

ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND

2025 REPORT

FROM: ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

To: Erie County Legislature

PURSUANT TO: SECTION 303-B OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW

OVERVIEW

Per section 303-b of New York Agriculture and Markets Law, the Erie County Legislature set the month of September as the annual 30-day period to consider property owner requests for predominately viable agricultural land to be added to an agricultural district. Section 303-b requires the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) to report to the Erie County Legislature with its recommendations as to whether the land requested to be included in an agricultural district consists of viable agricultural land as defined in 301(7) of New York Agriculture and Markets Law (AML), and serves the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district.

PROPERTY OWNER REQUESTS

During the 2025 open enrollment period, the AFPB received applications for the inclusion of 23 parcels into Erie County's existing Agricultural Districts. Of these, one parcel is already enrolled in an existing Agricultural District, was subsequently withdrawn, and is not discussed in this report.

The AFPB considered these requests and based recommendations upon Agricultural District Law, which states that parcels to be included in agricultural districts must be "land highly suitable for agricultural production" that will continue to be feasible for farming if conditions remain the same. Each parcel requested for inclusion was analyzed in detail by the AFPB. Each application received, along with corresponding maps and aerial images are included as Attachments 1-22.

The following table contains information for each request and indicates the AFPB's recommendation on whether to include or not include the parcel in an existing Erie County Agricultural District. Parcels not recommended for inclusion were found not to consist of viable agricultural land as defined in AML 301(7) and not to serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry with the district.

#	SBL	ACRES	ENROLLMENT ADDRESS	TOWN	APPLICANT	DISTRICT	INCLUDE
1	187.00-4-8.11	40	0 Mill Road	Aurora	Burger	Central #5	YES
2	106.00-1-22	42.9	236 Westwood Road	Lancaster	Kaler	Central #5	YES
3	196.00-2-8.21	20.1	6927 Taylor Road	Hamburg	Passero	Southwest #8	YES
4	153.16-1-1.111	18	3283 Angle Road	Orchard Park	Gertis	Central #5	YES
4	153.15-2-16.21	6	0 Angle Road	Orchard Park	Gertis	Central #5	YES
5	47.00-1-11.11	14.9	6320 Hake Road	Newstead	Brandl	North #1	YES
6	221.00-5-1.11	31.3	1134 Backus Road	Evans	Valentic	Southwest #8	YES
7	259.00-4-6.11	139.5	9784 South Hill Road	Colden	Myers	Southeast #15	YES
8	12.15-2-33.11	1.6	4924 East River Road	Grand Island	Harper Trust	North #1	NO
9	12.14-1-50	1.3	3479 Warner Drive	Grand Island	Malriat	North #1	NO

#	SBL	ACRES	ENROLLMENT ADDRESS	TOWN	APPLICANT	DISTRICT	INCLUDE (Y/N)
10	201.15-1-2.1	13.2	49 Willis Road	Aurora	Wierzbic	Central #5	YYES
11	51.02-2-6	5.5	1750 East River Road	Grand Island	Cruz	North #1	NO
12	237.00-2-16.1	3.9	2365 Hemlock Road	Eden	Logan	Southwest #8	YES
13	63.06-2-9.1	4.6	2768 Fix Road	Grand Island	Caruana	North #1	N0
14	50.00-1-4.2	15	3012 Staley Road	Grand Island	Majumdar	North #1	N0
15	238.00-2-22	72.4	3128 Paxon Road	Eden	Mance Trust	Southwest #8	YES
16	292.00-3-19.121	45.4	10099 Allen Road	Sardinia	Miller	Southeast #15	YES
17	316.00-3-9.13	9.9	13148 Gowanda State Road	Collins	Rolling Meadows Farm	Southwest #8	YES
18	243.00-2-6.21	60.4	Heath Road	Colden	Hacker	Southeast #15	YES
19	199.00-3-2.1	244.4	1662 Reading Road	Aurora	Reading	Central #5	YES
20	256.00-4-21	85.8	0 Enser Road	Boston	Mabee	Southwest #8	YES
21	257.00-1-28	51	9706 Feddick Road	Boston	Matwijkow	Southwest #8	YES

Erie County staff identified soil types and suitability for agriculture, type of operation, whether the parcel is owner-operated or rented, gross sales, surrounding land use, eligibility for agricultural assessment, consistency with zoning, local and regional planning documents, proximity to existing agricultural districts, and eligibility for inclusion pursuant to Article 25AA of Agriculture & Markets Law. This data is provided in the matrix which is included as Attachment 22.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing must be held by the Erie County Legislature to consider the requests of property owners. The public hearing will be held on December 5, 2025, at 10:00AM in Legislative Chambers. The required public notice will be published in the Buffalo Challenger and the Lancaster Bee.

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

Pursuant to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the modification of an agricultural district is classified as an Unlisted action, requiring a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) to determine environmental significance. The Department of Environment and Planning has completed Part 1 of the SEAF, which is included as Attachment 25.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Burger Applications & Maps
- 2) Kaler Applications & Maps
- 3) Passero Applications & Maps
- 4) Gertis Applications & Maps
- 5) Brandl Applications & Maps
- 6) Valentic Applications & Maps
- 7) Myers Applications & Maps
- 8) Harper Trust Applications & Maps
- 9) Malriat Applications & Maps
- 10) Wierzbic Applications & Maps
- 11) Cruz Applications & Maps
- 12) Logan Applications & Maps
- 13) Caruana Applications & Maps
- 14) Majumdar Applications & Maps

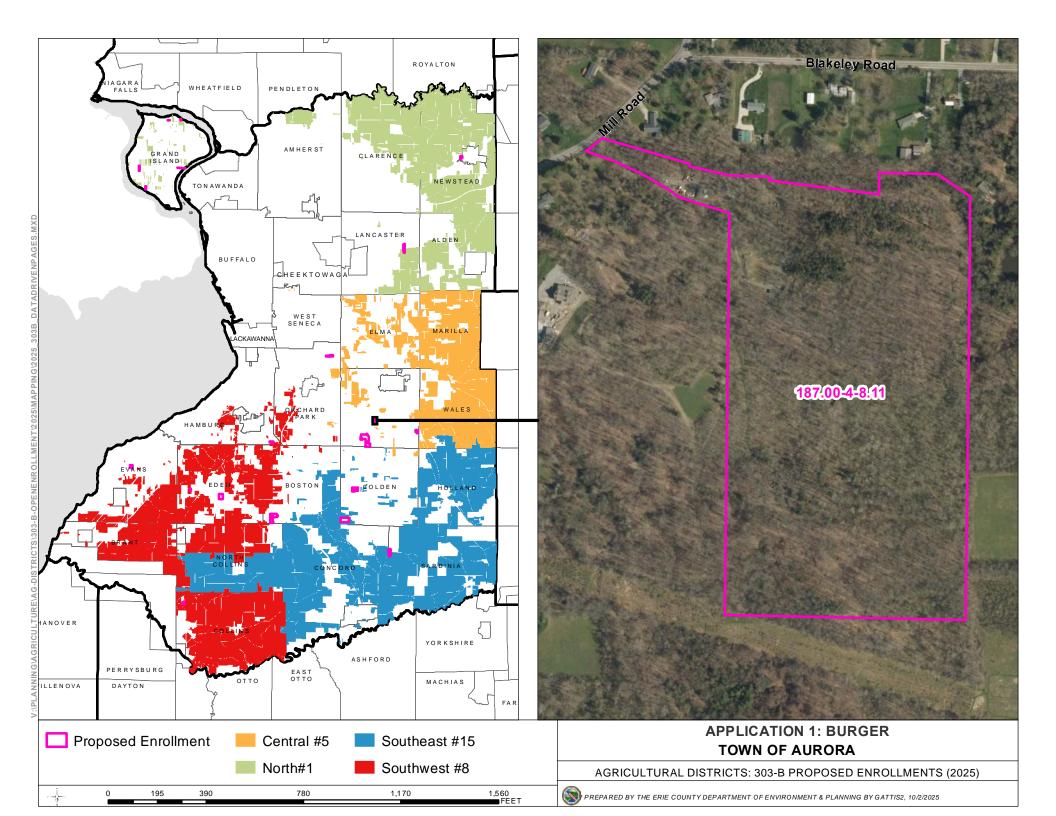
- 15) Mance Family Trust Applications & Maps
- 16) Miller Applications & Maps
- 17) Rolling Meadows Farm Applications & Maps
- 18) Hacker Applications & Maps
- 19) Reading Applications & Maps
- 20) Bennett and Mabee Applications & Maps
- 21) Matwijkow Applications & Map
- 22) Matrix Parcel Listing and Information
- 23) 30-Day Review Notice
- 24) Public Hearing Notice
- 25) SEAF Part 1

1) Burger Applications & Maps

Agricultural District Open Enrollment Form: Submission #1

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Jeremy Burger
Address	1019 Blakeley Rd East Aurora, New York. 14052
Phone Number	7169849434
Email Address	Jburger02@gmail.com
Renter Name	Smith Maple Farms
Renter Address	5257 Mayer Rd Hamburg, New York. 14075
Phone Number	716-523-8967
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	40
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	40
Total Number of Acres Rented	40
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	Yes
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 187.00-4-8.11 Street Address: mill road Town: Aurora Acres: 40 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): y
SBL	

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	maple syrup
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	40
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	



Application 1: Burger

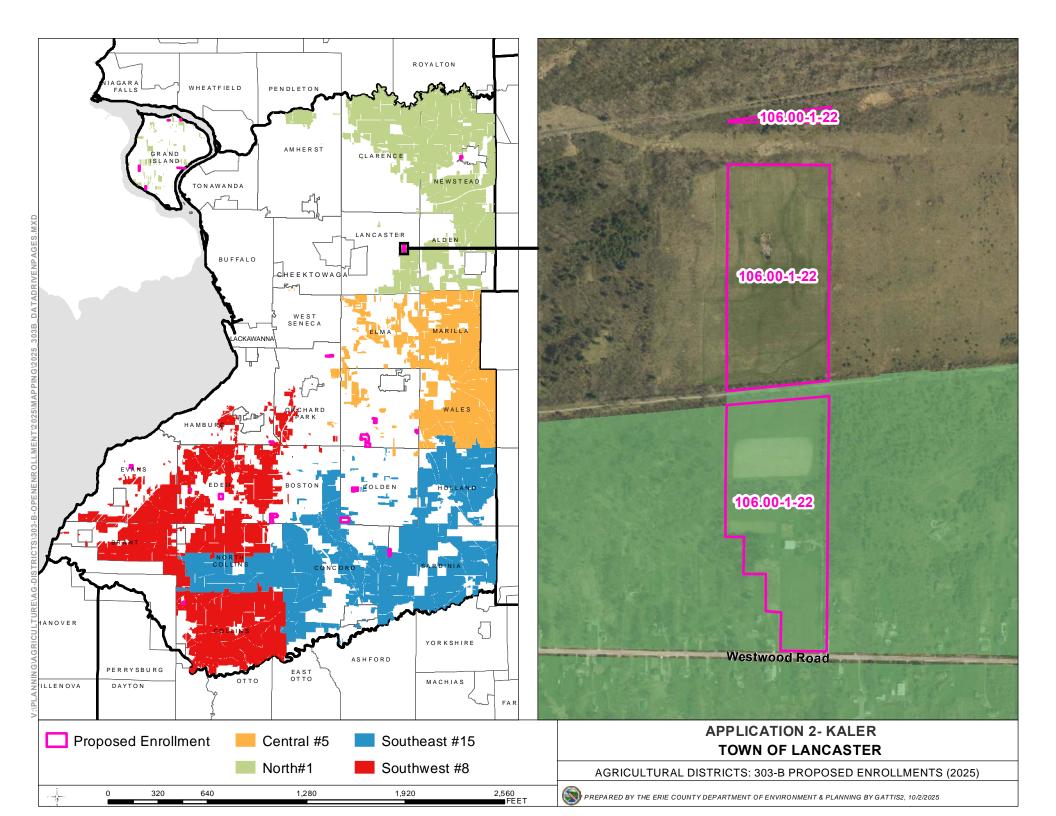


2) Kaler Applications & Maps

Agricultural District Open Enrollment Form: Submission #2

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County	Yes
Agricultural District?	
Owner Name	delphine & harry kaler
Address	236 Westwood Rd Lancaster, New York. 14086
Phone Number	<u>(716) 415-0755</u>
Email Address	harkal1@verizon.net
Renter Name	john phillips
Renter Address	255 westwood rd lancaster, New York. 14086
Phone Number	7169838303
Email Address	j <u>wrmp20@yahoo.com</u>
Total Number of Acres Owned	42.90
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	39
Total Number of Acres Rented	37.74
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 106.00-1-22 Street Address: 236 westwood rd Town: lancaster Acres: 42.90
SBL	Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): yes

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	hay
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	hay



Application 2: Kaler



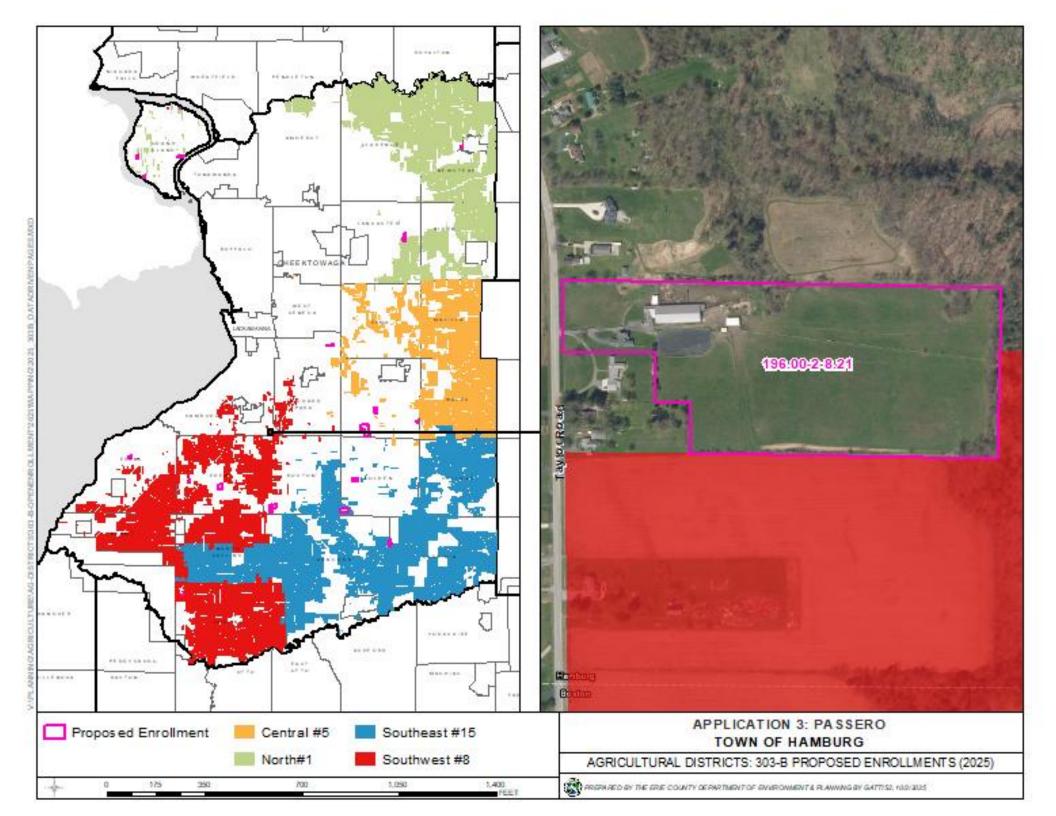


3) Passero Applications & Maps

Agricultural District Open Enrollment Form: Submission#3

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Jennifer Miller Passero
Address	6927 Taylor Road Hamburg, New York. 14075
Phone Number	<u>7167136767</u>
Email Address	jenniferpackmiller@gmail.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	21
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	20
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	\$10,000 - \$50,000
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 196.00-2-8.21 Street Address: 6927 Taylor Road Town: Hamburg Acres: 20.07
SBL	Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	Horse Boarding Facility
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	20
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	



Application 3: Passero



4) Gertis Applications & Maps

Agricultural District Open Enrollment Form: Submission#4

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	jeff and sandi gertis
Address	3283 angle rd orchard park , New York. 14127
Phone Number	716-432-5894
Email Address	buttons1221@gmail.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	24
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	21
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	Yes
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	\$10,000 - \$50,000

• SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 153.16-1-1.111 Street Address: 3283 angle Town: orchard park

Acres: 18

Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): yesSBL (Tax Parcel ID): 153.15-2-16.21

Street Address: 3283 angle

Town: orchard park

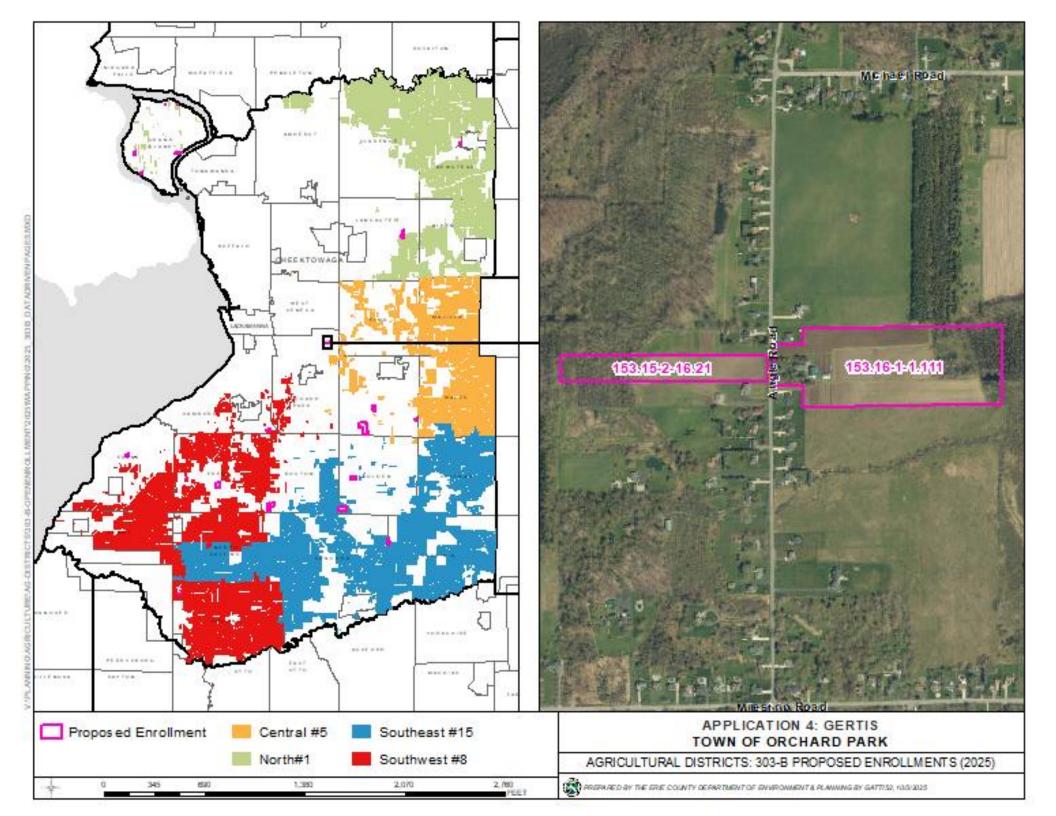
Acres: 6

Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): yes

SBL

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	crop farming
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	18
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	

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Application 4: Gertis



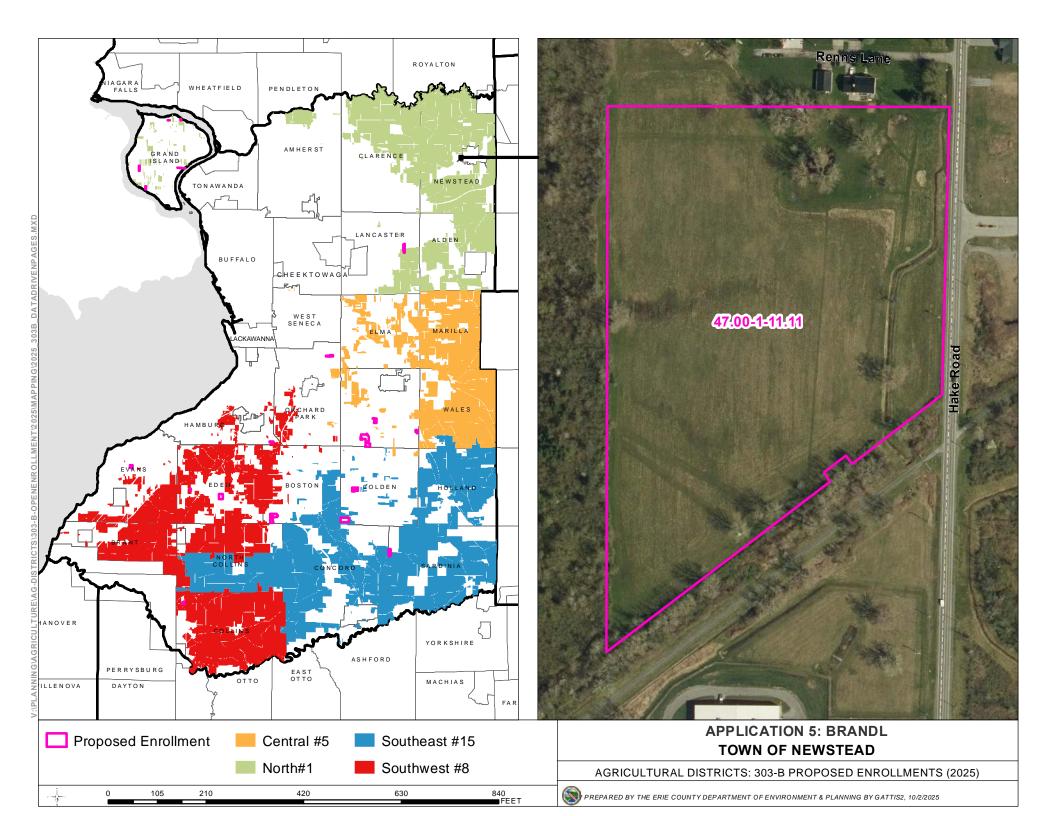
5) Brandl Applications & Maps

Agricultural District Open Enrollment Form: Submission #5

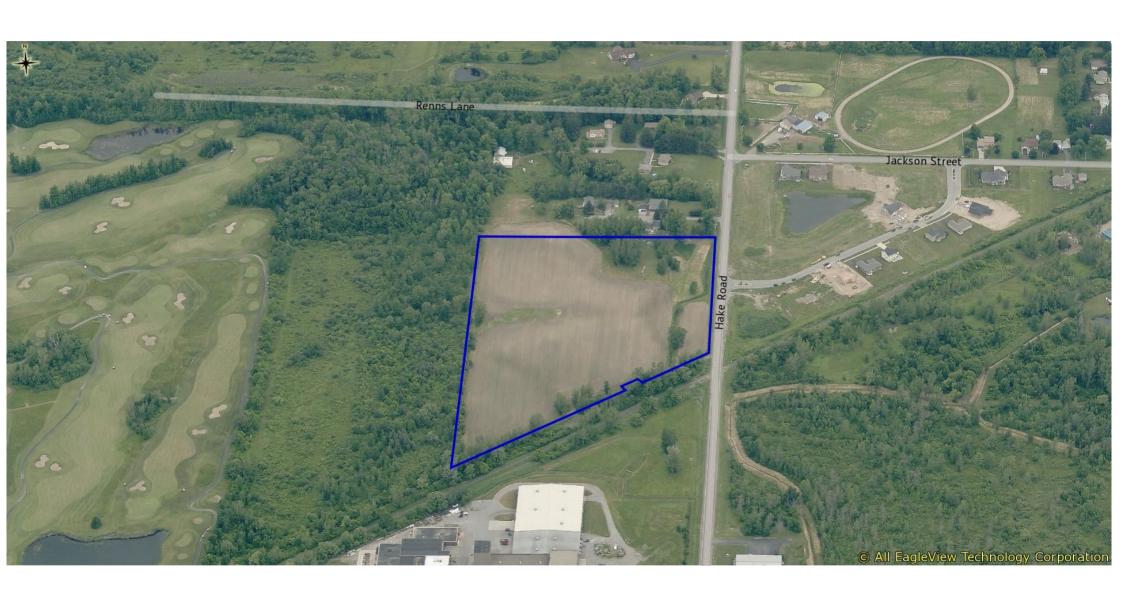
Yes
Anthony F. Brandl
6320 Hake Road Akron/Newstead, New York. 14001
<u>716-949-5728</u>
tonman1969@verizon.net
Chris Snyder
12178 Hunts Corners Road Akron, New York. 14001
<u>716-531-6316</u>
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No
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Below \$10,000
SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 47.00-1-11.11 Street Address: 6320 Hake Road Town: Newstead Acres: 14.89 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Yes

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	Crops
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	15
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	

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Application 5: Brandl



6) Valentic Applications & Maps

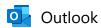
Agricultural District Open Enrollment Form: Submission#6

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Dennis and Laura Valentic
Address	1134 Backus Road Derby, New York. 14047
Phone Number	7169988384
Email Address	captainsrotts@yahoo.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	31.81
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	31.81
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	N/A (proposed operation/start-up)

	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 221.00-5-1.11 Street Address: 1134 Backus Road Town: Derby Acres: 31.31 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y
SBL	
Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	Proposal: Livestock & Apiary Program We are a small-scale agricultural venture dedicated to raising high-quality livestock and producing natural honey, with a focus on education, youth development, and conservation of rare breeds. We operate as a family-run farm that raises Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats, rare breed chickens and turkeys, and honeybees. We specialize in: • Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goats A small, high-yielding dairy breed known for their friendly temperament and manageable size, ideal for 4-H youth projects and dairy for our family. We produce various products with goat milk. • Rare Breed Exhibition Poultry: We maintain five rare chicken breeds that are recognized by the American Poultry Association (APA), promoting breed conservation and genetic diversity. Our NPIP certified flocks are raised on the land and through rotational grazing they are improving the soil condition and providing compost for our food production gardens. The eggs, chicks and adults are sometimes sold to other poultry enthusiasts. We are expanding to include heritage turkeys. • Apiary (Beekeeping) Our bee colonies are raised naturally for raw honey production and pollinator education. We harvest and sell small-batch, local honey while teaching our 4h youth the importance of bees to agriculture and the ecosystem.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Proposed/Start-up
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	1
Orchard/Vineyard	1
Livestock (other than dairy)	20
Poultry	20
Sugarbush/Maple	

Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	Forest: we harvest dead/diseased trees and replant healthy native species from Erie County Soil and Water 10 acres

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Valentics request: Inclusion in the Erie County Agriculture District

From Laura <captainsrotts@yahoo.com>
Date Sun 9/7/2025 10:53 AM
To Agriculture <agriculture@erie.gov>

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Erie Acres Livestock & Apiary Program

Erie Acres is a small-scale, family-run agricultural venture located in Erie County, New York. We respectfully submit this request for inclusion in the Erie County Agricultural District, as we believe our farm exemplifies the values and viability that the program was created to protect: agricultural productivity, sustainable land stewardship, and community enrichment through farming. Our operation is rooted in a deep commitment to both agricultural production and land conservation. We raise high-quality Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats, rare heritage poultry, and honeybees on our multiuse farmland. Each of these components contributes to a broader vision of sustainable farming that benefits not only our family but the wider community, youth in 4-H and FFA programs, and the region's ecological health.

Viability & Agricultural Use

Livestock Production

Our Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat program is central to our operation. These small but high-yielding goats provide dairy for our family and are used to create value-added products such as goat milk soap and lotion. Several goats are ADGA-registered and leased out annually to local 4-H youth who otherwise may not have access to livestock due to financial or land constraints. This not only keeps our herd active and productive, but also supports the development of agricultural skills in the next generation.

Poultry & Rare Breed Conservation

We also raise five rare chicken breeds recognized by the American Poultry Association, including Ayam Cemani, Silver Spangled Appenzeller Spitzhauben, French Black Copper Marans, Barnevelders, and Splash Ameraucanas. As NPIP-certified poultry breeders, we contribute to breed conservation efforts by preserving genetic diversity, which is crucial for the resilience of our food systems. Eggs, chicks, and adults are sold to hobbyists, breeders, and 4-H participants throughout the region.

We have recently added heritage turkeys to our breeding program, with the goal of increasing the availability of pasture raised heritage meat birds in the local market and to support 4-H turkey projects. All poultry are rotationally grazed, which improves pasture quality, contributes to compost for our food gardens, and supports regenerative land use practices.

Apiary & Pollinator Support

For the past seven years, we have raised honeybees and produced small-batch raw honey. Our apiary not only provides an agricultural product (honey), but also plays a critical ecological role. Pollinators are essential to agriculture, and our bees directly support the productivity of fruit trees, vegetables,

and wild plants on and around our property. We also use our apiary for educational purposes, by teaching local youth about the importance of pollinators in agriculture and conservation.

Sustainable Land Management

Our land management strategy aligns with regenerative agricultural principles. We are actively working to restore parts of our forested acreage by removing invasive plants, culling diseased and dead trees, and replanting native trees obtained through the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District. Our goats are a vital part of this system—able to access difficult terrain and control invasive species naturally without chemical intervention.

Poultry rotation adds nutrients to the soil while naturally controlling pests. Compost from bedding and manure is used to support a small food garden, closing nutrient cycles and reducing waste. We maintain all agricultural areas with long-term productivity and ecological health in mind.

Community Engagement & Education

Inclusion in the Agricultural District would support not only our farming efforts but also our work with the broader community. Through 4-H, we provide mentorship, lease livestock, and offer educational opportunities to youth interested in agriculture. We are working toward creating a more formal farm internship program and hosting seasonal workshops on topics such as rare breed conservation, beekeeping, and regenerative agriculture.

We are committed to maintaining the rural character and agricultural value of our land for future generations. As suburban development continues to grow in Erie County, we believe it is more important than ever to protect viable farmland and ensure it remains in active, responsible agricultural use.

Future Goals

Over the next five years, we intend to:

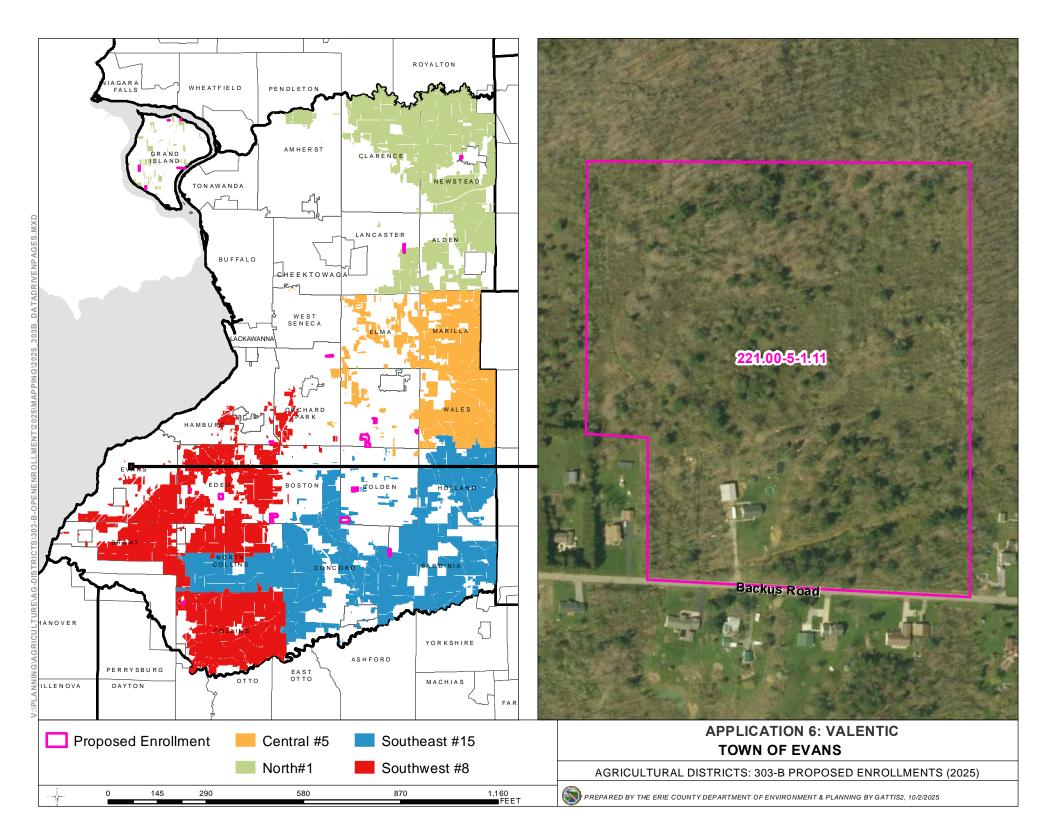
- Expand our livestock and poultry infrastructure.
- Increase honey and goat milk product production for sale at local farmers markets.
- Continue reforestation efforts in partnership with local conservation groups.
- Build a small on-site farm stand to enhance direct-to-consumer sales.
- Grow our role in agricultural education, both formally and informally.

Inclusion in the Erie County Agricultural District would provide us with the protections and support necessary to make these goals a reality. It would help ensure that our land remains agriculturally productive and that our family farm can continue to contribute to the economic, ecological, and educational fabric of our region.

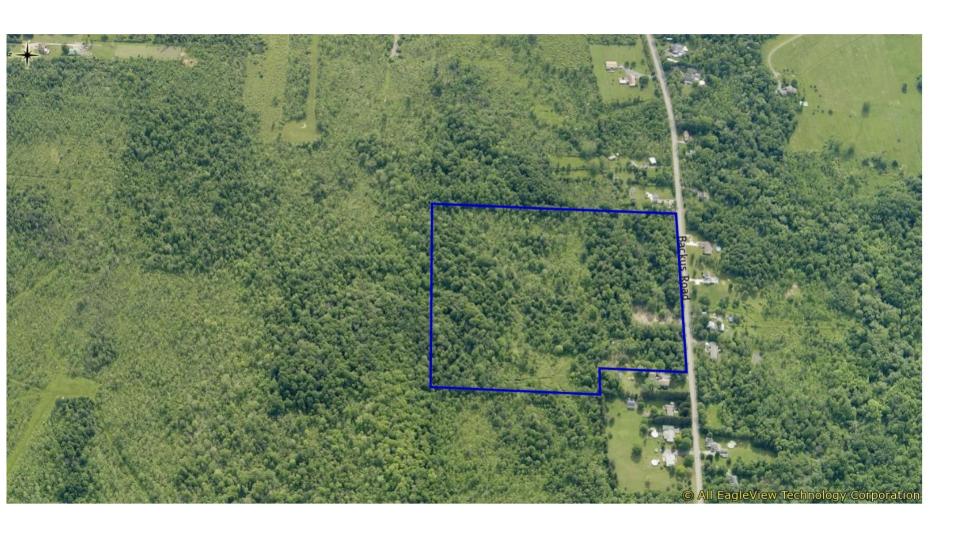
We thank you for your consideration and for the important work you do to protect and promote agriculture in Erie County.

Sincerely,

Dennis and Laura Valentic Erie Acres 1134 Backus Road Derby, NY 14047



Application 6: Valentic

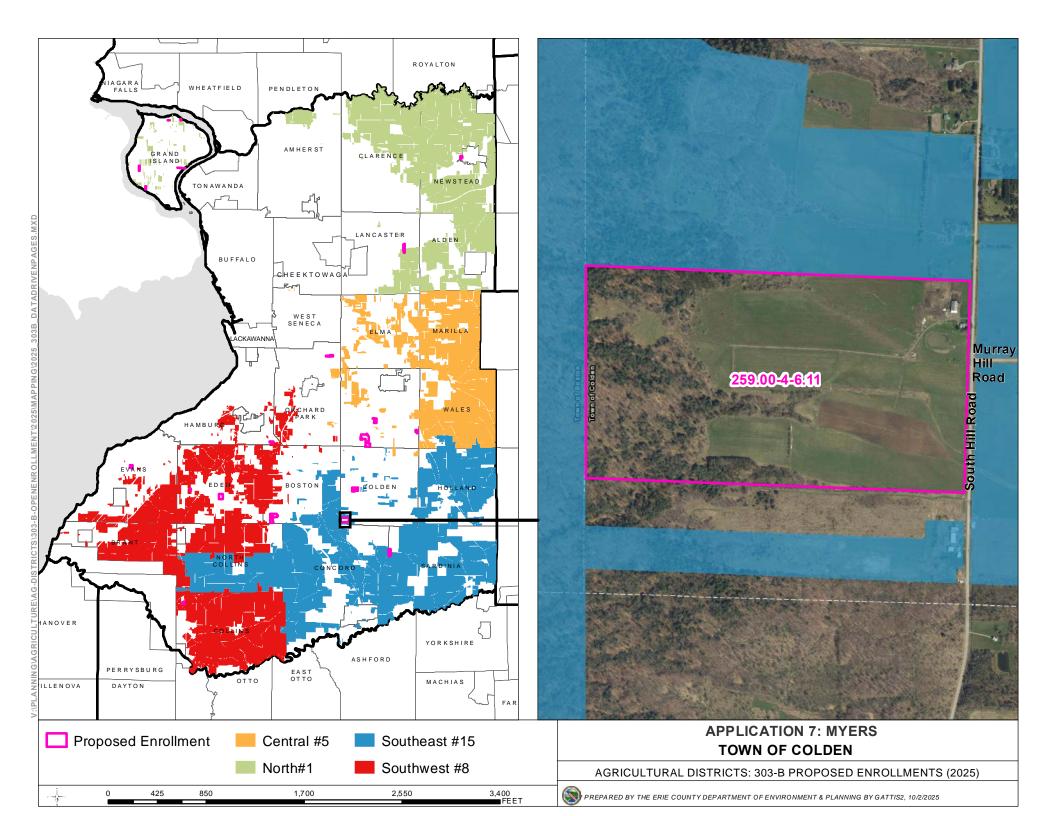


7) Myers Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	William Myers
Address	9784 south hill rd Boston , New York. 14025
Phone Number	7163592819
Email Address	beerman9784@gmail.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	139
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	70
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	0
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	Below \$10,000
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 259.00-4-6.11 Street Address: 9784 south hill rd Town: Colden Acres: 139.50 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Yes
SBL	

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	Beef cows hay
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	80
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	





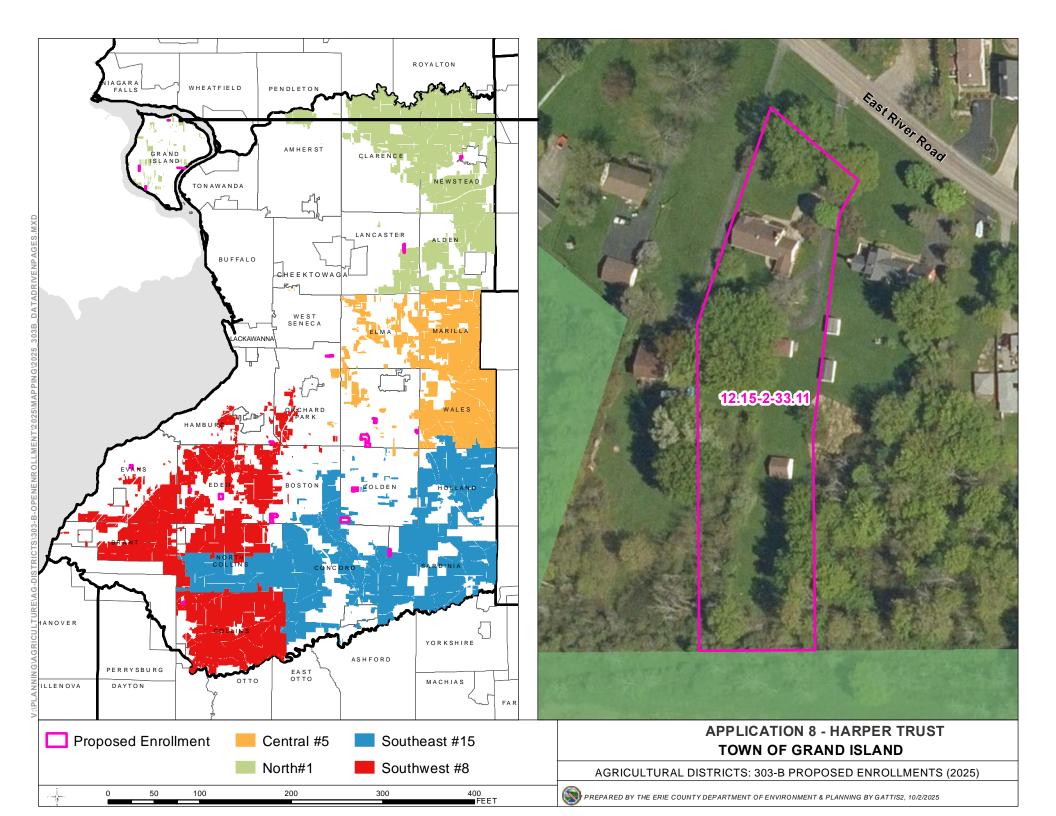
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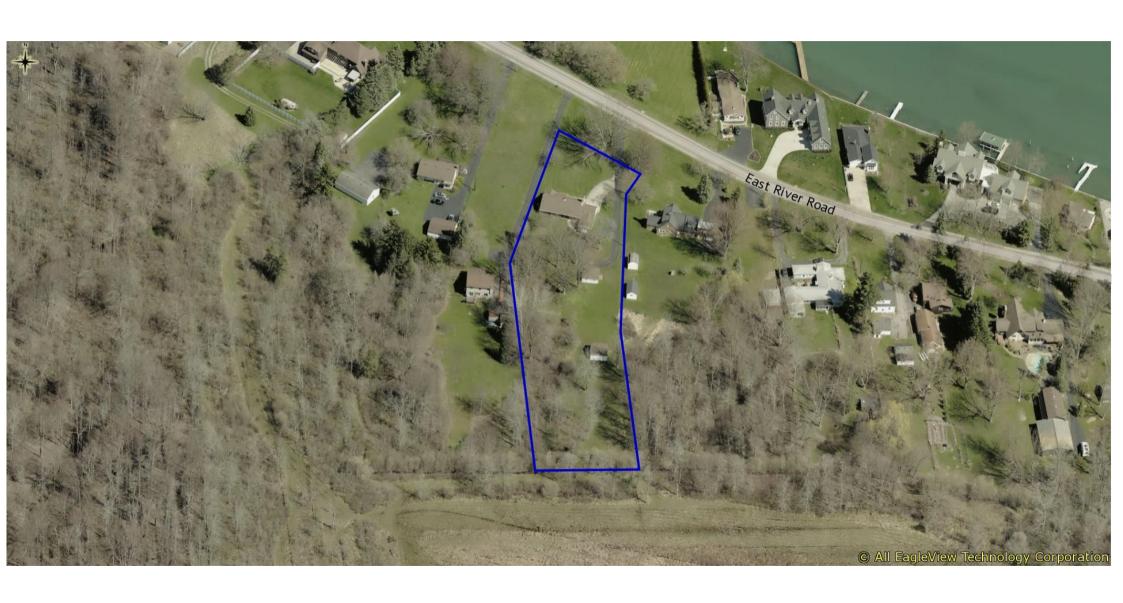
8) Harper Trust Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Robert and Christie Harper Trust
Address	4943 East River Road Grand Island , New York. 14072
Phone Number	7169121093
Email Address	paulharperdvm@gmail.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	140
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	10
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	12,000
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	Greater than \$50,000
SRI	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 12.15-2-33.11 Street Address: 4924 East River Road Town: Grand Island Acres: 1.6 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N
SBL	

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	This home will provide housing for workers for the attached farm.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	5
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	1
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	10
Aquaculture	
Other	



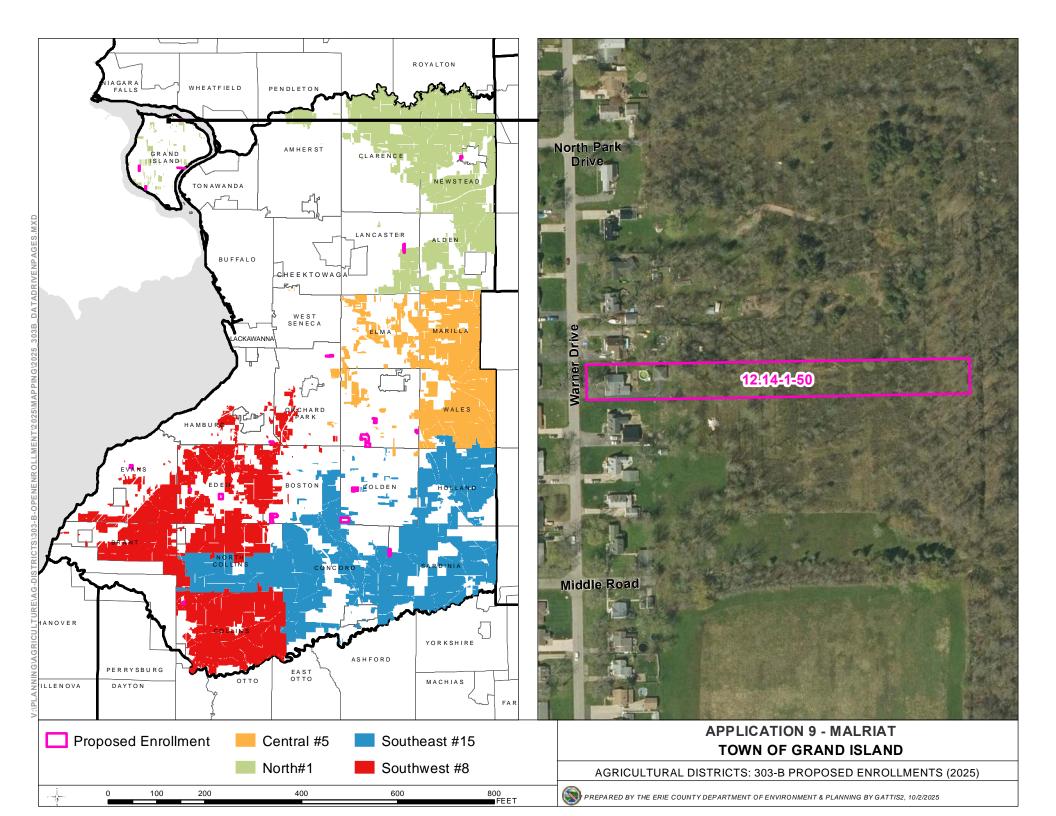
Application 8: Harper Trust



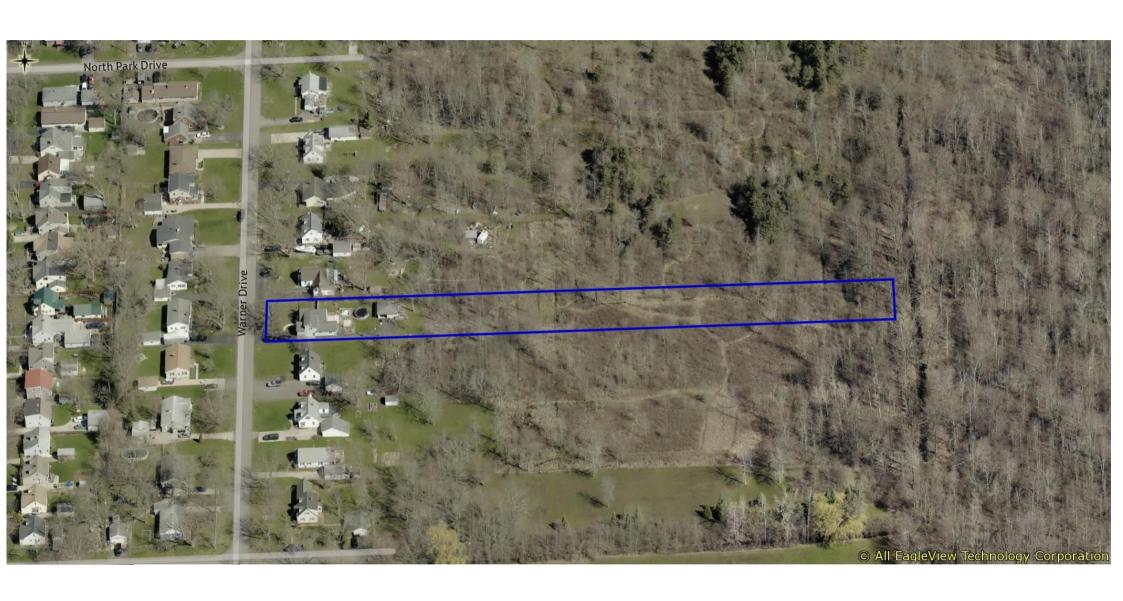
9) Malriat Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Samuel Malriat
Address	3479 Warner Dr. Grand Island, New York. 14072
Phone Number	<u>267-337-0334</u>
Email Address	sammalriat@gmail.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	1.3
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	1
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	0
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	Below \$10,000
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 12.14-1-50 Street Address: 3479 Warner Dr Town: Grand Island Acres: 1.34 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N
SBL	Agriculturur Assessinent (1714). N

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	The business will be run as a commercial diversified vegetable operation including but not limited to tomatoes, peppers, cucurbits, leafy greens, herbs, and cane fruits. Laying hens will be rotated on fields that are cover cropped. The farm business will supply the nearby Sandy Beach Farm Store & Bakery with produce for the community to be sold in a retail format. Products will also be sold at farmer's markets.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Proposed/Start-up
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	1
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	1
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	



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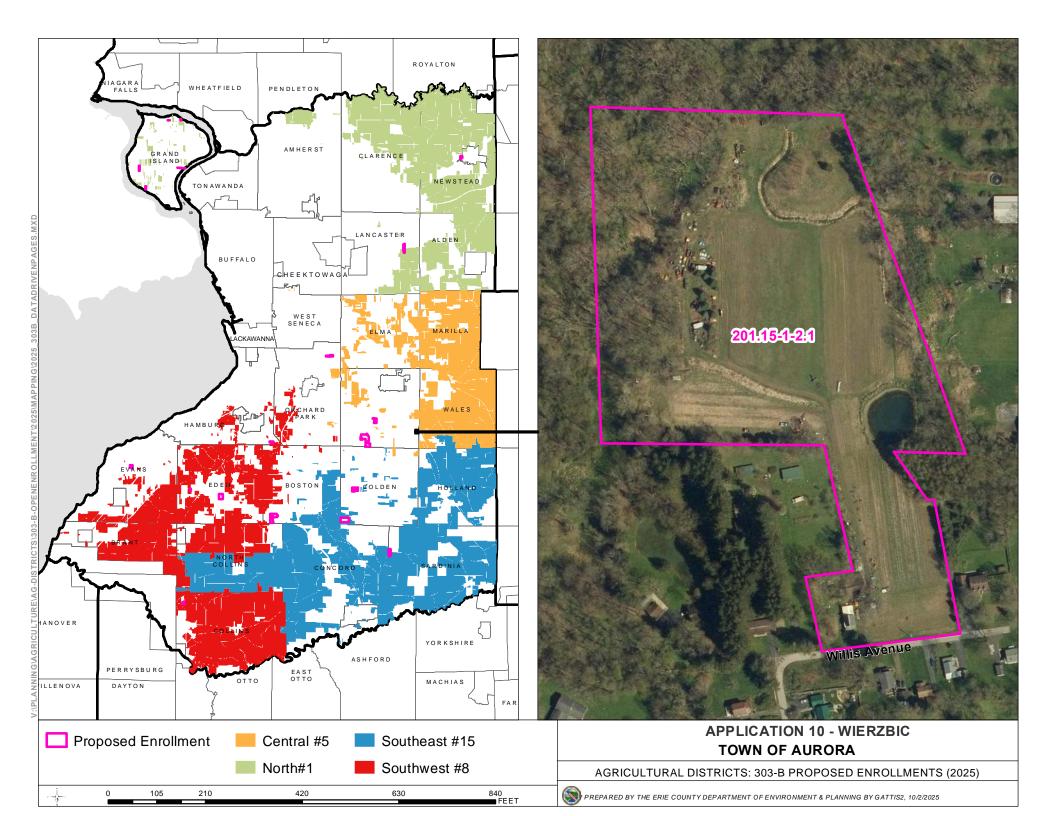


10) Wierzbic Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Angeles Wierzbic
Address	5734 Burton Rd oOrchard Park, New York. 14127
Phone Number	<u>716-536-1527</u>
Email Address	angelene@landwcpas.com
Renter Name	Raymond Wierzbic Jr dba Wierzbic Farms
Renter Address	5734 Burton Rd Orchard Park, New York. 14127
Phone Number	7167719927
Email Address	euclidboy@yahoo.com
Total Number of Acres Owned	13.2
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	8
Total Number of Acres Rented	8
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	Yes
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	10888
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 202.15-1-2.1 Street Address: 49 Willis Rd Town: Aurora Acres: 13.2 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y
SBL	3 ,.

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	the business is a vegetable farm that grows crops to sell at farmers markets
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	0
Cash Crop (Grain)	0
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	8
Orchard/Vineyard	0
Livestock (other than dairy)	0
Poultry	0
Sugarbush/Maple	0
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	0
Aquaculture	0
Other	

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Application 10: Wierzbic



11) Cruz Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	LINDSEY O'FARRELL-CRUZ/CARMELO CRUZ
Address	1750 EAST RIVER RD GRAND ISLAND, New York. 14072
Phone Number	716-912-3970
Email Address	LINDSEY@95NUTRITION.COM
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	5.5
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	3.5
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	1,500
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	Greater than \$50,000

SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 51.02-2-6 Street Address: 1750 EAST RIVER RD

Town: GRAND ISLAND

Acres: 5.5

Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N

SBL

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.

The Cruz Family Homestead – 5 Year Business Plan

Location: 1750 East River Rd, Grand Island, NY 14072

Entity: Cruz Family Homestead LLC (EIN pending)

Executive Summary

The Cruz Family Homestead is a family-owned agricultural venture located on Grand Island, NY. Our mission is to provide the local community with farm-fresh products, breed miniature Highland cows and donkeys for pet and therapy markets, and offer high-quality poultry and produce. The farm integrates livestock breeding, egg and vegetable production, and community outreach. In addition, we are developing therapeutic programming for autistic children beginning in Year 3. Our long-term vision is to operate a sustainable, community-oriented farm that contributes to the local agricultural economy and enhances food education and access for Western New York residents.

Farm Overview & Current Assets

Infrastructure & Equipment Investments (2025):

- Bobcat (2024) \$70,000
- Mahindra Tractor w/ attachments \$40.000
- Yamaha 4-ATV \$17,000

Livestock Investments:

- Miniature Highland cows (3: 2 females, 1 male) \$50,000
- Miniature donkeys (breeding pair) \$3,000
- Poultry: 40 laying hens, 13 ducks, 15 geese, 10 Silkie hens & 2 roosters

Community Involvement (Year 1):

- Two educational outreach events at local pre-K programs, introducing children to poultry and food education.
- Future plans: Animal therapy programs for autistic children starting Year 3.

Products & Services

- Egg Sales Chicken and duck eggs sold at roadside farm stand.
- Produce Sales Seasonal vegetables sold July– September.
- Miniature Highland Cow Breeding (2027 forward) Two calves per year.
- Miniature Donkey Breeding (2027 forward) One foal per year.
- Silkie Chicken Breeding (2027 forward) Sale of petquality hens and hatching eggs.
- Community Programs (Year 3+) Animal therapy & farm visits for autistic children.

Community Impact

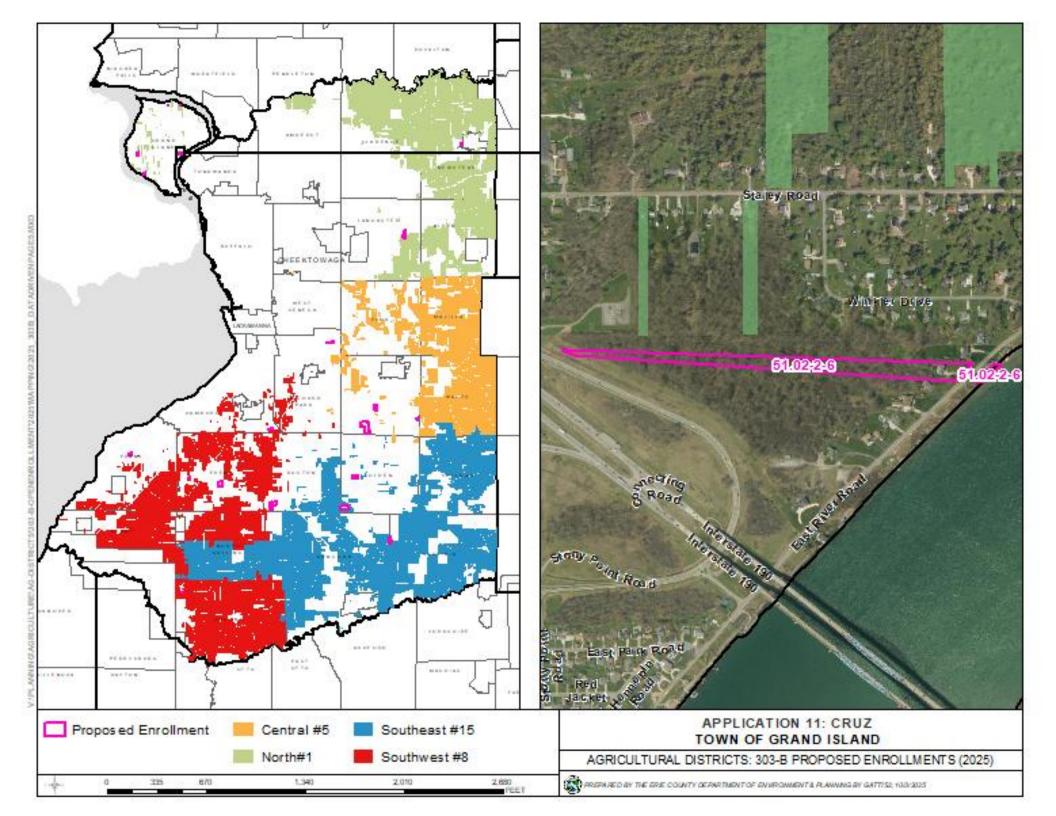
- Provide fresh, local food access through farm stand.
- Educate children on agriculture and food origins.
- Offer therapeutic animal experiences for autistic children and families.
- Strengthen Grand Island's agricultural district and local economy.

Conclusion

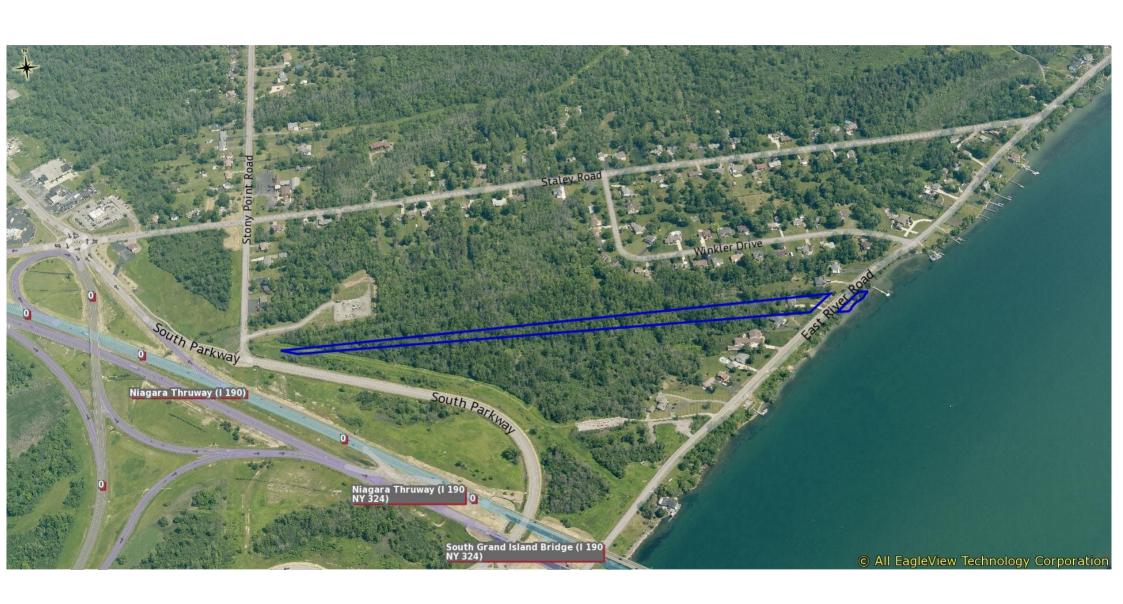
The Cruz Family Homestead is positioned for sustainable growth in livestock breeding, egg and produce sales, and community enrichment. Our initial investments in equipment and livestock ensure operational stability, while our

diversification strategy provides multiple revenue streams. Enrollment in the NYS Agricultural District under Law 25AA will further support our mission to grow as a community-centered farm dedicated to sustainable agriculture and local engagement.

Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Proposed/Start-up
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	-1.5
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	3
Poultry	.5
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	



Application 11: Cruz

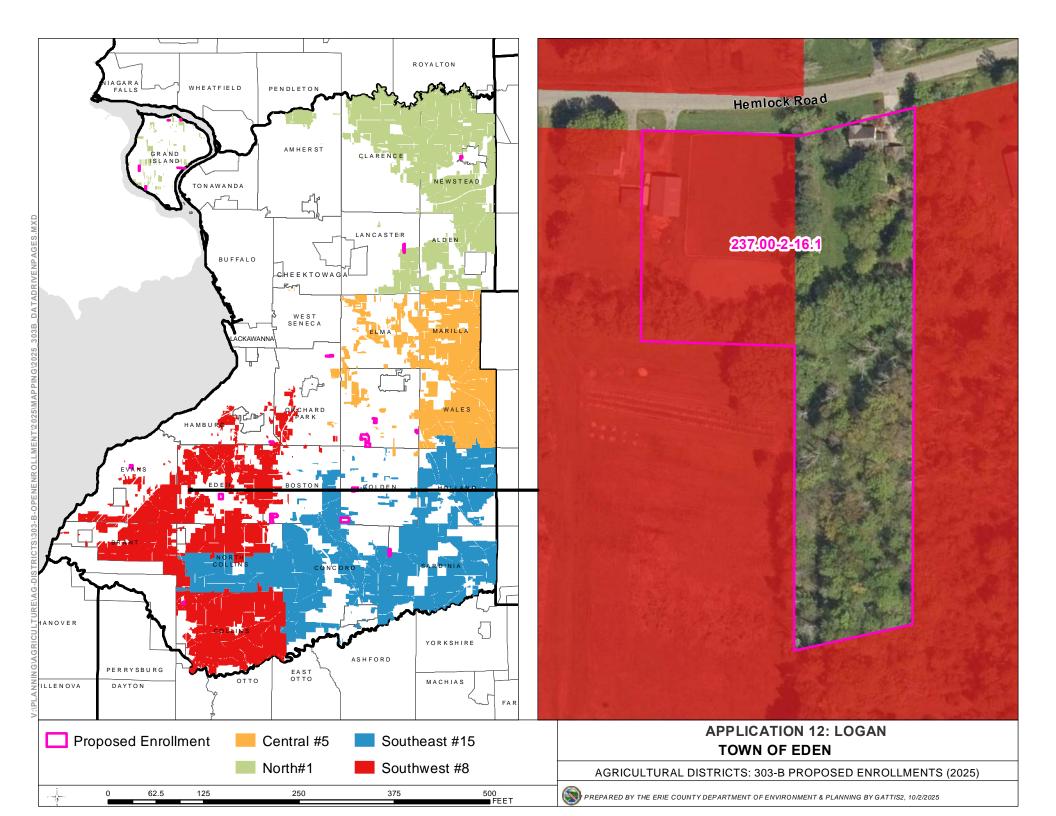


12) Logan Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Connie Logan
Address	2365 Hemlock Rd Eden, New York. 14057
Phone Number	7169495868
Email Address	jussam@verizon.net
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	3.96
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	2
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	0
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	Below \$10,000
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 237.00-2-16.1 Street Address: 2365 Hemlock Rd Town: Eden Acres: 3.96
SBL	Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y

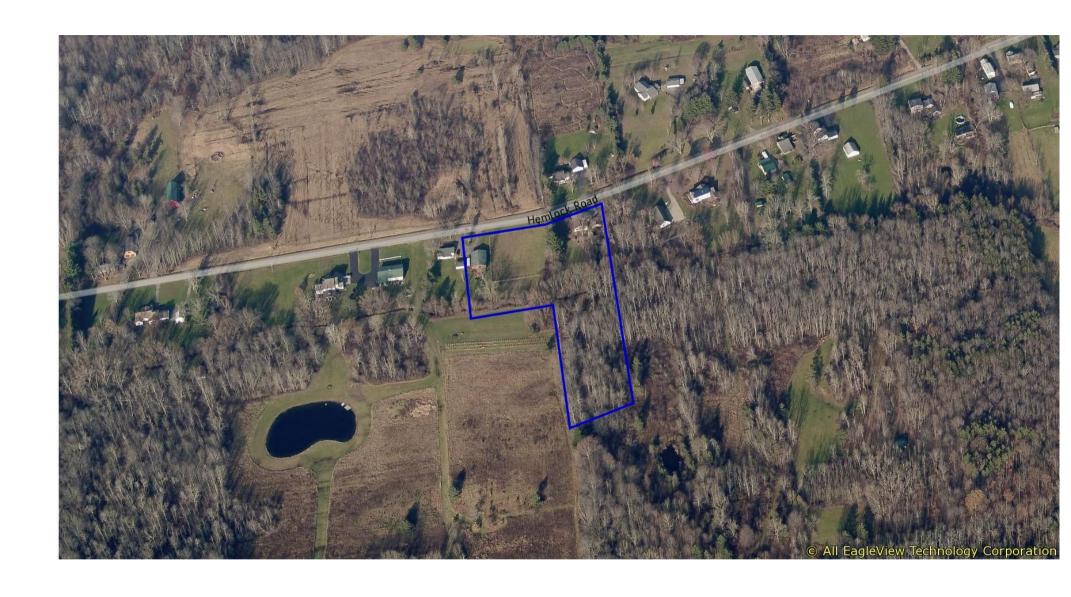
Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	I currently do not run a business but have my own personal horse barn, pasture and work ring on the area that is currently in the agricultural district but my adjoining home and yard are not included in the agricultural district and I would like it all to be considered agricultural as the property on all 3 sides on the same side of the road are agricultural.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	2
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	

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Application 12: Logan

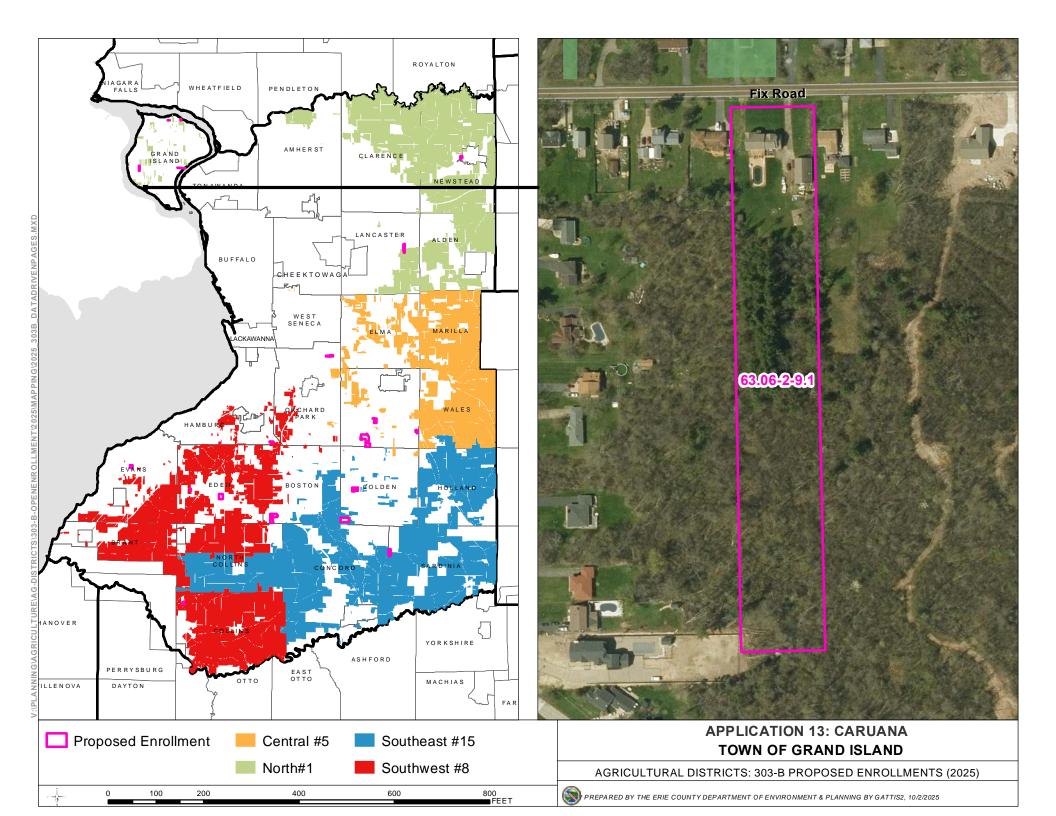




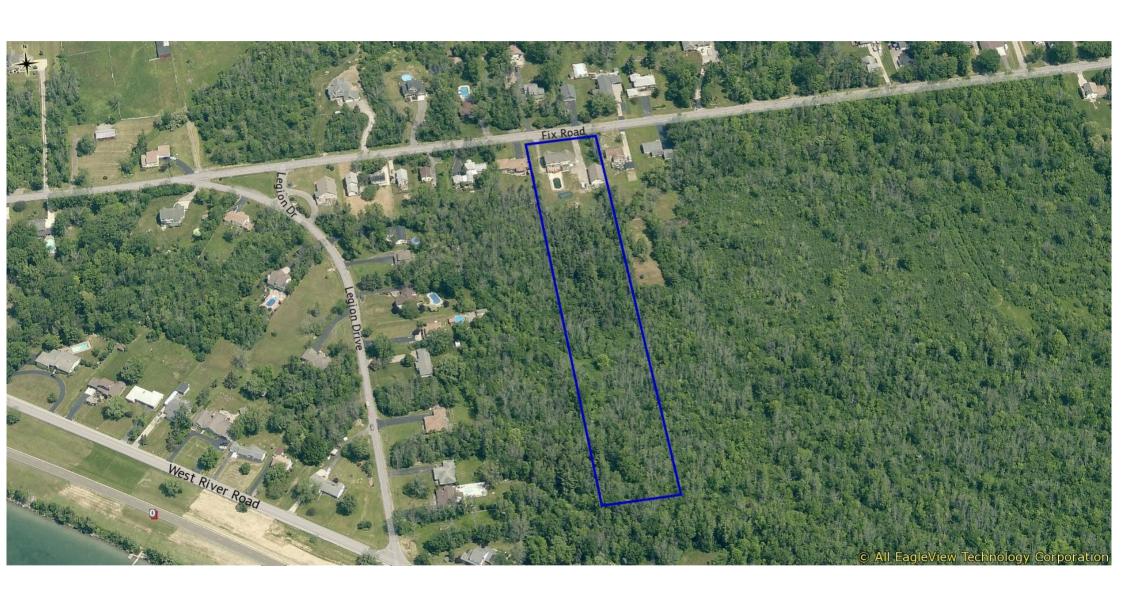
13) Caruana Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Jonathan Caruana
Address	2768 Fix Rd Grand Island, New York. 14072
Phone Number	<u>7169138554</u>
Email Address	caruanafamily2768@gmail.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	4.61
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	2
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	0
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	N/A (proposed operation/start-up)
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 63.06-2-9.1 Street Address: 2768 Fix Rd Town: Grand Island Acres: 4.61
SBL	Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): n

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	We are in the start up year of our farm, looking to grow grains, vegetables, and flowers. Potential for growth over the years.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Proposed/Start-up
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	1
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	



Application 13: Caruana

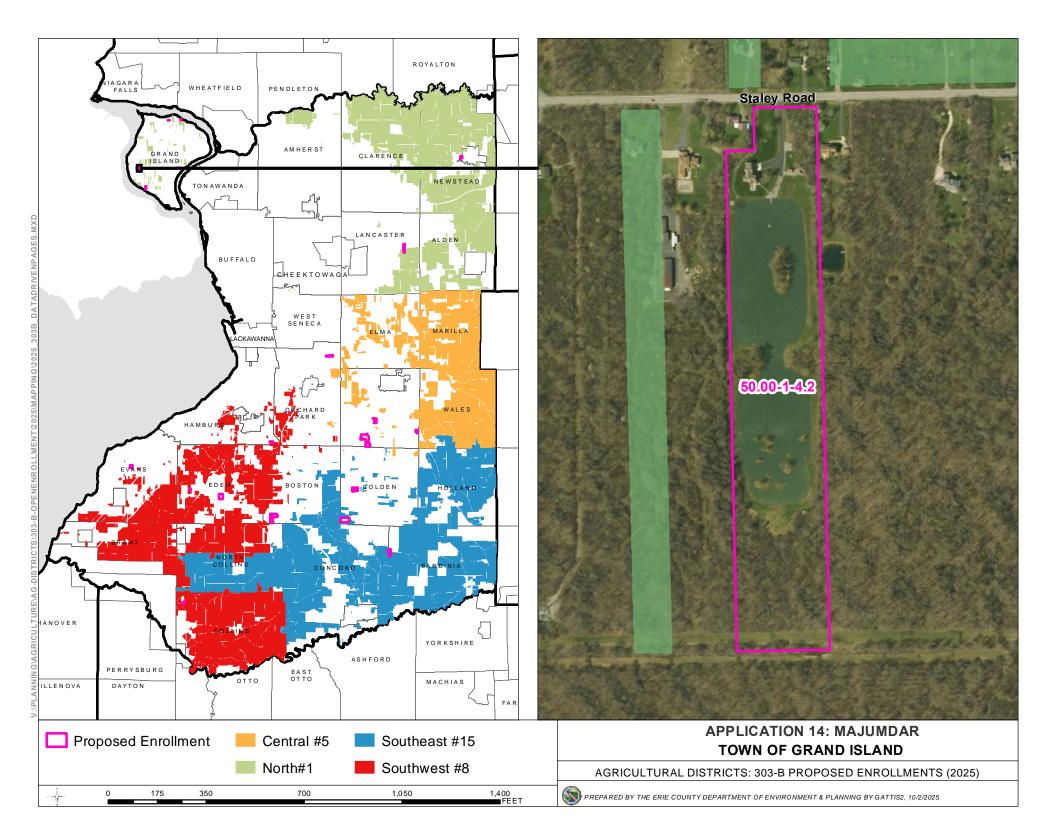


14) Majumdar Applications & Maps

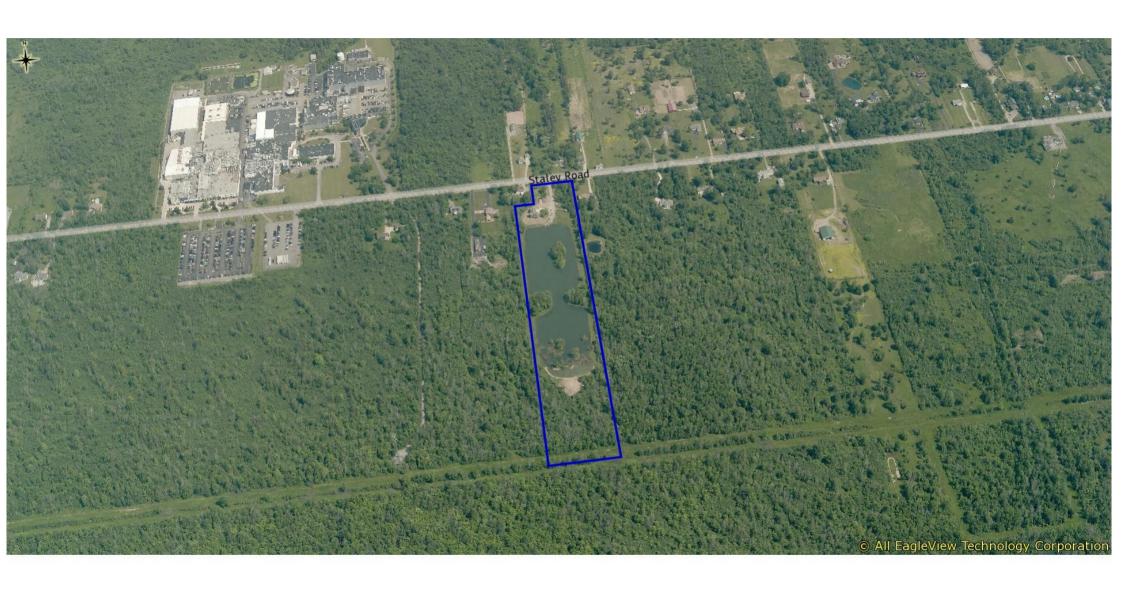
Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Sumit Majumdar
Address	3012 Staley Road Grand Island, New York. 14072
Phone Number	7162534467
Email Address	sumit@buffalobiodiesel.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	15
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	11
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	0
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	Greater than \$50,000
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 440637 Street Address: 3012 Staley Road Town: Grand Island Acres: 15 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N
SBL	,

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	Fish farming, livestock, garlic farming.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	4
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	1
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	6
Other	

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Application 14: Majumdar

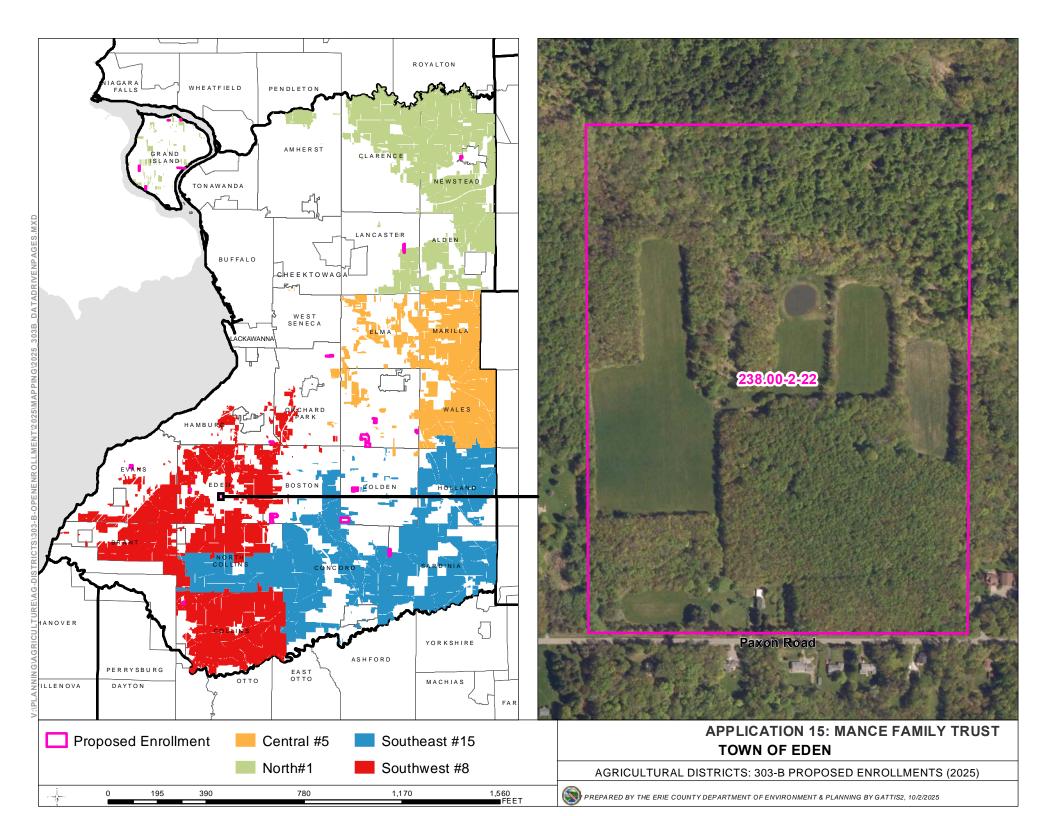


15) Mance Family Trust Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	The Mance Family Trust Patricia Mance
Address	3128 Paxon Rd. Eden, New York. 14057
Phone Number	<u>716 8648161</u>
Email Address	pmance123@verizon.net
Renter Name	Steve Gemza
Renter Address	3550 Yocum Rd Eden, New York. 14057
Phone Number	<u>7169923243</u>
Email Address	steve@gardenofedencattle.com
Total Number of Acres Owned	72.4
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	14
Total Number of Acres Rented	14
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	\$300
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 144000 238.00-2-2.1/B Street Address: 3128 Paxon Rd. Town: Eden Acres: 72.4
SBL	Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	Farming for feed crops.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	14
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	

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Application 15: Mance Family Trust

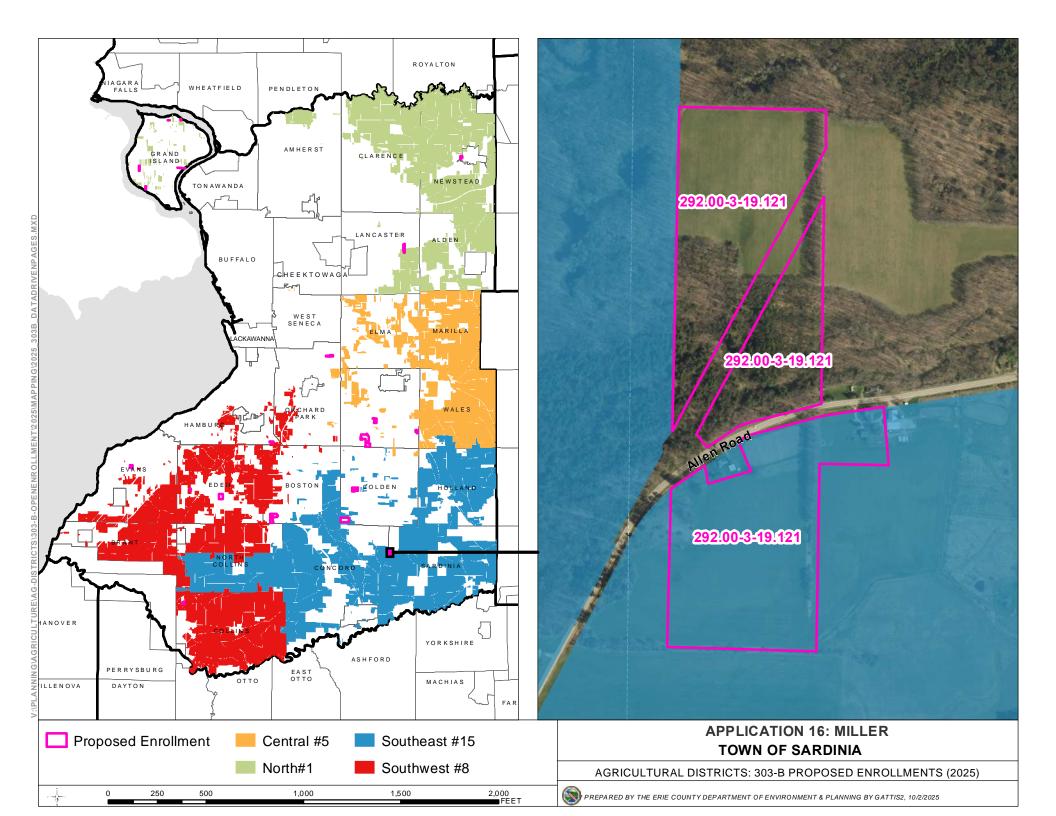


16) Miller Applications & Maps

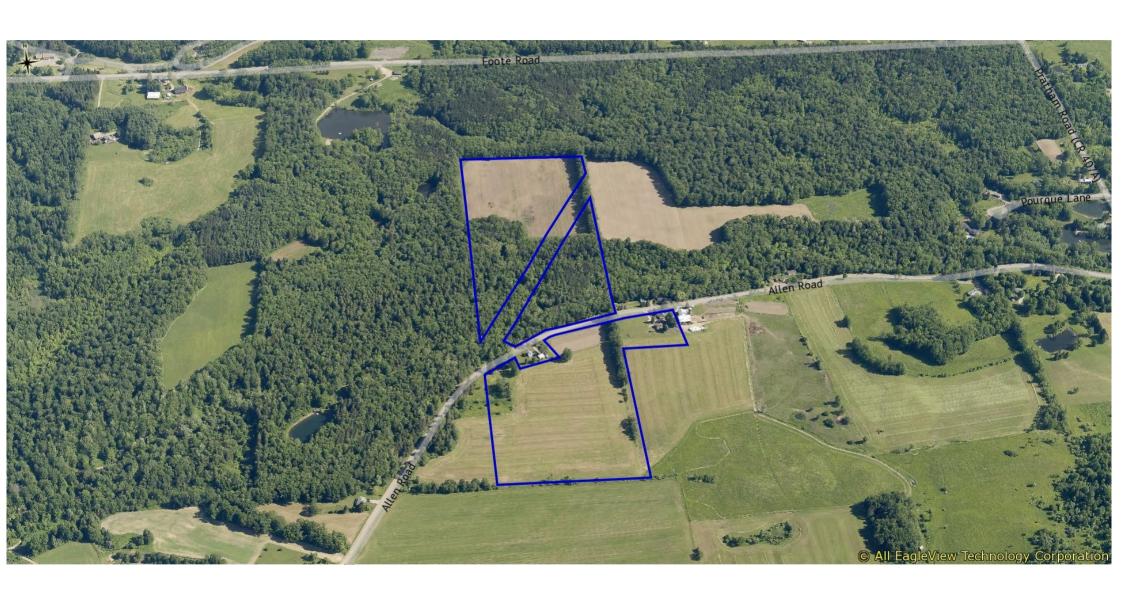
Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	miller william v & lynn m miller
Address	10099 allen rd e.concord, New York. 14055
Phone Number	<u>716-665-1357</u>
Email Address	
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	64
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	50
Total Number of Acres Rented	150
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	Yes
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	56.839
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	\$10,000 - \$50,000
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 000408 Street Address: 10099 allen rd Town: sardinia Acres: 45.36
SBL	Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): y

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	hay,maple, timber
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	5
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	

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Application 16: Miller

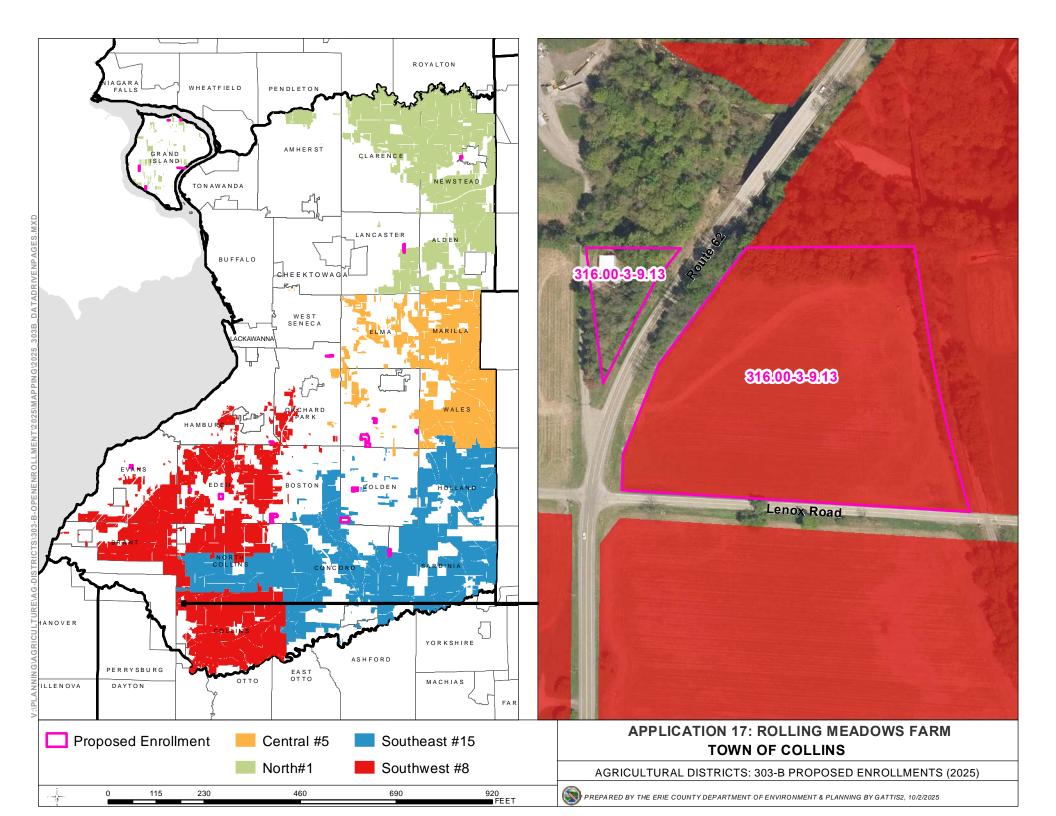


17) Rolling Meadows Farm Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	ROLLING MEADOWS FARM
Address	3011 GENESEE ROAD LAWTONS, New York. 14091
Phone Number	7163372596
Email Address	dodgetigger@aol.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	1232
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	2807
Total Number of Acres Rented	1575
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	Yes
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	7,800,000
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	Greater than \$50,000
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 316.00-3-9.13 Street Address: LENOX & ROUTE 62 CORNER Town: COLLINS Acres: 9.8602 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y
SBL	

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	Crops are produced on the land for dairy cattle consumption.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	9
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	





Application 17: Rolling Meadows Farm

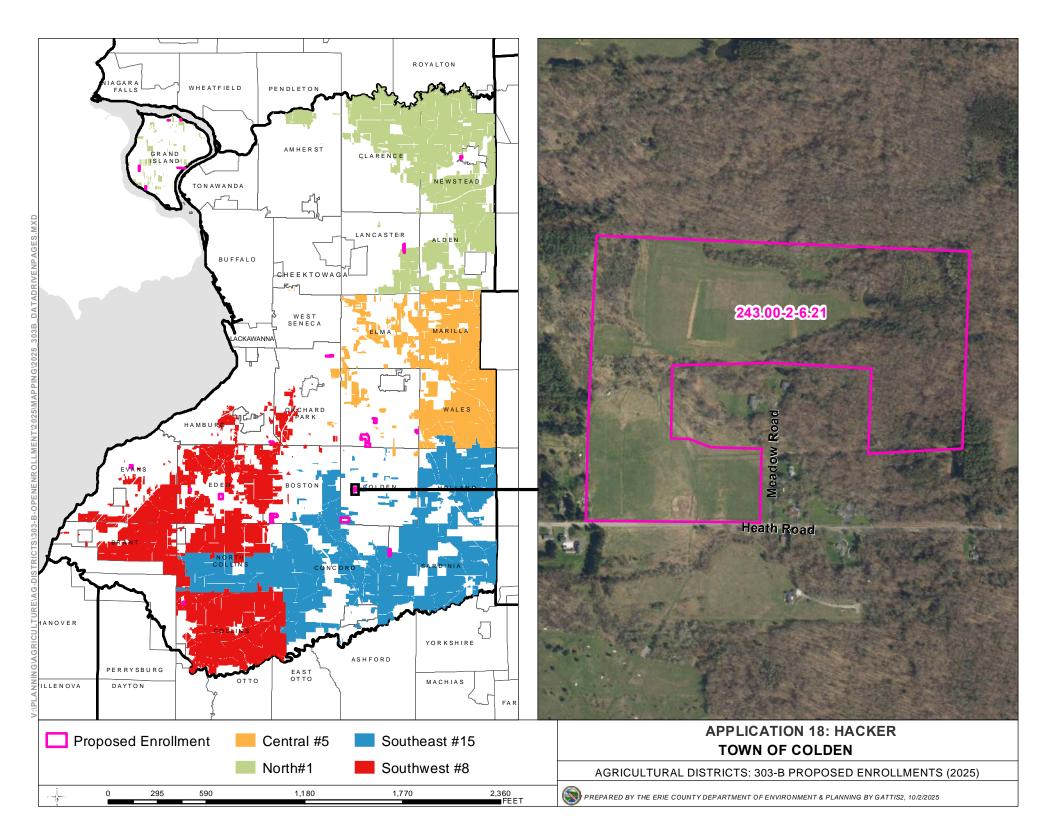


18) Hacker Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Aaron Hacker
Address	8951 Hayes Hollow Rd Colden, New York. 14033
Phone Number	7164746259
Email Address	ahackeromc@gmail.com
Renter Name	
Renter Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Number of Acres Owned	60.38
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	35
Total Number of Acres Rented	0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	No
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	0
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	
	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 243.00-2-6.21 Street Address: Heath Rd. Town: Colden Acres: 60.38 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N
SBL	7336331116111 (1/14). N

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	Hay, row crop, and, Fruit and nut tree orchards.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Proposed/Start-up
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	5
Livestock (other than dairy)	
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	10
Aquaculture	
Other	Hay 20 acres

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Application 18: Hacker

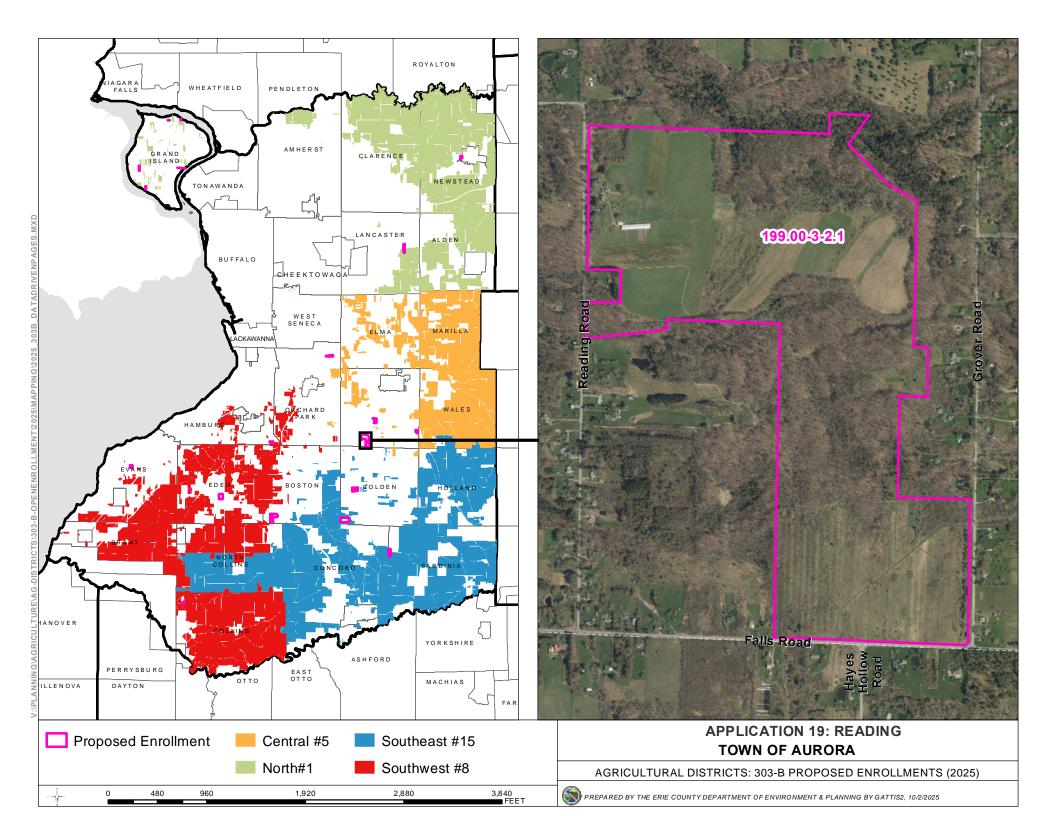


19) Reading Applications & Maps

Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?	Yes
Owner Name	Linda J. Reading
Address	1662 Reading Rd West Falls, New York. 14170
Phone Number	716-949-8112
Email Address	readingfarm@verizon.net
Renter Name	Mark Stoehr
Renter Address	7285 Boies Rd West Falls , New York. 14170
Phone Number	<u>716-308-8143</u>
Email Address	mnkstoehr@gmail.com
Total Number of Acres Owned	244
Total Number of Acres Farmed/Cropped	209.45
Total Number of Acres Rented	189.95
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?	Yes
Annual gross income from agricultural operation	41000
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years	\$10,000 - \$50,000

SBL	SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 199.00-3-2.1 Street Address: 1662 Reading Rd Town: Aurora Acres: 244.4 Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y
Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.	Land is utilized to support Equine Breeding Facility including hay production, housing and pasture. The remaining agricultural land is utilized by a local beef farmer in a Conservation District prescribed crop rotation and a section of woodland is utilized as for maple sap production.
Identify the operating status of the farm operation on the subject land	Existing/Established
Dairy	
Cash Crop (Grain)	59.5
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
Orchard/Vineyard	
Livestock (other than dairy)	67.5
Poultry	
Sugarbush/Maple	82.75
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree	
Aquaculture	
Other	

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Application 19: Reading



20) Bennett and Mabee Applications & Maps

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT FORM #20

This form is to be completed by agricultural landowners who wish to request inclusion in an existing agricultural district. The information obtained from this form will be used by the County and State to determine the significance and viability of agriculture. (NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 25AA, §303-b)

REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30.

NOTE: REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30 TO BE CONSIDERED.

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	PART II:	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION					
	Please describe the property proposed to be added to the Agricultural District and list the SBL (tax identification)							
	numbers and the Town in which they are located for all parcels that you wish to be included in the Agricultural							
	District Program. If you are			cel is curre	ntly rece	eiving an		
	Agricultural Assessment, ple							
			DESCRIPTION		1			
	Total number of acres owner	d			87	.75		
	Total number of acres farme	d/cropped			8	2.00		
	Total number of acres rented	d (from another landowner	r as part of the subject far	m)	Ø	ZERO		
	Did you file a Schedule F - Form	1040 (Profit or Loss From Far	ming) with last year's Federa	i taxes?	Ye	s XNo		
	Annual gross income from agric	ultural operation			Ø	ZERO		
-	Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years:(please check one) ■ N/A (e.g. a proposed operation/start-up) ■ Below \$10,000 ■ \$10,000 ■ \$10,000 ■ Greater than \$50,000							
	NONE BY OWNERS							
						Agricultural		
	SBL Number (Tax ID)	Street Address	Town	Size (a	cres)	Assessment		
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PART III: AGRICULTURAL BUS	SINESS DESCRIPTION
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Identify the operating status of the I	farm operation on the subject land
Proposed/Start-up (If yes, please attach a "5-year busines Existing/Established CURRENT USE OF SUBJECT PA	
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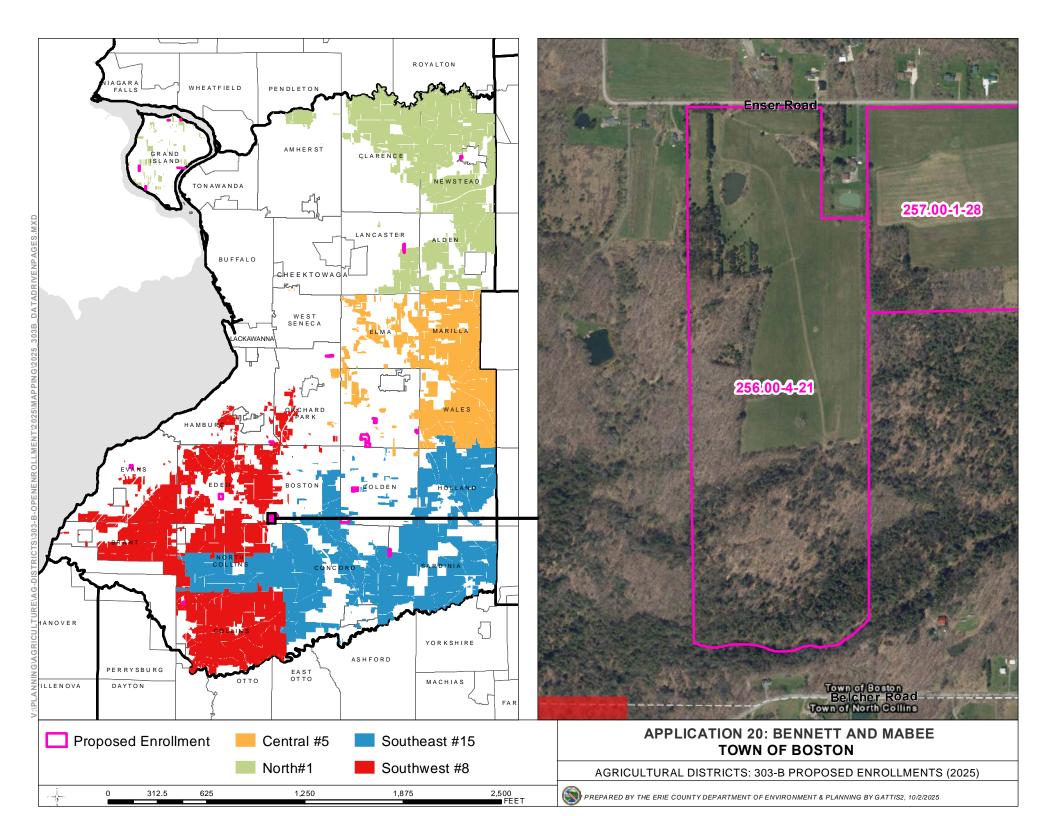
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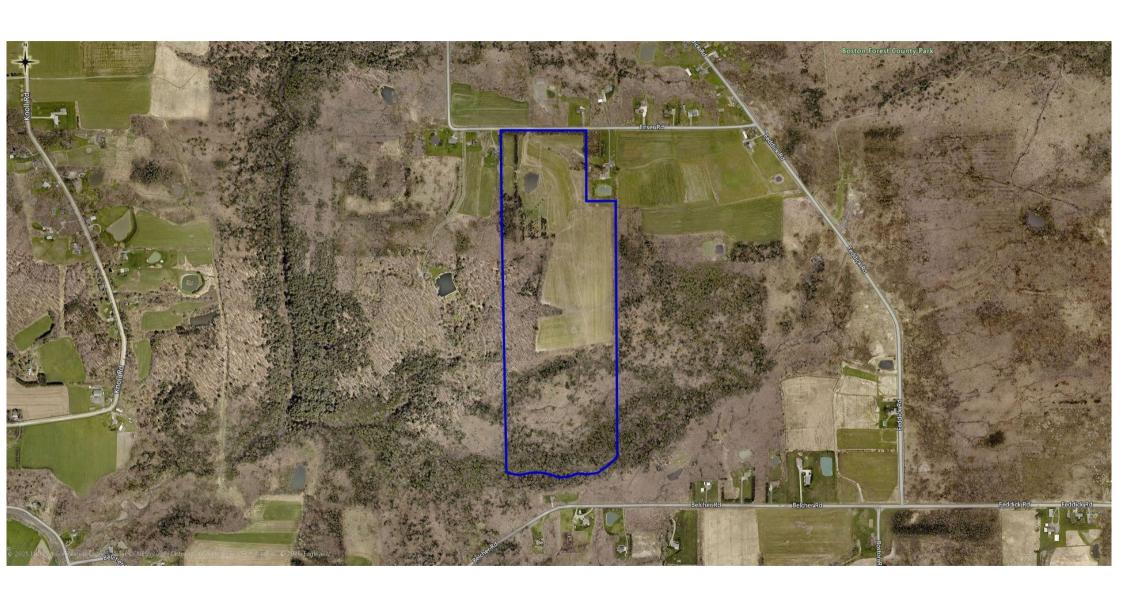
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Application 20: Bennett and Mabee



21) Matwijkow Applications & Maps

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT FORM #21

This form is to be completed by agricultural landowners who wish to request inclusion in an existing agricultural district. The information obtained from this form will be used by the County and State to determine the significance and viability of agriculture.

(NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 25AA, §303-b)

REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30.

NOTE: REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30 TO BE CONSIDERED.

APPLICANTS MUST FILL OUT ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS. UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

OWNER NAME: To	AA 1	DURNIE INILLY		
	in Matwikow	PHONE: (716) 9	192-9	743
ADDRESS: 4073	3 Schuster Rd	ALT. PHONE: ()	
CITY, ST, ZIP: Eder	4 4 . 4	EMAIL: Cab	71560	@ gmail.
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RENTER NAME:		PHONE: ()		
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CITY, ST, ZIP:		EMAIL:		
PART II:	PROPERTY I	DESCRIPTION		
Please describe the proper	ty proposed to be added to th	ne Agricultural District ar	nd list the SB	L (tax identification)
	which they are located for all p			
District Program. If you are	unsure of your SBL numbers	or whether or not a pare	cel is current	ly receiving an
Agricultural Assessment, pl	lease check with your local ass	sessor.		
	FARM DE	SCRIPTION		
Total number of acres owne	ed 100			
Total number of acres farm	ed/cropped /80			
Total number of acres rente	ed (from another landowner a	s part of the subject farm	m)	85
Did you file a Schedule F - Forn	n 1040 (Profit or Loss From Farmi	ing) with last year's Federa	l taxes?	Yes No
Annual gross income from agri	cultural operation			60 K
	ltural operation over past 5 years			4-4-4-4
N/A (e.g. a proposed op	eration/start-up)	10,000 🔲 \$10,000 - \$	50,000	Greater than \$50,000
SBL Number (Tax ID)	Saucat Adduses			
but reastract (real to)	Street Address	Town	Size (ac	res) Assessment
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100.01-1-1.01	1 Sample Street	Anytown	10.2	res) Assessment (Y/N)
		Anytown		(Y/N)
100.01-1-1.01	1 Sample Street	Anytown	10.2	res) Assessment (Y/N)
100.01-1-1.01	1 Sample Street	Anytown Ter Eden	10.2	res) Assessment (Y/N)



PART I:

ERIE COUNTY ENV. & PLAN PM2:05 SEP 30 2025

PART III:	AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS DESCRIPTION
Agricultural District.	rated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Rotational Grazing and ing fire wood.
Feddick Qd is	for raising winter feed for
rented La	operation. as well as some and also for selling fire wood,
Identify the op	erating status of the farm operation on the subject land
□ Proposed/Start-up (If yes, please a	attach a "5-year business plan" and a "5-year financial projections plan")
□ Existing/Established	
	NT USE OF SUBJECT PARCEL(S) Check all that apply
AGRICULTURAL U	
D Dairy	JSE ACRES (EStillated)
□ Cash Crop (Grain)	
Cash Crop (Vegetable)	
□ Orchard/Vineyard	
□ Livestock (other than dairy)	190 AC
□ Poultry	
□ Sugarbush/Maple	
☐ Horticultural Specialties/Christn	nas Tree
☐ Aquaculture	
W Other Fire work	70 AC.

PART IV:

SIGNATURE

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Property Owner

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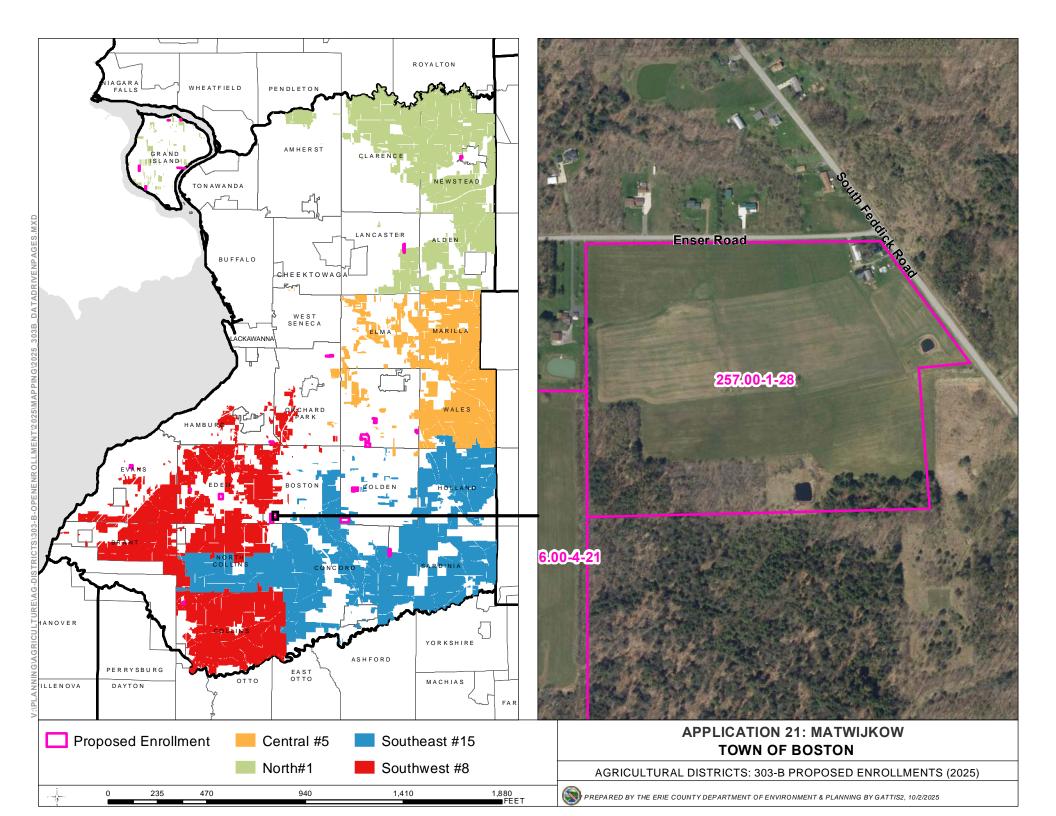
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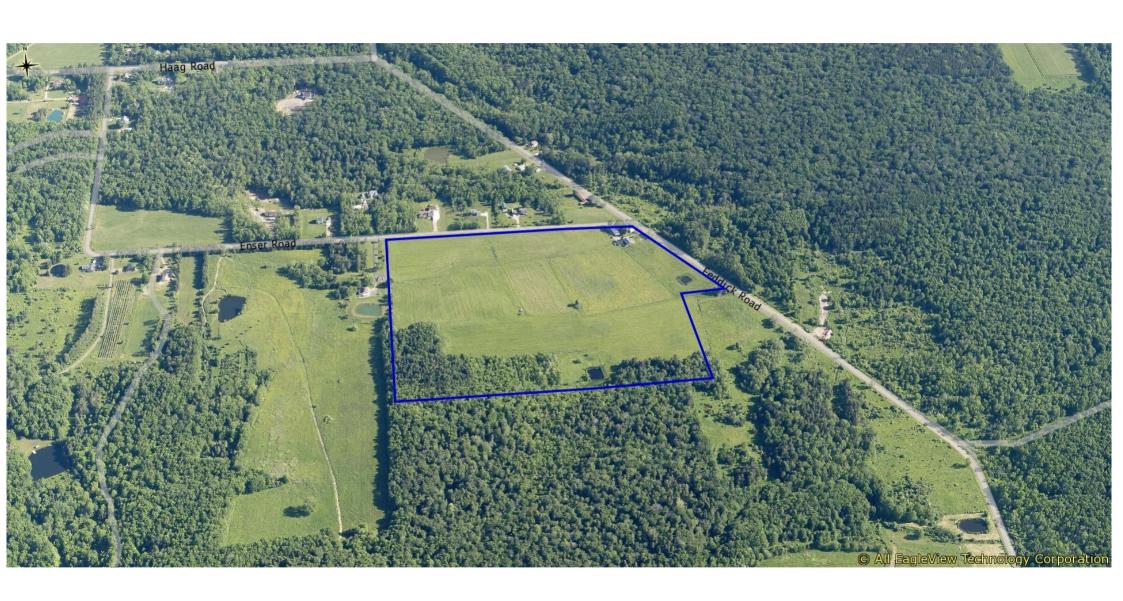
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Application 21: Matwijkow



22) Matrix - Parcel Listing and Information

Application #	1	2*	3
Owner Name	Jeremy Burger	Delphine and Harry Kaler	Jennifer Miller Passero
Renter Name	Smith Maple Farms	John Phillips	n/a
AGI from Farming			
Capital Investment - Past 5 years			\$10,000 - \$50,000
Type of Operation	Sugarbush/Maple	Cash Crop (Grain)	Other - Horse Boarding
Enrollment Address	0 Mill Road	236 Westwood Road	6927 Taylor Road
Enrollment Town	Aurora	Lancaster	Hamburg
Enrollment SBL	187.00-4-8.11	106.00-1-22	196.00-2-8.21
Enrollment Acres	40	42.9	20.07
Ag Assessment	Υ	Υ	Υ
District	Central #5	Central #5	Southwest #8
NYS Soil Suitability	Fair	Good; Fair	Fair
Surrounding Land Use	Forested; Residential	Forested; Residential	Agricultural; Residential
Municipal Zoning	Agriculture; Residence 1	General Industrial; Agricultural Residential	Residential-Agricultural
Zoning on Agriculture	Agricultural, floricultural, and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to dairies, general farms, horse farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, produce farms, and the raising of bees, poultry and livestock, together with all customary buildings and structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits.	Agricultural activities; farms and farm operations, and buildings incident thereto; Beekeeping, which shall be conducted in the rear yard and shall be kept 25 feet away from any lot line; Forestry; Raising livestock and poultry on lots of not less than five acres; Stables	Agricultural, floricultural and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to general farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, truck gardens, dairy husbandry, animal husbandry and the raising of bees, poultry and livestock, together with all customary buildings and other structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits, provided that buildings, pens and runways for the confinement of livestock or poultry shall be at least 100 feet from any property line.
Comprehensive Plan Recommendations	Includes farmland preservation and open space protection among priority resource areas, with the goal of safeguarding agricultural uses as part of the town's rural character. Plan update ongoing.	Goal to "Protect and enhance the viability of agriculture," and recommends cooperation with the County in agricultural protection and possibly adoption of a Farmland Protection Plan.	Goal to preserve and protect important agricultural, environmental, and open space resources, and to "encourage agricultural, agricultural-related and agritourism businesses."
Framework for Regional Growth	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands	Developing Area: Align policies and investments to encourage the conversion of agricultural and rural lands; Channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service; Support local planning that designates areas appropriate for development and conversion and avoid "leap frog" patterns of development; Minimize conversion of designated rural and agricultural lands.	Developed Area: Agriculture is not mentioned; support local policy and planning provisions that channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service
EC AFPP	Keep land in agricultural production by protecting farmland, helping a new generation to form, and improving the viability of all farm in the County; Support the state-certified agricultural district with right-to-farm provisions.	Keep land in agricultural production by protecting farmland, helping a new generation to form, and improving the viability of all farm in the County; Support the state-certified agricultural district with right-to-farm provisions.	Keep land in agricultural production by protecting farmland, helping a new generation to form, and improving the viability of all farm in the County; Support the state-certified agricultural district with right-to-farm provisions.

Application #	4	5	6
Owner Name	Jeff and Sandi Gertis	Anthony F. Brandl	Dennis and Laura Valentic
Renter Name	n/a	Chris Snyder	n/a
AGI from Farming		\$ 300	
Capital Investment - Past 5 years	\$10,000 - \$50,000	Below \$10,000	N/A (proposed operation/start-up)
Type of Operation	Cash Crop (Grain)	Cash Crop (Grain)	Livestock; Poultry
Enrollment Address	3283 Angle Road; O Angle Road	6320 Hake Road	1134 Backus Road
Enrollment Town	Orchard Park	Newstead	Evans
Enrollment SBL	153.16-1-1.111; 153.15-2-16.21	47.00-1-11.11	221.00-5-1.11
Enrollment Acres	18; 6	14.89	31.31
Ag Assessment	Y	Y	Y
District	Central #5	North #1	Southwest #8
NYS Soil Suitability	Good; Fair; Poor	Fair	Fair
Surrounding Land Use	Agricultural; Residential	Agricultural; Residential	Forested; Residential
Municipal Zoning	Residential 2	Rural Agriculture	Agricultural-Residential
Zoning on Agriculture	Farms permitted principal uses	General agricultural land uses, buildings and activities, such as the growing of field, truck and tree crops, dairying, livestock raising, poultry farming, fur farming and hog raising, subject to the following; Nurseries and greenhouses.	Agricultural, floricultural, aquaculture and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to general farms and farm-related operations and industry, organic farming, greenhouses, plant nurseries, truck gardens, vineyards, dairy husbandry, animal husbandry and the raising of crops, bees, poultry, livestock and livestock products, together with all customary buildings and other structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits; Farms equipped for horse training and/or horse breeding; Forestry, silviculture, farm woodland and tree-farming activities.
Comprehensive Plan Recommendations	Goal to "Protect and Preserve Open Space and Prime Farmlands." Plan update ongoing.	Goal to "Preserve, Protect and Enhance the Viability of Agriculture in our Community."	Vision is to support and preserve agriculture across the community, with goals to sustain a viable farming economy and rural character by engaging farmers, expanding agribusiness, reinstating the agricultural committee, and adopting zoning protections.
Framework for Regional Growth	Developed Area: Agriculture is not mentioned; support local policy and planning provisions that channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands	Developing Area: Align policies and investments to encourage the conversion of agricultural and rural lands; Channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service; Support local planning that designates areas appropriate for development and conversion and avoid "leap frog" patterns of development; Minimize conversion of designated rural and agricultural lands.
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Application #	7	8	9
Owner Name	William Myers	Robert and Christie Harper Trust	Samuel Malriat
Renter Name	n/a	n/a	n/a
AGI from Farming		\$ 12,000	
Capital Investment - Past 5 years	Below \$10,000	Greater than \$50,000	Below \$10,000
Type of Operation	Livestock; Cash Crop (Grain)	Cash Crop (Grain/Vegetable); Orchard/Vineyard/ Liveestock / Horticulutral Specialties	Cash Crop (Veg); Poultry
Enrollment Address	9784 South Hill Road	4924 East River Road	3479 Warner Drive
Enrollment Town	Colden	Grand Island	Grand Island
Enrollment SBL	259.00-4-6.11	12.15-2-33.11	12.14-1-50
Enrollment Acres	139.5	1.6	1.34
Ag Assessment	Y	N	N
District	Southeast #15	North #1	North #1
NYS Soil Suitability	Fair; Good-Fair	Fair	Fair
Surrounding Land Use	Agricultural; Residential	Residential	Residential; Forested
Municipal Zoning	Agricultural; Residential-Agricultural	R1B - Single Family Residential	R3 - Multiple Family Residential
Zoning on Agriculture	Agricultural, floricultural and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to general farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, truck gardens, dairy husbandry, animal husbandry and the raising of bees, poultry and livestock, together with all customary buildings and other structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits, provided that no buildings, pens and runways for the confinement of livestock or poultry and no manure or other dust-producing substances shall be stored within 100 feet of any lot line. Roadside stand or building for the sale and display of agricultural products grown on the premises. Any roadside stand or building used for the sale or display of such products shall contain not more than 150 square feet of floor area and shall be set back at least 20 feet from the right-of-way.	Agricultural uses (minimum lot size of five acres).	Agriculture not mentioned.
Comprehensive Plan Recommendations	Coordinate or encourage a local Agricultural Committee with representatives from other groups/agencies to identify issues and opportunities on the future of agriculture in Colden; Encourage environmentally sound agricultural practices; Promote and implement the recommendations of the Town's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan	Recommendation: Where farming is encouraged, ensure zoning regulations that allow for flexibility in agricultural operations, in conjunction with NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets guidelines. The intent is to create an environment in which the community and agriculture can coexist.	Recommendation: Where farming is encouraged, ensure zoning regulations that allow for flexibility in agricultural operations, in conjunction with NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets guidelines. The intent is to create an environment in which the community and agriculture can coexist.
Framework for Regional Growth	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands	Developed Area: Agriculture is not mentioned; support local policy and planning provisions that channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service	Developed Area: Agriculture is not mentioned; support local policy and planning provisions that channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service
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Application #	10	11	12*
Owner Name	Angelene Wierzbic	Lindsay O'Farrell-Cruz and Carmelo Cruz	Connie Logan
Renter Name	Raymond Wierzbic Jr dba Wierzbic Farms	n/a	n/a
AGI from Farming	\$ 10,888	\$ 1,500	
Capital Investment - Past 5 years		Greater than \$50,000	Below \$10,000
Type of Operation	Cash Crop (Veg)	Cash Crop (Veg); Livestock; Poultry	Livestock
Enrollment Address	49 Willis Road	1750 East River Road	2365 Hemlock Road
Enrollment Town	Aurora	Grand Island	Eden
Enrollment SBL	201.15-1-2.1	51.02-2-6	237.00-2-16.1
Enrollment Acres	13.2	5.5	3.96
Ag Assessment	Υ	N	Υ
District	Central #5	North #1	Southwest #8
NYS Soil Suitability	Poor	Fair; Good	Fair
Surrounding Land Use	Agricultural; Residential	Residential; Forested	Agricultural; Residential
Municipal Zoning	Agricultural; Rural Residential	R1B - Single Family Residential	R2 Residential
Zoning on Agriculture	Agricultural, floricultural, and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to dairies, general farms, horse farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, produce farms, and the raising of bees, poultry and livestock, together with all customary buildings and structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits. The keeping of domestic animals and apiaries.	Agricultural uses (minimum lot size of five acres).	Commercial farming, retail agricultural sales, livestock and animal husbandry permitted by special use permit.
Comprehensive Plan Recommendations	Includes farmland preservation and open space protection among priority resource areas, with the goal of safeguarding agricultural uses as part of the town's rural character. Plan update ongoing.	Recommendation: Where farming is encouraged, ensure zoning regulations that allow for flexibility in agricultural operations, in conjunction with NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets guidelines. The intent is to create an environment in which the community and agriculture can coexist.	Direct development towards the hamlets and away from agricultural lands; Initiate water line restrictions to manage growth; Engage in extended dialogue with the community and Town officials on agriculture to ensure it remains prominent in the public eye.
Framework for Regional Growth	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands	Developed Area: Agriculture is not mentioned; support local policy and planning provisions that channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service	Developing Area: Align policies and investments to encourage the conversion of agricultural and rural lands; Channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service; Support local planning that designates areas appropriate for development and conversion and avoid "leap frog" patterns of development; Minimize conversion of designated rural and agricultural lands.
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Application #	13	14	15
Owner Name	Jonathan Caruana	Sumit Majumdar	The Mance Family Trust
Renter Name	n/a	n/a	Steve Gemza
AGI from Farming			\$ 300
Capital Investment - Past 5 years	N/A (proposed operation/start-up)	Greater than \$50,000	
Type of Operation	Poultry	Cash Crop (Veg); Poultry; Aquaculture	Cash Crop (Grain)
Enrollment Address	2768 Fix Road	3012 Staley Road	3128 Paxon Road
Enrollment Town	Grand Island	Grand Island	Eden
Enrollment SBL	63.06-2-9.1	50.00-1-4.2	238.00-2-22
Enrollment Acres	4.61	15	72.4
Ag Assessment	N	N	Υ
District	North #1	North #1	Southwest #8
NYS Soil Suitability	Fair	Fair	Fair
Surrounding Land Use	Residential; Forested	Residential; Forested; Commercial	Residential; Forested
Municipal Zoning	R1A - Low Density Single Family Residential	R1A - Low Density Single Family Residential	R2 Residential
Zoning on Agriculture	Agricultural uses; Keeping of up to 10 agricultural animals, with an agricultural animal permit;The keeping of chickens pursuant to a chicken permit.	Agricultural uses; Keeping of up to 10 agricultural animals, with an agricultural animal permit;The keeping of chickens pursuant to a chicken permit.	Commercial farming, retail agricultural sales, livestock and animal husbandry permitted by special use permit.
Comprehensive Plan Recommendations	Recommendation: Where farming is encouraged, ensure zoning regulations that allow for flexibility in agricultural operations, in conjunction with NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets guidelines. The intent is to create an environment in which the community and agriculture can coexist.	Recommendation: Where farming is encouraged, ensure zoning regulations that allow for flexibility in agricultural operations, in conjunction with NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets guidelines. The intent is to create an environment in which the community and agriculture can coexist.	Direct development towards the hamlets and away from agricultural lands; Initiate water line restrictions to manage growth; Engage in extended dialogue with the community and Town officials on agriculture to ensure it remains prominent in the public eye.
Framework for Regional Growth	Developing Area: Align policies and investments to encourage the conversion of agricultural and rural lands; Channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service; Support local planning that designates areas appropriate for development and conversion and avoid "leap frog" patterns of development; Minimize conversion of designated rural and agricultural lands.	Developing Area: Align policies and investments to encourage the conversion of agricultural and rural lands; Channel growth to areas with existing sewer and water service; Support local planning that designates areas appropriate for development and conversion and avoid "leap frog" patterns of development; Minimize conversion of designated rural and agricultural lands.	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands
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Application #	16*	17*	18
Owner Name	William and Lynn M. Miller	Rolling Meadows Farm	Aaron Hacker
Renter Name	n/a	n/a	n/a
AGI from Farming	\$ 57	\$ 7,800,000	
Capital Investment - Past 5 years	\$10,000 - \$50,000	Greater than \$50,000	
Type of Operation	Sugarbush/Maple	Dairy	Orchard/Vineyard; Horticulturla Specialties
Enrollment Address	10099 Allen Road	13148 Gowanda State Road	Heath Road
Enrollment Town	Sardinia	Collins	Colden
Enrollment SBL	292.00-3-19.121	316.00-3-9.13	243.00-2-6.21
Enrollment Acres	45.36 Y	9.86	60.38
Ag Assessment District	Y Southeast #15	N Southwest #8	N Southeast #15
NYS Soil Suitability	Fair	Good	Very Poor; Poor; Fair
Surrounding Land Use	Agricultural; Forested	Agricultural; Forested	Agricultural; Forested
Municipal Zoning	Agricultural-Residential	Residential-Agricultural	Agricultural; Single-Family Residential
Zoning on Agriculture	Agricultural uses and structures to support such uses; Crop production; dairy farming; forestry; poultry production; plant nurseries/greenhouses.	Agricultural, floricultural and horticultural pursuits, including, but not limited to, general farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, truck gardens, dairies, and the raising of bees, poultry, and livestock, together with all customary buildings and other structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits; Forest farming.	Agricultural, floricultural and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to general farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, truck gardens, dairy husbandry, animal husbandry and the raising of bees, poultry and livestock, together with all customary buildings and other structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits, provided that no buildings, pens and runways for the confinement of livestock or poultry and no manure or other dust-producing substances shall be stored within 100 feet of any lot line. Roadside stand or building for the sale and display of agricultural products grown on the premises. Any roadside stand or building used for the sale or display of such products shall contain not more than 150 square feet of floor area and shall be set back at least 20 feet from the right-of-way.
Comprehensive Plan Recommendations	Goal: Promote the continued viability of agriculture and the retention of farmland.	Goal to preserve farmland, strengthen the agricultural economy, and protect rural character through supportive zoning, engagement with farmers, and promotion of sustainable agribusiness opportunities.	Coordinate or encourage a local Agricultural Committee with representatives from other groups/agencies to identify issues and opportunities on the future of agriculture in Colden; Encourage environmentally sound agricultural practices; Promote and implement the recommendations of the Town's Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan
Framework for Regional Growth	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands
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Application #	19	20	21
Owner Name	Linda J. Reading	Mary Bennett and Marcus Jacob Mabee	John Matwijkow
Renter Name	Mark Stoehr	John Matwijkow	n/a
AGI from Farming	\$ 41,000		\$ 60,000.00
Capital Investment - Past 5 years	\$10,000 - \$50,000	N/A	Greater than \$50,000
Type of Operation	Cash Crop (Grain); Livestock; Sugarbush/Maple	Cash Crop (Grain); Other - Firewood	Livestock; Other - Firewood
Enrollment Address	1662 Reading Road	0 Enser Road	9706 Feddick Road
Enrollment Town	Aurora	Boston	Boston
Enrollment SBL	199.00-3-2.1	256.00-4-21	257.00-1-28
Enrollment Acres	244.4	85.75	51
Ag Assessment	Υ	Υ	Υ
District	Central #5	Southwest #8	Southwest #8
NYS Soil Suitability	Fair-Poor; Good; Good-Fair	Fair; Very Poor; Good-Fair	Fair; Good-Fair
Surrounding Land Use	Agricultural	Agricultural; Residential	Agricultural; Residential
Municipal Zoning	Agricultural; Rural Residential	Residential-Agricultural	Residential-Agricultural
Zoning on Agriculture	Agricultural, floricultural, and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to dairies, general farms, horse farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, produce farms, and the raising of bees, poultry and livestock, together with all customary buildings and structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits. The keeping of domestic animals and apiaries.	Agricultural, floricultural and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to, general farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, truck gardens, dairy husbandry, animal husbandry and poultry and livestock, together with all customary buildings and other structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits, provided that buildings, pens and runways for the confinement of livestock or poultry shall be at least 100 feet from any property line of an R District and no manure or other odor- or dust-producing substances shall be stored within 100 feet of any lot line.	Agricultural, floricultural and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to, general farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, truck gardens, dairy husbandry, animal husbandry and poultry and livestock, together with all customary buildings and other structures necessary for the production and storage of the products of such pursuits, provided that buildings, pens and runways for the confinement of livestock or poultry shall be at least 100 feet from any property line of an R District and no manure or other odor- or dust-producing substances shall be stored within 100 feet of any lot line.
Comprehensive Plan Recommendations	Includes farmland preservation and open space protection among priority resource areas, with the goal of safeguarding agricultural uses as part of the town's rural character. Plan update ongoing.	Goals are to preserve prime farmlands, build a resilient agricultural community that adapts to climate challenges, and support existing farmers by addressing their operational and financial needs.	Goals are to preserve prime farmlands, build a resilient agricultural community that adapts to climate challenges, and support existing farmers by addressing their operational and financial needs.
Framework for Regional Growth	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands	Rural Area: Discourage theconversion of rural andagricultural lands
EC AFPP	Keep land in agricultural production by protecting farmland, helping a new generation to form, and improving the viability of all farm in the County; Support the state-certified agricultural district with right-to-farm provisions.	Keep land in agricultural production by protecting farmland, helping a new generation to form, and improving the viability of all farm in the County; Support the state-certified agricultural district with right-to-farm provisions.	Keep land in agricultural production by protecting farmland, helping a new generation to form, and improving the viability of all farm in the County; Support the state-certified agricultural district with right-to-farm provisions.



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30-DAY PERIOD FOR INCLUSION OF PREDOMINANTLY VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS INTO EXISTING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

Per New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, the Erie County Legislature designated September 1 through September 30 as the annual thirty-day period during which landowners may submit requests to include predominantly viable agricultural land into an existing certified agricultural district.

Copies of the application form have been provided to Municipal Clerks, Assessors, and Chief Elected Officials for distribution to interested landowners. The application is also available online at www.erie.gov/agenrollment.

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning will accept applications from September 1 through September 30. Any questions on this process should be directed to the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning.

A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date to consider all requests and recommendations of the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

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24) Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

At the direction of Erie County Legislative Chair, Timothy J. Meyers, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Legislature of the County of Erie, on the 5th of December 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Chambers of the Erie County Legislature, 4th Floor, Old County Hall, 92 Franklin St., Buffalo, NY 14202, to consider the following requests for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within existing agricultural districts that have been submitted in accordance with sec. 303-b of NYS Agricultural and Markets Law.

2 parcels in the Town Aurora totaling 257.6 acres

2 parcels in the Town of Boston totaling 136.8 acres

2 parcels in the Town of Colden totaling 199.8 acres

1 parcel in the Town of Collins totaling 9.8 acres

2 parcels in the Town of Eden totaling 76.3 acres

1 parcel in the Town of Evans totaling 31.3 acres

5 parcels in the Town of Grand Island totaling 28.1 acres

1 parcel in the Town of Hamburg totaling 20.1 acres

1 parcel in the Town of Lancaster totaling 43 acres

1 parcel in the Town of Newstead totaling 14.9 acres

2 parcels in the Town of Orchard Park totaling 24 acres

1 parcel in the Town of Sardinia totaling 45.4 acres

The hearing shall consider the requests and recommendations of the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB). All applications submitted and the Erie County AFPB report to the Legislature are available at: erie.gov/agriculture.

Questions may be directed to Sarah Gatti, Principal Planner at sarah.gatti@erie.gov.

Dated: Buffalo, New York, December 4, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK

By Olivia Owens Clerk, Erie County Legislature



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

UNLISTED ACTIONS ONLY

Ple	ease indicate lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below:	
oth lea En	The proposed action is within the scope of a cooperative agreement between the undersigned unty Legislative Body ("CLB") and the Department of Agriculture and Markets ("Department"), the only ner agency required to undertake an action in this case. Therefore, the undersigned CLB will serve as ad agency for the proposed action to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State vironmental Quality Review Act, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with a Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3).	
un	The proposed action is not within the scope of a cooperative agreement between an applicable CLB d the Department. The agency that will serve as Lead Agency is the undersigned CLB, and is dertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR 17.6(b)(3).	
Pá	nrt 1 – Project and Sponsor Information	
1.	The proposed action is located in the County of <u>Erie</u> and the Town(s) of <u>Aurora, Boston, Colden, Collins, Eden, Evans, Hamburg, Lancaster, Newstead, Orchard Park, and Sardinia</u> .	
2.	The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the CLB of Erie County.	
3. The name, address, and e-mail address for the Clerk of the above named CLB is:		
	Olivia Owens at olivia.owens@erie.gov	
	92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202	
4.	. Does the proposed action only involve the modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district by the CLB pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) §§303-a, 303-b or 303-c? Yes No	
	If Yes, attach a narrative description (including a location map) of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the County. If No, this form should not be used to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action.	
5.	Is this an action proposed to modify an existing agricultural district? Yes No North #1 – 59,228 acres Central #5 – 43,544 acres Southwest #8 – 75,821 acres Southwest #8 – 75,821 acres Southwest #8 – 75,821 acres	
	Southeast #15 – 87,344 acr If Yes, total number of acres comprising the agricultural district as it exists prior to modification: acres.	

Short Environmental Assessment Form New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets

6.	If this proposed action involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the agricultural district? Yes No #5: 340.5 #15: 245.24 If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? #8: 274.35 acres Does this represent an increase or a decrease?
7.	Check all present land uses that occur on, adjoining, and near the proposed action?
	Residential Industrial Commercial Agriculture Park/Forest/Open Space Other Other, please describe:
8.	Information on Coastal Resources. Is the action located within, or have a significant effect on: • A Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? • A Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? • A community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? Coastal Areas/Designated Inland Waterway: Evans, If Yes, please identify the affected community or communities: Hamburg, Collins, Eden, Newstead, Sardinia Coastal Erosion Hazard Area: Brant, Evans, Hamburg
9.	Information on Local Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans LWRP: Evans, Hamburg The action will not have a significant effect on coastal resources. Solution of Local Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans LWRP: Evans, Hamburg The action will not have a significant effect on coastal resources. No
	If Yes, date of Plan approval: 10/24/2012
	If Yes, please cite the applicable language: Page 48: Continue to consolidate the 14 county-approved,
sta	ate-certified agricultural districts in the County with an ultimate goal of four districts for the County.
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10.	 Comments from Municipalities within the County Did the CLB receive any comments from municipalities about the addition or removal of land from the agricultural district? ☐ Yes ☒ No
	If Yes, please briefly summarize the comments:
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11.	Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify the proposed action.
1.	AFFIRM AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE
	me of Person thorized to Sign; Daniel R. Castle, AICP Date: 11/14/25
	gnature: The Commissioner, Erie County Env. & Planning

PART 1 – Project and Sponsor Information, Question 4 Narrative

INTENT

The intent of this action is to modify existing Agricultural Districts in Erie County, NY pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b. Section 303-b requires an annual thirty-day period during which landowners may submit requests to include predominantly viable agricultural land into an existing certified agricultural district.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION

During the 2025 Open Enrollment Period, Erie County received 21 applications requesting the addition of 42.9 acres to the North #1 District, 340.5 acres to the Central #5 District, 274.4 acres to the Southwest #8 District, and 245.2 acres to the Southeast #15 District. The Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board recommended the inclusion of 27.2 acres to the Southwest #8 District, and 114.1 acres to the Southeast #15 District. This totals the inclusion of 856 acres.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

- Land Use Plan or Zoning Regulations: Each application was analyzed for consistency with
 local land use plans and zoning regulations. In most cases each application was found to
 be consistent with such documents and agriculture was identified in each community's
 comprehensive plan as an industry to support and protect, and some degree of agricultural
 uses were permitted in each community's zoning ordinance and in the zoning district of
 each proposed enrollment.
- Intensity of Use of Land: Proposed enrollments encompass land that is already being farmed and/or land that has been previously developed and will not result in a significant change in the use or intensity of the land.
- Community Character: Each application's surrounding land uses were analyzed to ensure
 consistency with existing community character. In each case, enrollment into an
 agricultural district was found to be consistent with the rural, agricultural, and forested
 nature of the surrounding community.
- Critical Environmental Area: No significant impact on Critical Environmental Areas will occur because of these enrollments in an agricultural district.
- *Transportation:* No significant impact on transportation infrastructure will occur because of these enrollments in an agricultural district.
- Energy: These parcels are currently being farmed and/or have been previously developed and no significant impact on energy resources will occur because of their inclusion in an agricultural district.
- Water and Wastewater Supplies: These parcels are currently being farmed and/or have been previously developed and no significant impact on public/private water supplies and/or wastewater treatment utilities will occur because of their inclusion in an agricultural district.
- Historic, Archaeological, Architectural, or Aesthetic Resources: These parcels are currently being farmed and/or have been previously developed and no significant impact

- on historic, architectural, or aesthetic resources of the community will occur as a result of their inclusion in an agricultural district.
- Natural Resources: These parcels are currently being farmed and/or have been previously
 developed and no significant impact on natural resources will occur as a result of their
 inclusion in an agricultural district.
- Erosion, Flooding, or Drainage: These parcels are currently being farmed and/or have been previously developed and no significant impact on erosion, flooding, or drainage will occur because of their inclusion in an agricultural district.
- Environmental Resources and Human Health: These parcels are currently being farmed and/or have been previously developed and no significant impact on environmental resources and human health will occur because of their inclusion in an agricultural district.