime Farmland	14,917	39%
Farmland of Statewide Importance	8,794	23%
Prime Farmland if Drained	3,676	9%
Not Prime Farmland	11,339	29%
Total	38,726	100%
USDA Soil Conservation Service Data		
* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.		



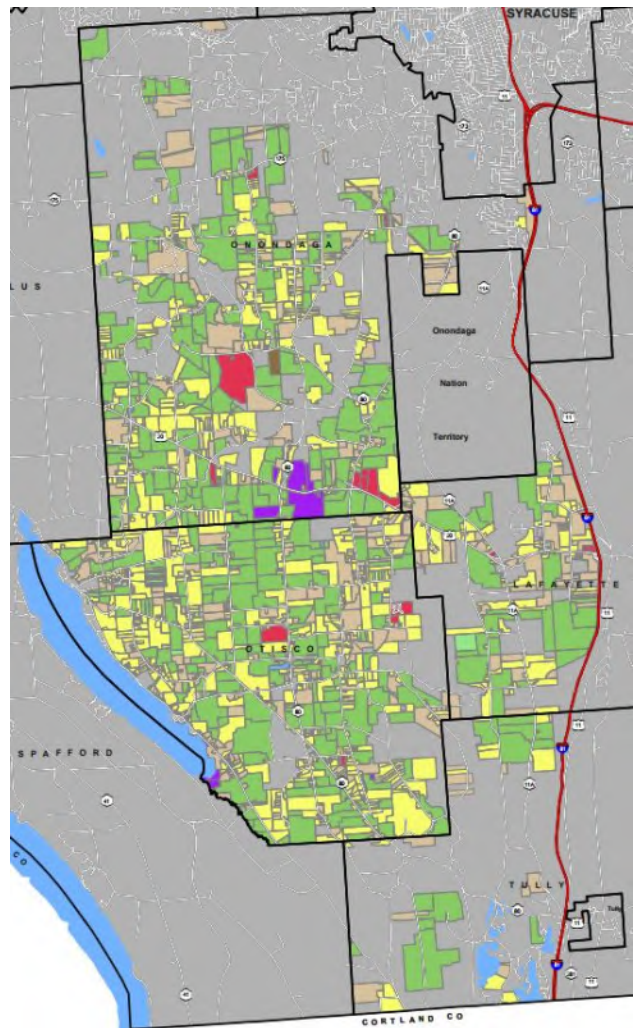
**LAND USE**

At the start of the review, there were approximately 1,474 landowners with 2,356 enrolled parcels totaling 38,725.84 acres within the District.

PARCEL STATISTICS					
TOWN	NUMBER OF PARCELS ENROLLED	GIS ACRES *	MAXIMUM PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	AVGERAGE PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	MEDIAN PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)
LaFayette	242	4,736.88	270.17	19.57	5.46
Onondaga	869	16,048.89	287.77	18.47	5.86
Otisco	1,192	15,745.74	277.47	13.21	4.39
Tully	53	2,194.33	443.94	41.40	23.08
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,356</b>	<b>38,725.84</b>	<b>443.94</b>	<b>16.44</b>	<b>4.94</b>

Onondaga County Real Property Data  
 \* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.

Agriculture, shown in green on the image to the right, is the predominant parcel land use within the District (46%). Residential uses, primarily of rural residential, comprise the next highest area of land (32%). The large industrial area in the Town of Onondaga is related to apple processing and a cell tower. Two golf courses and miscellaneous commercial uses are also present in the District.

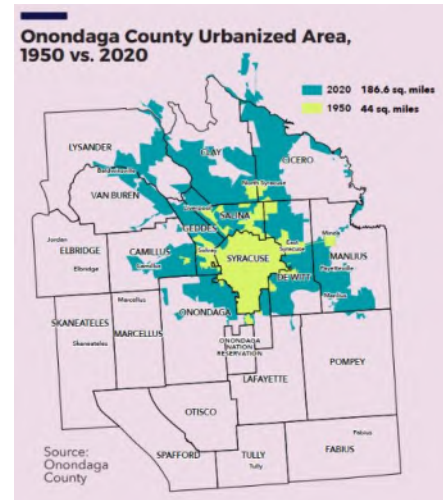


LAND USE		
LAND USE	GIS ACRES*	PERCENT IN DISTRICT
Agricultural	17,814	46%
Commercial	704	2%
Industrial/Utility	478	1%
Mining	54	0%
Parks/Open Space	173	0%
Public Service	36	0%
Residential	12,251	32%
Vacant	7,217	19%
Total	38,726	100%

Onondaga County Real Property Data  
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Residential construction is influenced by access to the Syracuse Urban Area. As expected, the Town of Onondaga, which shares a long border with the City of Syracuse and forms a large area of the Syracuse Urban Area, saw the largest number of residential units constructed between 2018-2024. Proximity to the Syracuse Urban Area and Interstate 81 provide residents in the Town LaFayette and Tully with easy access to the Syracuse Urban Area, which attracts new rural residential construction in highly desirable rural areas. The Town of Otisco, with the largest area within Agricultural District 1, is also the most rural and has experienced little new housing.



<b>HOUSING UNITS BUILT BY MUNICIPALITY 2018-2024</b>			
<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Multi-Family Units</b>	<b>Single-Family Units</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
LaFayette Town Total (incl. Village)	0	23	23
Onondaga Town Total	1	171	172
Otisco Town Total	0	1	1
Tully Town Total (incl. Village)	1	67	68
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>264</b>
Onondaga County Real Property Data			

There were two proposed water district expansions in the District: the Norton and Bussey Road District (Notice of Intent received) in the Town of Onondaga, and the Towns of Tully and LaFayette (Cardiff) Joint Water System Project. The projects were proposed to alleviate declining potable well water and overall system deficiencies. The Town of Onondaga adopted a lateral restriction resolution for new non-agricultural construction in that proposed water district.

There have been three known non-utility (~5 MW) solar projects proposed on approximately 150 acres within the District (.25% of 38,726 acres) and none have been built to date.

A utility-scale wind project, Maple Harvest Wind Farm, is a proposed 160 MW/25 turbine facility in the Towns of Tully, Otisco, and LaFayette. Approximately 51 of the 80 parcels involved in the project are in Agricultural District 1. The project is currently being designed, and preliminary studies have been submitted to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES), but a pre-application has not.

## AGRICULTURAL TRENDS


Onondaga County farm operations are the enterprises behind one of the most productive agricultural regions in New York State. As documented by the 2022 Census of Agriculture, dairy is by far the highest commodity in the County by sales, making up over half of all agricultural sales in the County and is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> for New York State counties. Dairy sales are followed by poultry (ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in New York State) and grains/oilseeds/dry beans/dry peaks (ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in New York State). Onondaga County is also a top maple syrup producer.

A substantial share of the market value of Onondaga County's agricultural sector comes from livestock, and more specifically dairy. In addition, many field crops are not sold on the market but instead are used to feed livestock. Livestock sales have been increasing as dairies consolidate and grow.

There were 572 farms in Onondaga County, an eight percent decline from 2017. However, since 2017 the 164,239 acres in farms represented a two percent increase and the average 287-acre farm represented an 11 percent increase. The Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan documented a similar decline in the number of farms and increase in farmed acres between 2002 and 2017. That analysis concluded that there had been a notable consolidation of farms with a growth in the size of the largest farms and that medium sized farms (\$100k-\$500k in sales) face increasing pressures to compete with larger commodity production operations.

This trend is intertwined with an aging farmer population and shortage of young farmers or new and beginning farms, which is presenting significant workforce challenges. The number of farm operators is decreasing as operators age towards retirement and the next generation moves towards non-farming careers. Meanwhile, markets are quickly evolving with new crops emerging and technology continues to innovate by leaps and bounds.

These trends have been documented in Onondaga County and throughout New York State and the Nation. Additional analyses and trends can be found in the Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Plan.



### Onondaga County New York

**Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017**

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	572	-8
Land in farms (acres)	164,239	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	287	+11
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	271,488,000	+52
Government payments	1,416,000	-22
Farm-related income	8,468,000	-2
Total farm production expenses	162,446,000	+35
Net cash farm income	88,926,000	+91
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	474,629	+66
Government payments *	18,877	+67
Farm-related income *	34,010	+1
Total farm production expenses	336,444	+47
Net cash farm income	155,465	+108

**3** Percent of state agriculture sales

**Share of Sales by Type (%)**

Crops	27
Livestock, poultry, and products	73

**Land in Farms by Use (acres)**

Cropland	117,495
Pastureland	5,475
Woodland	29,502
Other	10,767

Acres irrigated: 1,658  
1% of land in farms

**Land Use Practices (% of farms)**

No till	19
Reduced till	23
Intensive till	28
Cover crop	16

**Farms by Value of Sales**

Less than \$2,500	Number	Percent of Total *
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	83	15
\$25,000 to \$49,999	61	11
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	8
\$100,000 or more	154	27

**Farms by Size**

1 to 9 acres	Number	Percent of Total *
10 to 49 acres	186	33
50 to 179 acres	160	28
180 to 496 acres	80	14
500 to 999 acres	27	5
1,000+ acres	42	7

### 2022 CENSUS of AGRICULTURE County Profile

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**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State *	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. *	Counties Producing Item	
<b>Total</b>	<b>271,488</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>3,078</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>73,721</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>3,874</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	33,399	12	55	1,105	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	297
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	10,066	16	61	295	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	11,334	12	59	159	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	9,901	11	60	307	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	902	3	52	70	1,274
Other crops and hay	8,118	18	56	424	3,035
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>197,767</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>3,078</b>
Poultry and eggs	30,063	3	59	439	3,027
Cattle and calves	13,418	16	98	1,064	3,047
Milk from cows	153,289	8	54	82	1,770
Hogs and pigs	(D)	33	55	(D)	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	195	27	55	907	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	198	34	55	1,125	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	29	30	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	516	17	58	378	2,906

**Producers 4** 1,146

**Sex**  
Male 695  
Female 451

**Age**  
<35 102  
35 - 64 639  
65 and older 405

**Race**  
American Indian/Alaska Native -  
Asian 4  
Black or African American 1  
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -  
White 1,131  
More than one race 10

**Other characteristics**  
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 7  
With military service 60  
New and beginning farmers 299

**Percent of farms that:**  
Have internet access **89**  
Farm organically **3**  
Sell directly to consumers **22**  
Hire farm labor **30**  
Are family farms **92**

**Top Crops in Acres \***  
Forage (hay/straw), all 35,965  
Corn for silage/greenchop 20,571  
Corn for grain 19,668  
Soybeans for beans 15,467  
Wheat for grain, all 5,139

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)**  
Breilers and other meat-type chickens 380  
Cattle and calves 45,071  
Goats 964  
Hogs and pigs 114  
Horses and ponies 1,147  
Layers (D)  
Pullets (D)  
Sheep and lambs 751  
Turkeys (D)

\* Average per farm receiving. \* May not add to 100% due to rounding. \* Among counties whose rank can be displayed. \* Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. \* Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/croptopnames.pdf. \* Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (.) Represents zero.

## ACHIEVING DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

Agricultural production in the District remains viable and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Since the last renewal of the District in 2018, 150.03 acres have been added, an indication that agriculture within the District is growing. Agricultural districts remain an important tool that promotes the continuation of farming and the preservation of agricultural land.

## COUNTY AND LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, POLICIES, AND OBJECTIVES CONSISTENCY AND SUPPORT

### PLAN ONONDAGA

On July 23, 2023, the County Legislature adopted *Plan Onondaga* as the new official Onondaga County comprehensive plan, which establishes a shared set of values and priorities that can lead the community toward a vision of the future.

*Plan Onondaga* provides a framework for understanding how and where the County can focus its resources in order to support and foster Global Economic Competitiveness characterized by Economic Collaboration (Leadership and Vision, Institutional Strength, and Coordination and Collaboration), Investments in People (Social Capital, Prioritization of Livability, and Education, Education, Education), and Strong Centers (Forward-Thinking Planning to Guide Organic Growth, Intelligent Infrastructure Investment, Closing Infrastructure Gaps, and Compact Development).

*Plan Onondaga* focuses on the linkages between Economic Development (encourage private sector investment); Quality of Life (attracting and retaining the modern workforce); and Community Based Planning (municipal cooperation); and explores five thematic areas as a framework for a Future Land Use Vision, including Agriculture, which calls for ensuring that agriculture remains a viable and integral part of the economy and a defining characteristic of the landscape.

*Plan Onondaga* recognizes that agriculture provides multiple benefits for local communities including local food support, natural environment protection, unplanned sprawl prevention, rural landscape conservation, and local economic strength. To further these key benefits, *Plan Onondaga* identifies the following agricultural goals: provide food and support local agriculture, grow the agricultural economy, protect farmland and rural landscapes, and protect natural resources and scenic views.

Working in tandem with Agriculture are the themes of Strong Centers, Housing and Neighborhoods, Community Mobility, and Greenways and Blueways, all of which emphasize the need to for amenity-rich, vibrant walkable centers with a diversity of affordable, attractive, and efficient housing that are accessible through a diverse and safe community mobility system; and a network of greenways and blueways for recreation and ecological health.

## ONONDAGA COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN

The Onondaga County Legislature approved a new *Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan* in October 2022, which was subsequently approved by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. The Plan established a vision and planning goals, strategies, and tangible actions to be supported and embraced by public officials and the community. Specifically, the Plan identifies Goal 2 as follows: “Strategically protect agricultural lands throughout Onondaga County to sustain and improve its vibrant agricultural operations.” Within Goal 2, the Plan identifies 11 Action items including increasing conservation easement capacity, providing municipal planning assistance, developing a Farm-Friendly Toolbox for Municipalities, promoting the new Onondaga County Ag Mapper, and assisting with farm diversification through Agri-Tourism development and promotion.

The Onondaga County Ag Mapper, which identifies the County’s most important farmland and how it interacts with the larger community, is now available to local municipalities. In addition, the Farm-Friendly Municipal Toolbox provides a place where municipalities can find best practices in local regulation and planning support, seek assistance with updating their land use plans and regulations as they relate to supporting agriculture land uses, address new and changing agricultural dynamics, and ensure consistency with NYS Agriculture and Markets Law.

The Onondaga County AFPB has been very active in promoting and enabling the protection of prime agricultural lands through farmland conservation easements, funded the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG) program, generous land-owner donations, and other federal and local funding. Since 1998, the AFPB has been instrumental in advancing 28 farmland conservation easement projects with approximately 11,000 acres of farmland protected in Onondaga County.

## ONONDAGA COUNTY AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

In 2012, the Onondaga County Agriculture Council was formed to help ensure that county government is working to promote and preserve the County's strong farming community. The Council works to develop strategies and programs to promote local food regionally; strengthen and enhance connections between the urban core and rural agricultural areas; and review, improve, and develop pro-agriculture/farming friendly policies and regulations that promote urban agriculture and make it easier for local farms to open and stay in business in Onondaga County.

In 2024 the Onondaga County Executive Ryan McMahon in cooperation with the Ag Council awarded 43 agritourism grants totaling \$790,000, 14 of which were for operations in or near the District. The grants highlighted and promoted the ongoing agricultural operation diversification and expansion in Onondaga County including beef, sheep and goat, u-pick cut flowers and fruit, local dairy café, gourmet mushrooms, Christmas tree farms, and brewery/restaurant/event space.

## LOCAL PLANNING

*Plan Onondaga* and the *Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan* encourage municipalities to update plans and adopt codes that incorporate measures that build strong centers as well as protect agricultural lands and promote the agricultural economy. In support of this goal, the County has initiated a Town Planning Grants Program, now being accessed by rural towns in the County, to complete hamlet and comprehensive planning work which will complement County land use and agricultural protection planning.

Most towns in Onondaga County have some form of comprehensive plan, which typically recognize the value of rural open space, which includes agricultural lands, and the desire to protect them. In their efforts to protect this valuable resource, towns typically rely on large-lot (generally two or more acres) zoning, to accommodate septic system requirements and to reduce density and protect open areas. However, these requirements often create the unintentional consequences of large lots strung along rural roads and large-lot subdivisions, which result in the excessive consumption of farmland and open space, more farmer/neighbor conflicts, and more traffic on farm roads.

Implementing settlement patterns other than the predominant suburban pattern, like adopting new density average/fixed ratio zoning techniques as recommended by the American Farmland Trust, are ultimately needed to protect agricultural lands. Although towns are starting to recognize and implement clustering as permitted in NYS Town Law, a potentially beneficial technique for protecting community character, open space, scenic resources, and environmental features, it is not necessarily considered effective at protecting farmland.

There is a need for more towns to adopt integrated County and local farmland protection plans that explore and implement a full range of agricultural protection tools. Municipalities are encouraged to take advantage of the County's Town Planning Grants Program, the Farm-Friendly Municipal Toolbox, and the Ag Mapper in their planning efforts.

The Town of LaFayette adopted an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan in October 2014 and updated their Comprehensive Plan in 2021. The Comprehensive Plan outlines five goals with relevant objectives including: minimize the cumulative adverse impacts of increasing demand for residential development on the limited supply of agricultural land and preserve prime soils; promote scenic qualities and rural way of life; and monitor the balance of development with respect to agricultural uses. Action items include encouraging farmland conservation easement programs, supporting agritourism opportunities and a farmers market, and provide farmer training programs.

The Town and Village of Tully updated their Comprehensive Plan in 2023, which sets a goal to protect Open Spaces, Natural Resources, and Recreation that includes agricultural lands and references agricultural industry and prime soils. The plan establishes an objective to foster an active and sustainable agricultural industry that contributes to the historic and environmental character and quality of Tully. Action items include revising zoning, right-to-farm, and solar/wind provisions to minimize the potentially negative impacts of future development on open space and agricultural lands; strengthen the NYS Agricultural Districts Program; and encourage farmland conservation easements. The plan also encourages smart growth principles, PUD and clustered developments; and maintaining rural character.

Many towns have also adopted solar and wind power moratoriums and regulations to address distributed and utility-scale projects in their jurisdictions. The Town of Otisco recently proposed a six-month moratorium on commercial and industrial construction to conduct a comprehensive review of existing local laws and regulations and State and Federal laws pertaining to commercial and industrial development and continue to consider modifying existing local laws or enacting additional local laws and regulations.

## **LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS COORDINATION AND INFLUENCE**

The Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District reports that there is continued concern regarding increasing development pressure on open agricultural lands throughout the County, especially now with the pressures presented by alternative energy opportunities. It is not the intent to remove one's opportunity to prosper, but there is renewed concern about the citing of alternative energy projects on the top five mineral soil groups. These are the most valuable soil groups for agricultural production and with all the new pressures for land use, there is concern amongst our committees and boards that valuable, productive land for agriculture will be lost forever to competing land use interest.

Additionally, there is now even more pressure for use for the open agricultural land for houses. And, with new houses typically come new neighbor relations struggles. One potential solution that needs significant discussion is more resources for Farmland Protection.

New home owners looking to buy in an agricultural district need to be made aware that it's an area where farmers have the right to operate including: moving machinery on public highways and roads which can slow down traffic and take up a lane-plus of road, and working the land all hours of the day and night which can generate noise, dust, and a release of odors from harvest, manure nutrient applications, etc.

Real estate sales professionals and attorneys need to be reminded, per Agriculture and Markets Law, that purchase, sale, and exchange contracts for real property located partially or wholly within an agricultural district shall have an agricultural district disclosure.

**RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE, TERMINATE, OR MODIFY DISTRICT**

The AFPB mailed a District notice of the eight-year review and a removal and addition request form to landowners with property currently enrolled in the District and municipalities within the District. Those results are summarized below.

**ADDITION REQUESTS**

The following property owners requested that their land be added to the District. These properties have been reviewed to verify the presence and characteristics of land highly suitable for a farm operation, viability as a commercial enterprise, location relative to existing agricultural districts, nearby development, and natural features.

ADDITION REQUESTS			
MUNICIPALITY	OWNER	TAX ID	GIS ACRES*
Onondaga	Brennan Matthew	051.-01-17.0	9.95
Onondaga	Khazaleh Saho	062.-03-35.0	5.87
<b>Onondaga Total</b>			<b>15.81</b>
Otisco	Doody Reed J	020.-02-26.1	75.87
<b>Otisco Total</b>			<b>75.87</b>
Tully	Potter James	122.-01-21.1	16.63
Tully	Potter James	122.-02-11.1	12.24
<b>Tully Total</b>			<b>28.88</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>120.55</b>

\* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.

**REMOVAL REQUESTS**

The following property owners requested that their land be removed from the District. All of these parcels are relatively small and are not part of an agricultural operations.

REMOVAL REQUESTS			
MUNICIPALITY	OWNER	TAX ID	GIS ACRES*
LaFayette	Vere Vintage LLC	021.-03-08.0	2.60
<b>LaFayette Total</b>			<b>2.60</b>
Onondaga	Dominion Transmission Inc	054.-02-03.1	1.48
<b>Onondaga Total</b>			<b>1.48</b>
Otisco	Canfield Richard W	011.-03-10.0	5.26
Otisco	Dominion Transmission, Inc.	007.-02-27.0	2.43
Otisco	Edinger Scott	023.-02-03.3	1.36
Otisco	Locke Christopher A	006.-05-23.4	1.54
Otisco	Murphy Michael W	017.-04-23.1	0.48
Otisco	Murphy Michael W	017.-04-24.0	2.03
<b>Otisco Total</b>			<b>13.10</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>17.18</b>

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Production agriculture in the District remains viable and will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Soils, climate, topography, transportation, agri-service and suppliers, and product markets provide the elements necessary for a successful agricultural economy. Since the last renewal of the District in 2016, 599.74 acres have been added.

The AFPB reviewed landowner removal and addition requests and had no objections to the list as presented. The AFPB recommends continuing Agricultural District 4 with the landowner-requested modifications.

**FINAL ACREAGE**

The District was last recertified in 2018 and encompassed 38,580.00 acres. Through subsequent annual addition processes, 150.30 acres were added to the District for a total of 38,725.84 acres. In addition, an adjustment of -4.46 acres was made to reflect modifications resulting from parcel splits, combinations, or redrafting of the parcel data used in the Geographic Information System (GIS). As a result, the current District acreage at the start of the 2026 review was 38,725.84 acres.

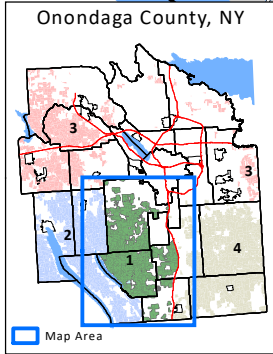
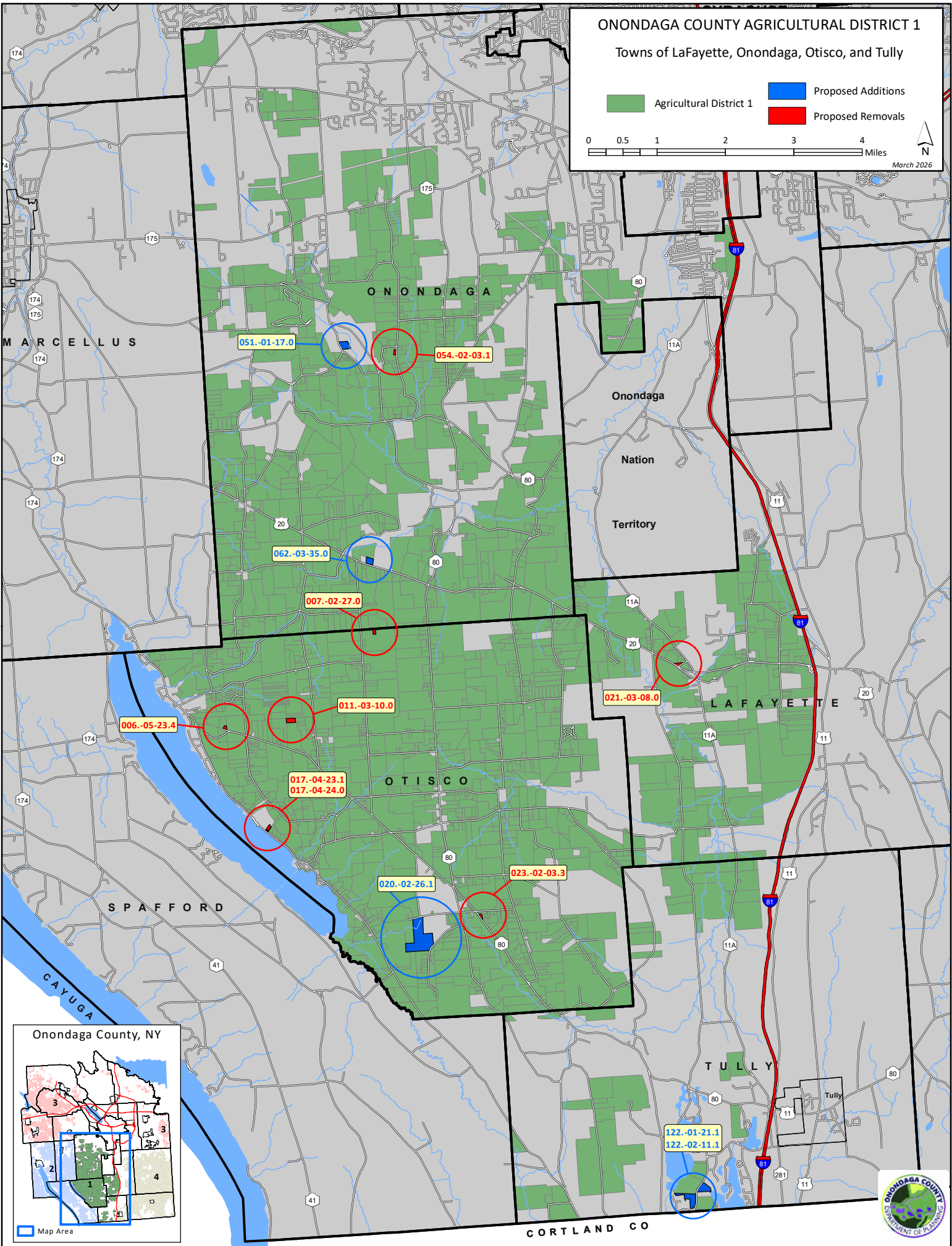
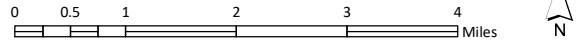
The AFPB recommends that 120.55 acres be added and 17.17 acres be removed per landowner-requested modifications, for a final proposed District acreage of 38,829.22 acres, a net increase of 103.38 acres.

<b>RECOMMENDED FINAL ACREAGE</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>GIS Acres*</b>
<b>2018 RENEWAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>38,580.00</b>
<i>2020 Additions</i>	28.4
<i>2021 Additions</i>	7.14
<i>2023 Additions</i>	114.76
Additions Subtotal	150.30
Parcel Mapping Adjustment **	-4.46
<b>2026 REVIEW TOTAL</b>	<b>38,725.84</b>
2026 Additions	120.55
2026 Removals	-17.18
<b>2026 RENEWAL TOTAL</b>	<b>38,829.21</b>
Net Change	103.37
* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.	
** A parcel mapping adjustment reflects acreage changes resulting from Geographic Information System (GIS) parcel splits, combinations, and/or redrafting.	

# ONONDAGA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 1

Towns of LaFayette, Onondaga, Otisco, and Tully

-  Agricultural District 1
-  Proposed Additions
-  Proposed Removals



# *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.

<b>Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information</b>			
Name of Action or Project:			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone:	
		E-Mail:	
Address:			
City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2. See attached AFPB report.		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
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, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?  b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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?  b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest    Agricultural/grasslands    Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban    Suburban		
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
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
49. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: _____ _____	NO	YES
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b>  Applicant/sponsor/name: _____ Date: _____  Signature: _____ Title: _____		

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?”

	<b>No, or small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
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?		

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.

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Name of Lead Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

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Title of Responsible Officer

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Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

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Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)