



Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board

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Onondaga County Annual Open Enrollment Period For the Addition of Viable Agricultural Land to a State Certified Agricultural District January 1, 2026 through January 30, 2026

New York State Agricultural Districts are intended to encourage the continued use of farmland for agricultural production. Enrollment of viable agricultural land into a State Certified Agricultural District provides protection of accepted agricultural practices through New York State Agricultural Districts Law. Viable agricultural land is highly suitable for a farm operation as defined by NYS Agriculture & Markets Law.

Property owners can request that their property be added to an Agricultural District in Onondaga County between January 1 and January 30 of each year. Owners must complete the attached Request Form and return it **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30, 2026** to:

Onondaga County Department of Planning
Carnegie Building, 335 Montgomery Street, 1st Floor
Syracuse, NY 13202-2923
Phone: 315-435-2611 E-mail: agriculture@ongov.net

The Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) will make recommendations on requested additions to the Onondaga County Legislature for their consideration at a public hearing, and, if accepted, Districts with additions will then need to be certified by the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets. Landowners requesting the addition of viable agricultural land will be notified of the County Legislature public hearing and the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets district certification.

For more information on the Agricultural Districts program, contact the Onondaga County Department of Planning, or visit <http://www.ongov.net/planning/agdist.html>.

*To verify whether your property is already enrolled in the Agricultural District, you are encouraged to use the interactive Onondaga County **GIS on the Web** mapping tool at <https://spatial.vhb.com/onondaga/>*

Onondaga County
Request to Add Viable Agricultural Land to a State Certified Agricultural District
January 1, 2026 through January 30, 2026

Name: _____ Farm Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

Landowner Signature: _____ Email (required): _____

ADDITION REQUESTS					
	OWNER NAME(S) <small>(only owners may request addition)</small>	TOWN/VILLAGE	TAX PARCEL NUMBER	PARCEL ACRES	# OF ACRES FARMED
	<i>John Doe</i>	<i>Town of Anywhere</i>	<i>101-01-1.11</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>50</i>

Describe how the parcel is used for commercial agriculture (type of crop/livestock, structures, gross sales, leased to a farm, etc.):

Describe what makes the land highly suitable for agriculture:

Describe any other NON-agricultural uses associated with this land:

Applicants may submit additional sheets, narrative, or other information to support your request.
Thank you for your interest in protecting agriculture.