ERIE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS
INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND

2026 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 and serves the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district.

PROPERTY OWNER REQUESTS

During the 2026 open enrollment period, the AFPB received 11 applications requesting the inclusion of 16 parcels in Erie County's existing Agricultural Districts. Two parcels, submitted through separate applications, were already enrolled in an existing Agricultural District and therefore are not included 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 should be analyzed in detail by the AFPB. Each application received, along with corresponding maps and aerial images are included as Attachments 1-10.

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. Note that two separate comments of concern were submitted related to Application 8 in the Town of Grand Island.

#	SBL	ACRES	ADDRESS	MUNICIPALITY	APPLICANT	DISTRICT	INCLUDE (Y/N)
1	24.00-2-1	55	3183 Stony Point Road	Grand Island	Paul Harper	North #1	**YES**
2	200.00-1-21.2	8	0 Boies Road	Aurora	Frederick Hill	Central #5	**YES**
2	200.00-1-19.12	16	1734 Boies Road	Aurora	Frederick Hill	Central #5	**YES**
2	200.00-1-18.131	35	1899 Center Street	Aurora	Frederick Hill	Central #5	**YES**
2	215.00-4-21.3	5	7674 Lewis Road	Colden	Frederick Hill	Southeast #15	**YES**
3	347.00-2-18.1	62	14025 Mill Street	Concord	Schichtels Nursery, Inc.	Southeast #15	**YES**
3	347.05-1-4.2	2	425 S. Cascade Drive	Springville	Schichtels Nursery, Inc.	Southeast #15	**YES**
3	347.00-1-29.1	52	14151 Route 219	Concord	Schichtels Nursery, Inc.	Southeast #15	**YES**
4	198.00-4-11.2	28	0 Behm Road	Orchard Park (T)	7863 Behm Road LLC	Southwest #8	**YES**

#	SBL	ACRES	ADDRESS	MUNICIPALITY	APPLICANT	DISTRICT	INCLUDE
5	343.00-2-3.112	4	3566 Route 39	Collins	Amanda R Solem-Deinzer	Southwest #8	**YES**
6	213.00-6-24	11	0 Blanchard Road	Colden	Thomas Dziulko	Southeast #15	**NO**
7	214.00-3-14.1	27	7656 Bleistein Rd	Colden	Erik and Dana Koch	Southeast #15	**YES**
8	51.02-2-6	6	1750 East River Road	Grand Island	Lindsey Cruz	North #1	**NO**
9	272.00-1-37.2	15	4835 Belcher Rd	North Collins (T)	Leigh M. Hall	Southwest #8	**YES**

Erie County staff have 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 included as Attachment 10.

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 November 13, 2026, at 11:00AM 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 13.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

1) Harper Applications & Maps
2) Hill Applications & Maps
3) Schichtels Applications & Maps
4) Behm Road Applications & Maps
5) Solem-Deinzer Applications & Maps
6) Dziulko Applications & Maps
7) Koch Applications & Maps
8) Cruz Applications & Maps
9) Hall Applications & Maps
10) Matrix – Parcel Listing and Information
11) 30-Day Review Notice
12) Public Hearing Notice
13) SEAF Part 1

1) **Harper Applications & Maps**

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Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?: Yes

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Name: Paul Harper
Phone Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
Address:
[redacted]

RENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Renter Name: {Empty}
Phone Number: {Empty}
Email Address: {Empty}
Renter Address:
{Empty}

FARM DESCRIPTION

Acres Owned: 55
Acres Farmed and/or Cropped: 20
Acres you Rent and Farm: 0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?: No
On your last tax return, did you have over $1,000 in agriculture-related income?: No
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years: N/A (proposed operation/start-up)
SBL:
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 24.00-2-1
  Street Address: 3183 Stony Point Road
  Town: Grand Island
  Acres: 55
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N
  Public Sewer (Y/N): N

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed

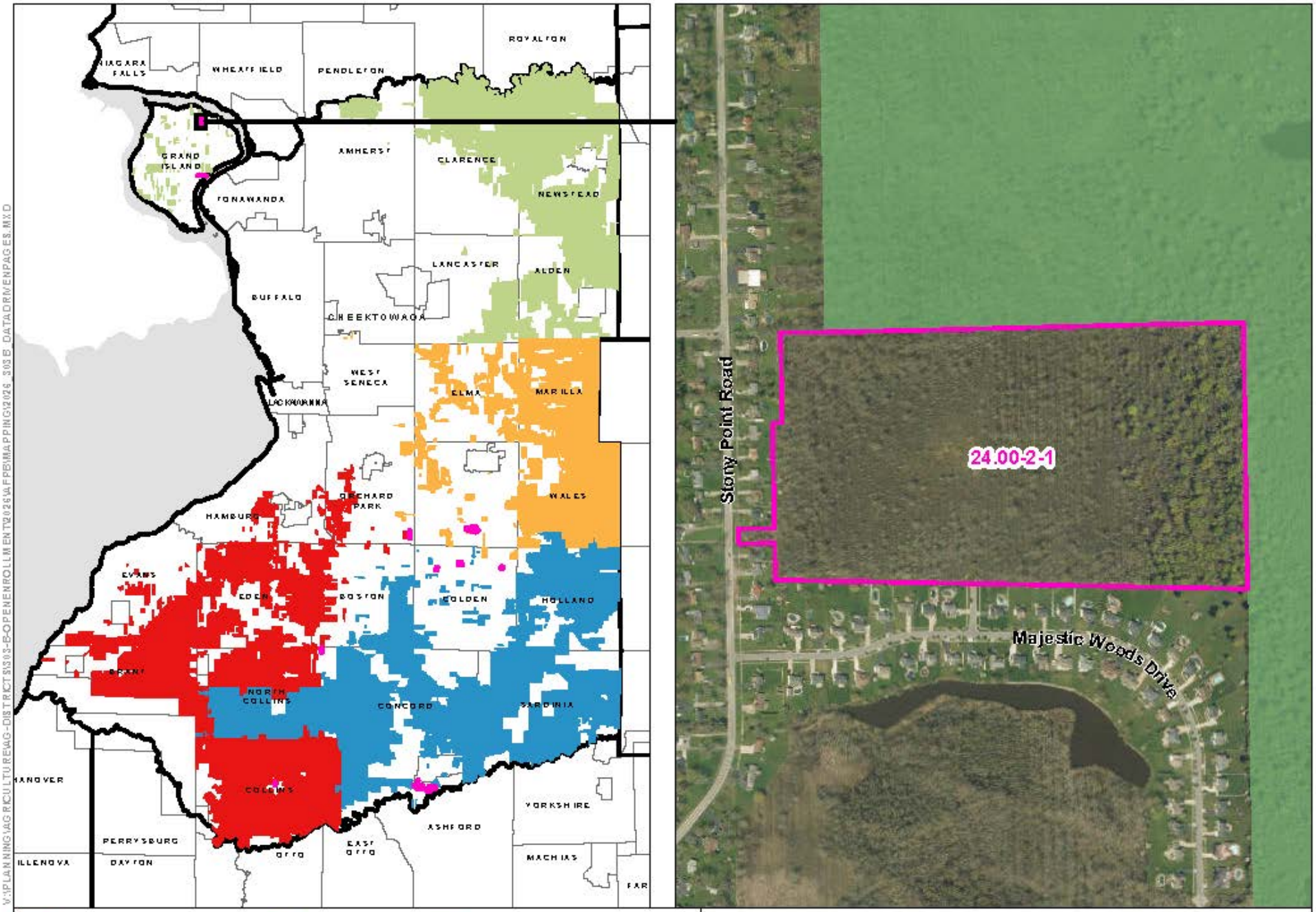
to be added to the Agricultural District.:
The property will be operated as an equine and horse farming operation. The farm will be used for the raising, care, boarding, training, and management of horses. This will include the sale of horses and other equine-related services. Planned operations include horse boarding, training, riding and instruction, pasture management, and other activities associated with maintaining a working equine farm. The property will include pasture and turnout areas, fencing, barns and other agricultural structures, and areas necessary for the care, feeding, training, and management of horses. The operation may also include the production of hay, forage, or other agricultural products for use by the farm or for sale. The goal is to establish and maintain a viable, long-term agricultural operation centered on horses and equine activities.

Why do you want to enroll land in the NYS Agricultural District Program?:
We want to enroll the property to support its long-term use as a working farm and equine operation. Our intention is to invest in the property for horse raising, boarding, training and related equine activities. In addition, we will maintain pasture, open land and other agricultural resources. Enrollment will help support the continued development and viability of the farm, protect the agricultural character of the property, and allow us to make long-term investments in the land and facilities. The goal is to maintain a productive agricultural operation for years to come.

Is this business:: Proposed/Start-up
Aquaculture: 0
Cash Crop (Grain): 1
Cash Crop (Vegetable): 1
Dairy: {Empty}
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree: 0
Livestock (other than dairy): 20
Sugarbush/Maple: 0
Orchard/Vineyard: 0
Poultry: 0
Other: {Empty}

SIGNATURE

Property Owner Signature: [signed]



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APPLICATION 1: PAUL HARPER
TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS: 303-B PROPOSED ENROLLMENTS (2026)

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3183 Stony Point Road
Road
Stony Point Road

2) Hill Applications & Maps

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Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?: Yes

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Name: Frederick Hill
Phone Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
Address:
[redacted]

RENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Renter Name: {Empty}
Phone Number: {Empty}
Email Address: {Empty}
Renter Address:
{Empty}

FARM DESCRIPTION

Acres Owned: 13
Acres Farmed and/or Cropped: 60
Acres you Rent and Farm: 60
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?: {Empty}
On your last tax return, did you have over $1,000 in agriculture-related income?: Yes
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years: Greater than $50,000
SBL:
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 200.00-1-21.2
  Street Address: 0 Boies Rd.
  Town: East Aurora
  Acres: 8
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): yes
  Public Sewer (Y/N): no
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 200.00-1-19.12
  Street Address: 1734 Boies Rd.
  Town: East Aurora
  Acres: 16
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): yes
  Public Sewer (Y/N): no

- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 200.00-1-18.131
  Street Address: 1899 Center St.
  Town: East Aurora
  Acres: 35
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): yes
  Public Sewer (Y/N): no
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 215.00-4-21.3
  Street Address: 7674 Lewis Rd.
  Town: Colden
  Acres: 3
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): no
  Public Sewer (Y/N): no

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

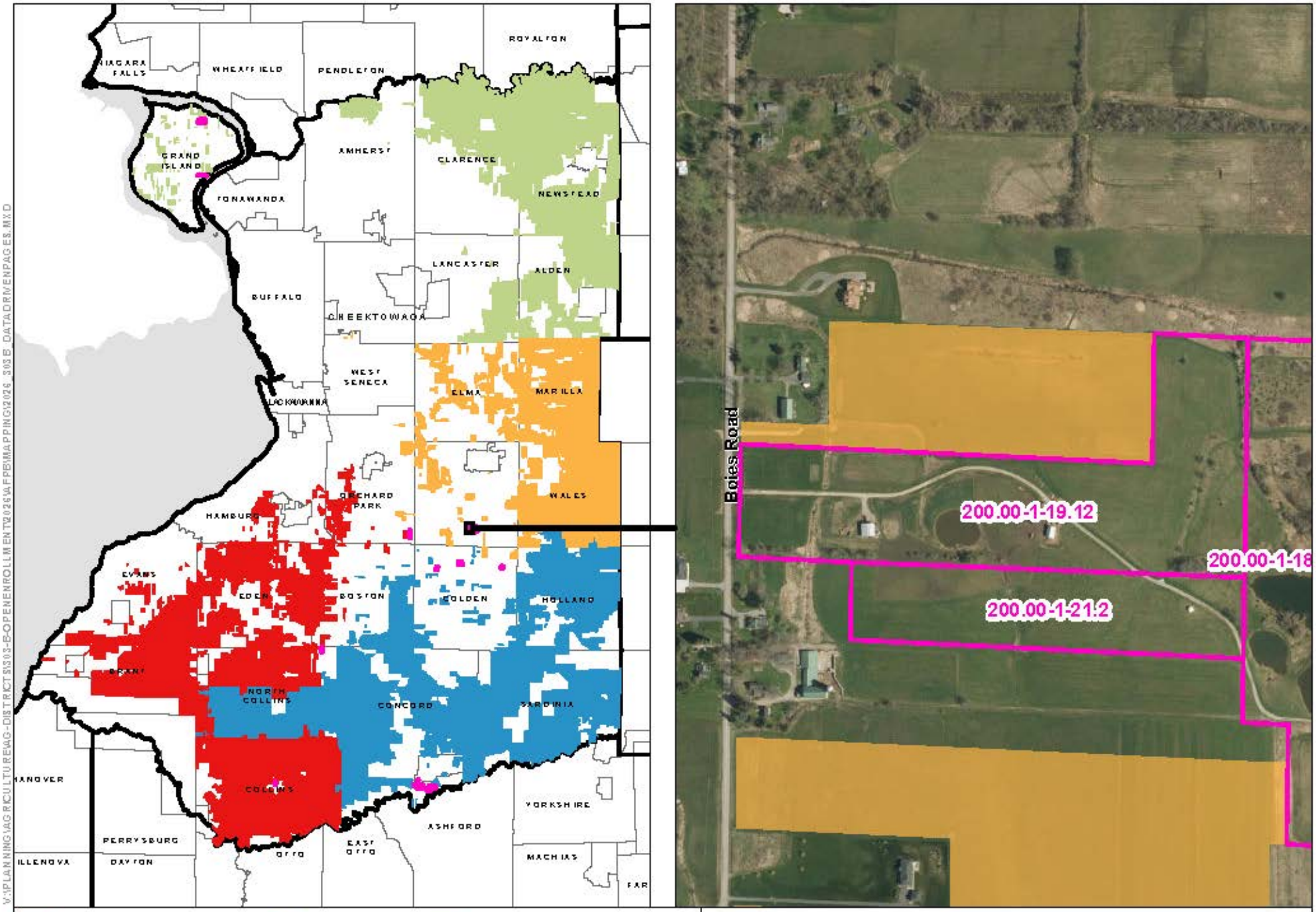
Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.:
We raise and breed beef, lamb and chickens for eggs.
Graze and pasture live stock.
Cut and bale hey, crow and chop corn for feed.

Why do you want to enroll land in the NYS Agricultural District Program?:
To prevent neighbors complaining about farming ang agriculture practices carried out on the property

Is this business:: Existing
Aquaculture: 80
Cash Crop (Grain): {Empty}
Cash Crop (Vegetable): 3
Dairy: {Empty}
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree: {Empty}
Livestock (other than dairy): 60
Sugarbush/Maple: 20
Orchard/Vineyard: {Empty}
Poultry: {Empty}
Other: {Empty}

SIGNATURE

Property Owner Signature: [signed]

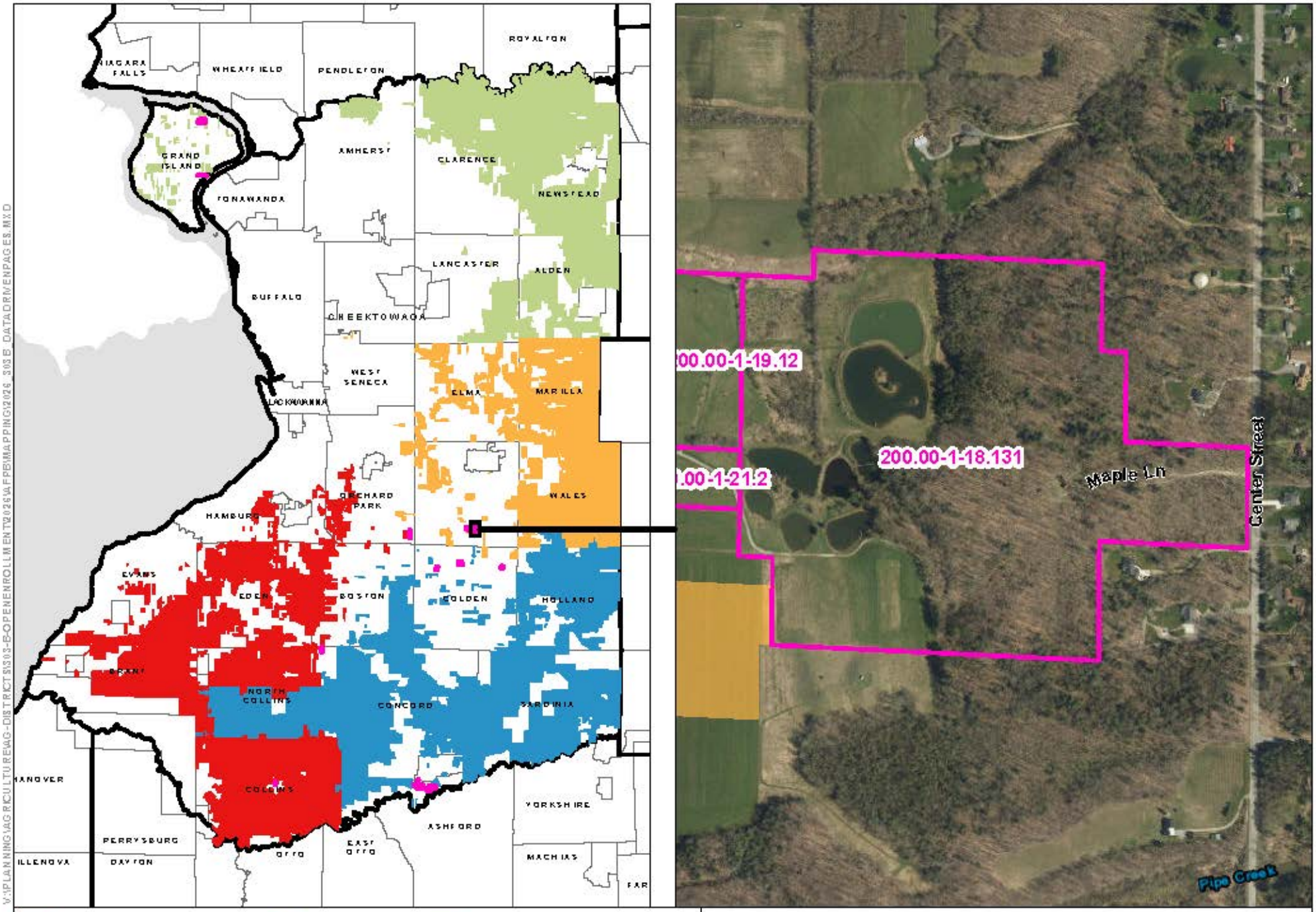


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APPLICATION 2: FREDERICK HILL
TOWN OF AURORA

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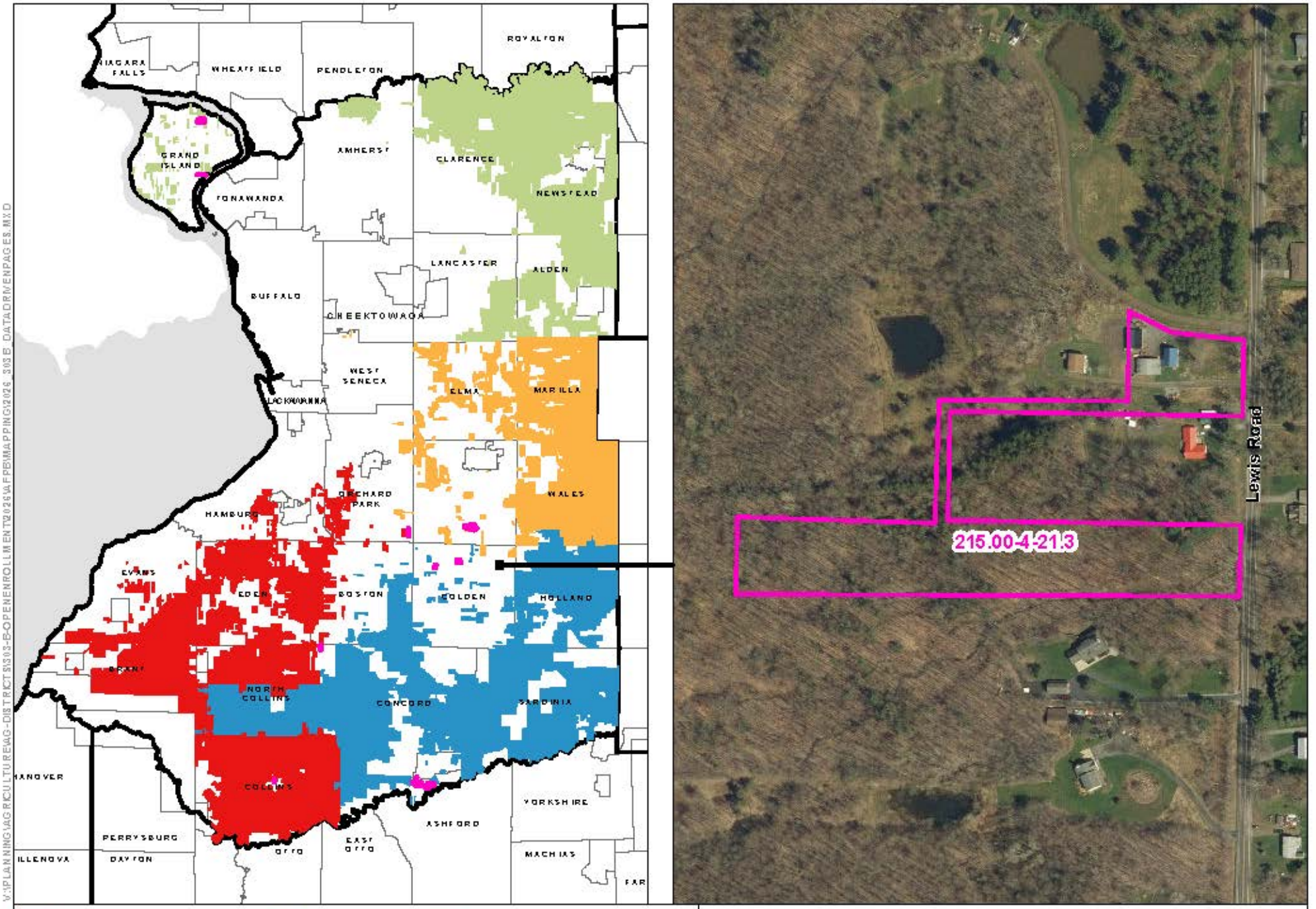


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0 Boies Road
Boies Road


1889 Center Street
Center Street


7674 Lewis Road
Lewis Road


Boies Rd
1734 Boies Road

3) Schichtels Applications & Maps

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Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?: Yes

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Name: Schichtels Nursery, Inc.
Phone Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
Address:
[redacted]

RENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Renter Name: {Empty}
Phone Number: {Empty}
Email Address: {Empty}
Renter Address:
{Empty}

FARM DESCRIPTION

Acres Owned: 1,000+ Nursery Wide
Acres Farmed and/or Cropped: 950+ Nursery Wide
Acres you Rent and Farm: Approx 200
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?: No
On your last tax return, did you have over $1,000 in agriculture-related income?: Yes
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years: Greater than $50,000
SBL:
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 347.00-2-18.1
  Street Address: 14025 Mill St
  Town: Concord
  Acres: 62.10
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y
  Public Sewer (Y/N): N
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 347.05-1-4.2
  Street Address: 425 South Cascade Dr
  Town: Springville
  Acres: 1.08
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N
  Public Sewer (Y/N): Y

- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 347.00-1-29.1
  Street Address: 14151 RT 219
  Town: Concord
  Acres: 52.06
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y
  Public Sewer (Y/N): N

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

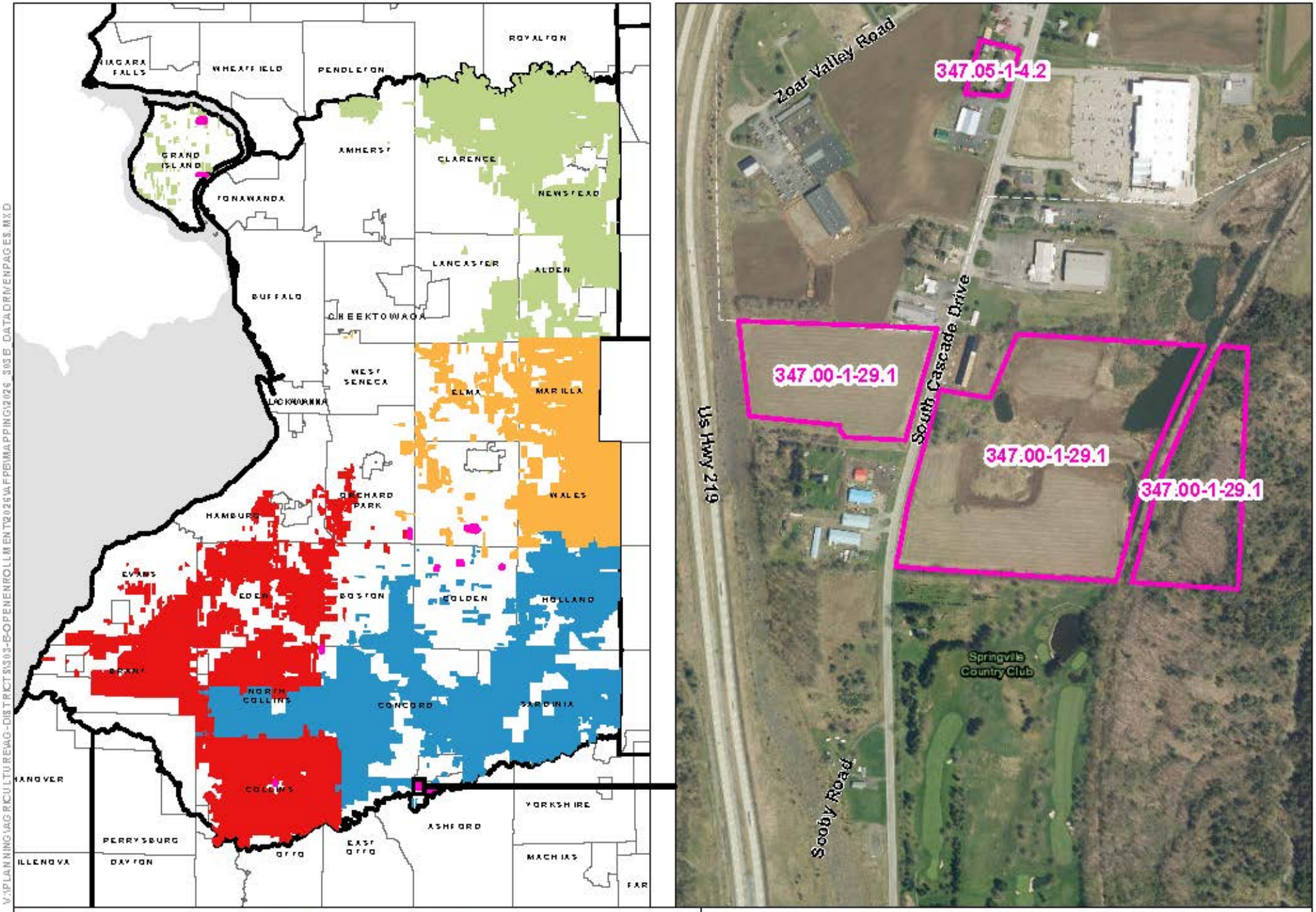
Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.:
We are a wholesale nursery that grows our crops in the field and harvests them bare root or B&B. Production begins by turning over the soil and planting.

Why do you want to enroll land in the NYS Agricultural District Program?:
We are enrolling to ensure key protections provided by the agricultural districts.

Is this business:: Existing
Aquaculture: {Empty}
Cash Crop (Grain): {Empty}
Cash Crop (Vegetable): {Empty}
Dairy: {Empty}
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree: 950
Livestock (other than dairy): {Empty}
Sugarbush/Maple: {Empty}
Orchard/Vineyard: {Empty}
Poultry: {Empty}
Other: {Empty}

SIGNATURE

Property Owner Signature: [signed]



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Proposed Enrollment
Central #5
Southeast #15
North#1
Southwest #8

0 330 660 1,320 1,980 2,640 FEET

APPLICATION 3: SCHICHTEL'S NURSERY
TOWN OF CONCORD

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South Cascade Drive
14151 RT 219 Concord

4) Behm Road Applications & Maps

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Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?: Yes

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Name: 7863 Behm Road LLC
Phone Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
Address:
[redacted]
[redacted]

RENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Renter Name: Zittel's Dairy Farm LLC
Phone Number: 7169121287
Email Address: zcows@aol.com
Renter Address:
7226 Taylor Rd
Hamburg, New York. 14075

FARM DESCRIPTION

Acres Owned: 28.30
Acres Farmed and/or Cropped: 20
Acres you Rent and Farm: 20
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?: {Empty}
On your last tax return, did you have over $1,000 in agriculture-related income?: No
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years: {Empty}
SBL:
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 198.00-4-11.2
  Street Address: 0 BEHM RD
  Town: Orchard Park
  Acres: 28.3
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): Y

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

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

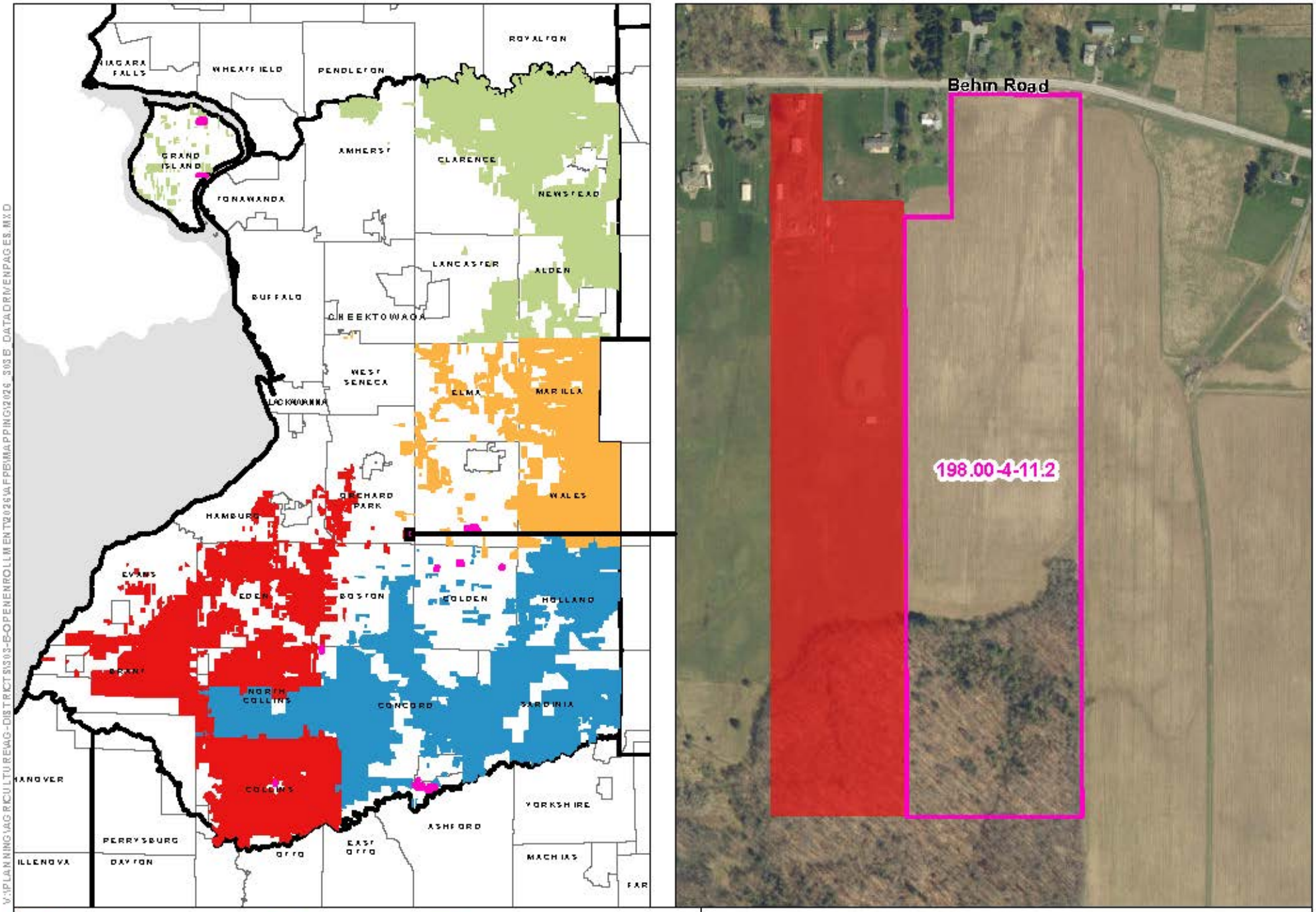
The parcel is active agricultural ground owned by 7863 Behm Road LLC and leased to an independent farm operator for commercial crop cultivation and agricultural production.

Why do you want to enroll land in the NYS Agricultural District Program?:
To support continued agricultural production on the property, protect the farm operation from overly restrictive local ordinances, and ensure the parcel receives full Right-to-Farm protections under NYS Agriculture and Markets Law.

Is this business:: Existing
Aquaculture: 0
Cash Crop (Grain): 20
Cash Crop (Vegetable): -3
Dairy: 0
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree: 0
Livestock (other than dairy): 0
Sugarbush/Maple: 0
Orchard/Vineyard: -2
Poultry: 0
Other: {Empty}

SIGNATURE

Property Owner Signature: [signed]



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APPLICATION 4: 7863 BEHM RD LLC
TOWN OF ORCHARD PARK

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Behm Rd
Behm Rd
Behm Rd
Behm Rd
7863 Behm Road
Bridge St
Bridge St
Davis Rd
240
Falls Rd
Davis Rd
6 TomTom, © 2026 Eagleview

5) Solem-Deinzer Applications & Maps

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Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?: Yes

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Name: Amanda R Solem-Deinzer
Phone Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
Address:
[redacted]
[redacted]

RENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Renter Name: Aterman
Phone Number: 7165322222
Email Address: unknown@unknown.com
Renter Address:
Main St
Collins , New York. 14034

FARM DESCRIPTION

Acres Owned: 4.5
Acres Farmed and/or Cropped: 3
Acres you Rent and Farm: 3
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?: No
On your last tax return, did you have over $1,000 in agriculture-related income?: No
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years: Below $10,000
SBL:
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AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

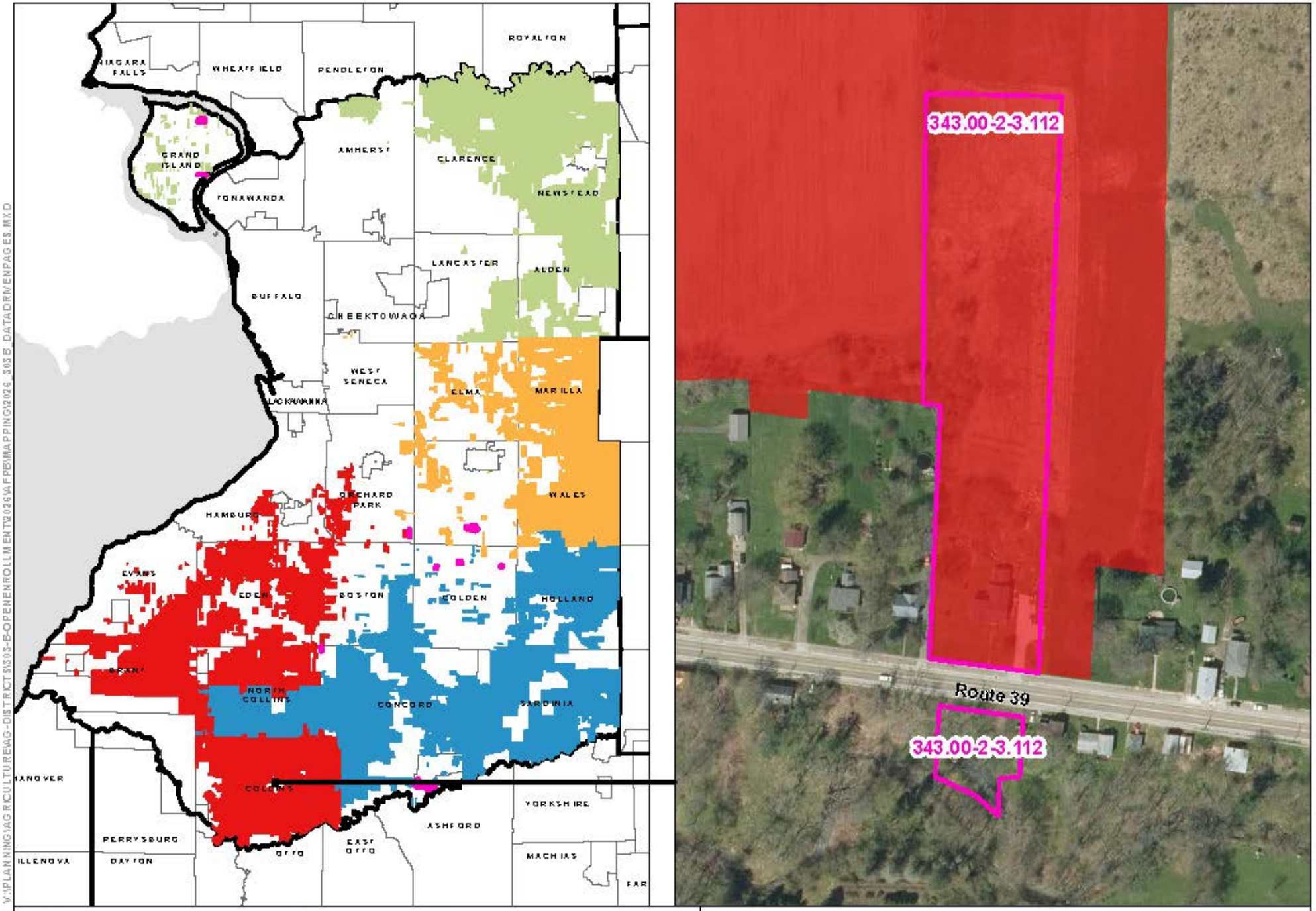
Describe the business that is operated or will be operated on the parcel(s) proposed to be added to the Agricultural District.:
Barn for equipment
Larger chicken coop
Shead for grain

Why do you want to enroll land in the NYS Agricultural District Program?:
Yes

Is this business:: Existing
Aquaculture: 3.5
Cash Crop (Grain): 3
Cash Crop (Vegetable): .5
Dairy: 0
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree: 0
Livestock (other than dairy): .5
Sugarbush/Maple: 0
Orchard/Vineyard: .5
Poultry: .5
Other: Flowers

SIGNATURE

Property Owner Signature: [signed]

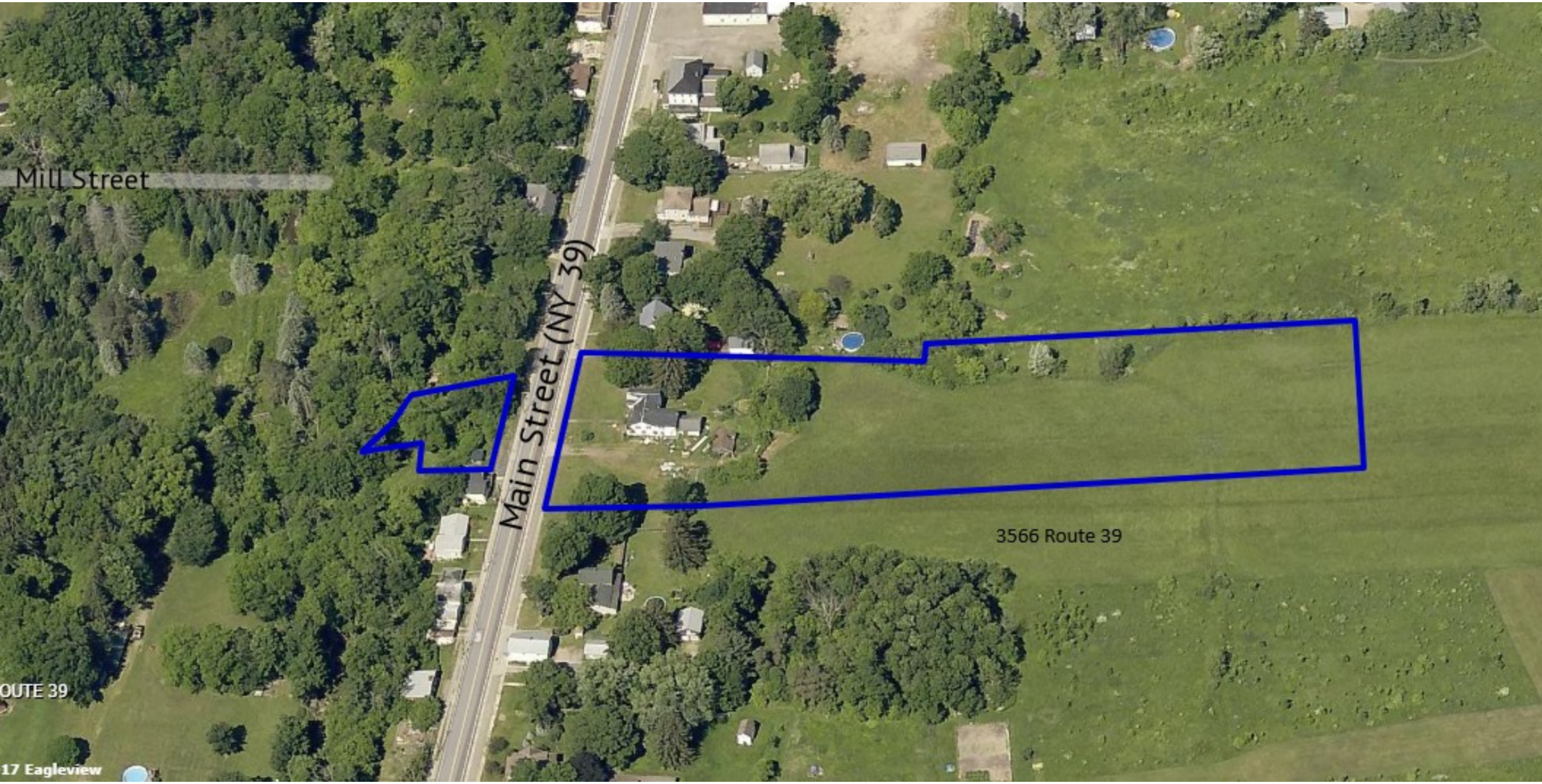


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APPLICATION 5: AMANDA SOLEM-DEINZER
TOWN OF COLLINS

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Mill Street
Main Street (NY 39)
3566 Route 39
OUTE 39
17 Eagleview

6) Dziulko Applications & Maps

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Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?: Yes

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Name: Thomas Dziulko
Phone Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
Address:
[redacted]
[redacted]

RENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Renter Name: Thomas Dziulko
Phone Number: 716-655-3420
Email Address: rockhead995@yahoo.com
Renter Address:
8463 Knapp rd
West Falls, New York. 14170

FARM DESCRIPTION

Acres Owned: 11.31
Acres Farmed and/or Cropped: 11.31
Acres you Rent and Farm: 11.31
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?: Yes
On your last tax return, did you have over $1,000 in agriculture-related income?: Yes
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years: $10,000 - $50,000
SBL:
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 213.00-6-24
  Town: Colden
  Acres: 11.31
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N
  Public Sewer (Y/N): N

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

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

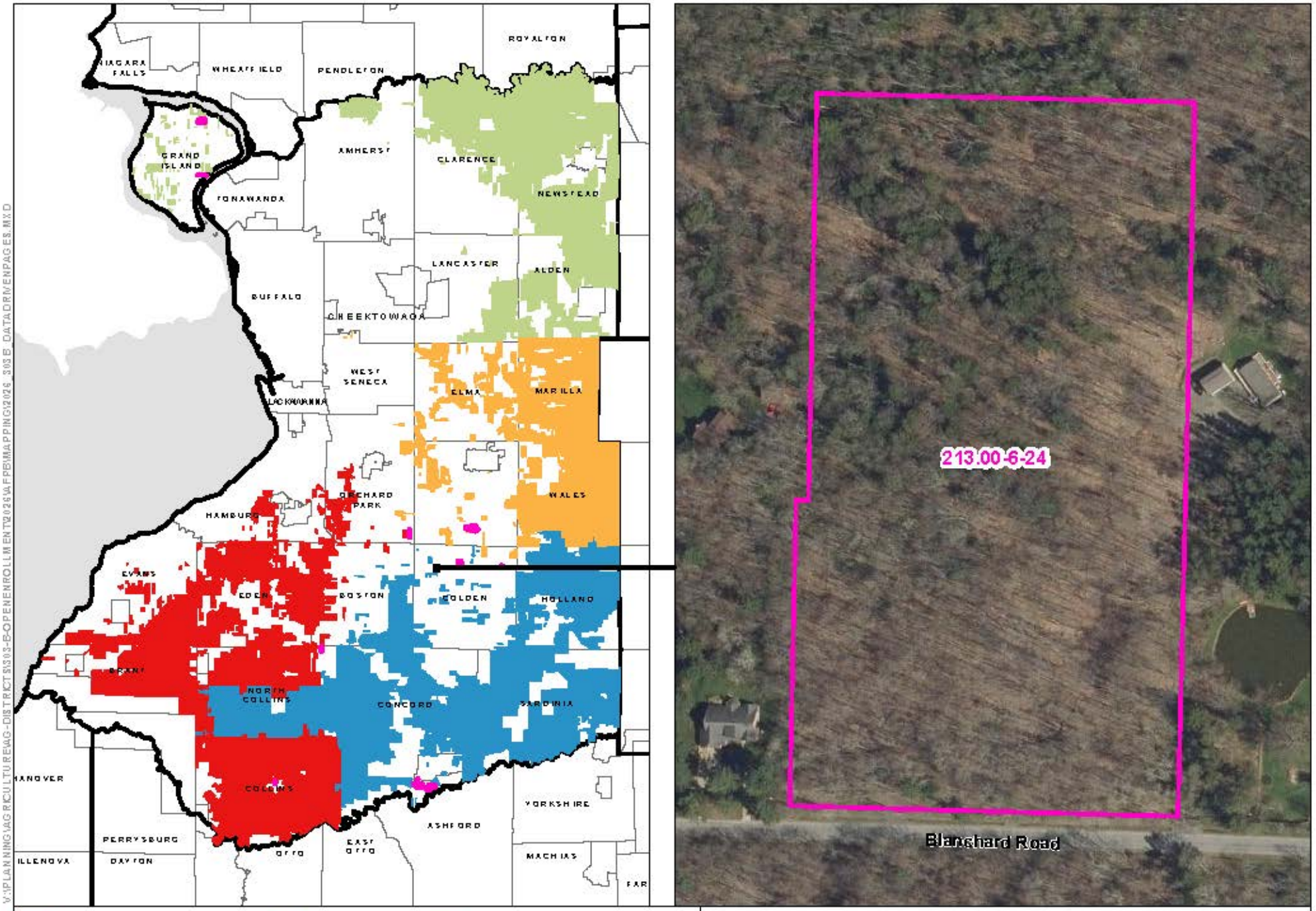
I plan on managing my forest into a Properly managed woodlot. I have discussed a forest plan with a NYS forester. I plan on removing cull trees and managing growth of desirable forest trees and optimum growth for the betterment of our state's woodland. My plan is to not develop the parcel but promote healthy Siler culture.

Why do you want to enroll land in the NYS Agricultural District Program?:
To Ensure that my woodlot management is not disrupted by adjoining neighbors who seem to access my parcel when they choose too. This parcel was owned by out of state citizens, who did not step foot on it for 50 years. I plan on being aggressive with a forestry plan and do not want interference with two landowners that are built right up to my side lot lines.

Is this business:: Existing
Aquaculture: {Empty}
Cash Crop (Grain): {Empty}
Cash Crop (Vegetable): {Empty}
Dairy: {Empty}
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree: {Empty}
Livestock (other than dairy): {Empty}
Sugarbush/Maple: {Empty}
Orchard/Vineyard: {Empty}
Poultry: {Empty}
Other: Silver Culture

SIGNATURE

Property Owner Signature: [signed]



APPLICATION 6: THOMAS DZIULKO
TOWN OF COLDEN

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0 Blanchard Road
Blanchard Road

7) Koch Applications & Maps

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Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?: Yes

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Name: Erik and Dana Koch
Phone Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
Address:
[redacted]
[redacted]

RENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Renter Name: {Empty}
Phone Number: {Empty}
Email Address: {Empty}
Renter Address:
{Empty}

FARM DESCRIPTION

Acres Owned: 26.6
Acres Farmed and/or Cropped: 10
Acres you Rent and Farm: 0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?: Yes
On your last tax return, did you have over $1,000 in agriculture-related income?: No
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years: Greater than $50,000
SBL:
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 214.00-3-14.1
  Street Address: 7656 Bleistein Rd
  Town: West Falls
  Acres: 26.60
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N
  Public Sewer (Y/N): N

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

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

We currently have laying hens, feeder pigs and sheep on premises. We are planning to add cows in the future. We have a large garden and food plots for the animals. In

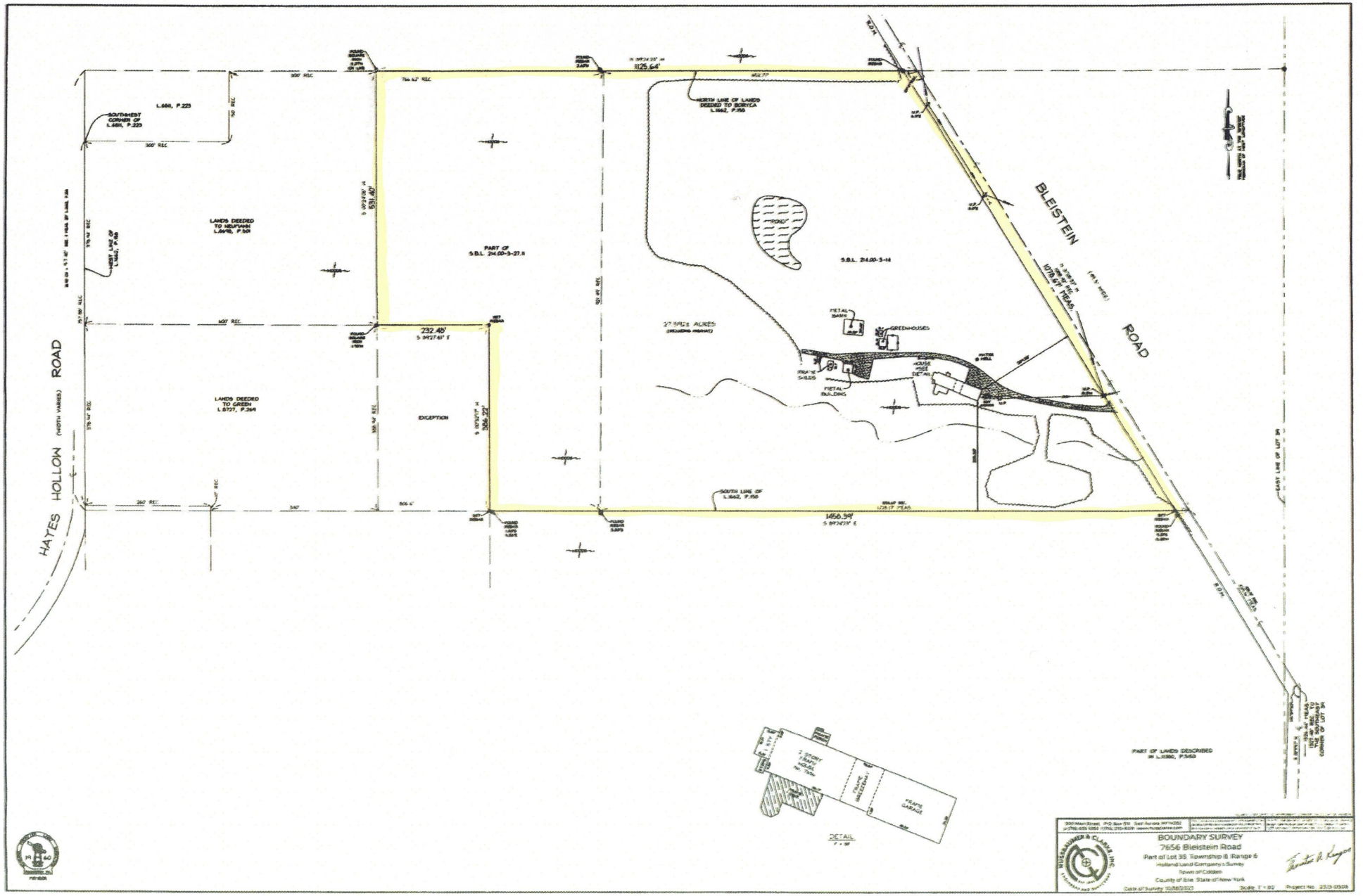
addition to the garden, we have 22 blueberry bushes and harvested over 200 pounds last year. Apple and pear trees on premises for use in baked goods. Over 100 maple trees were tapped last year for maple syrup production.

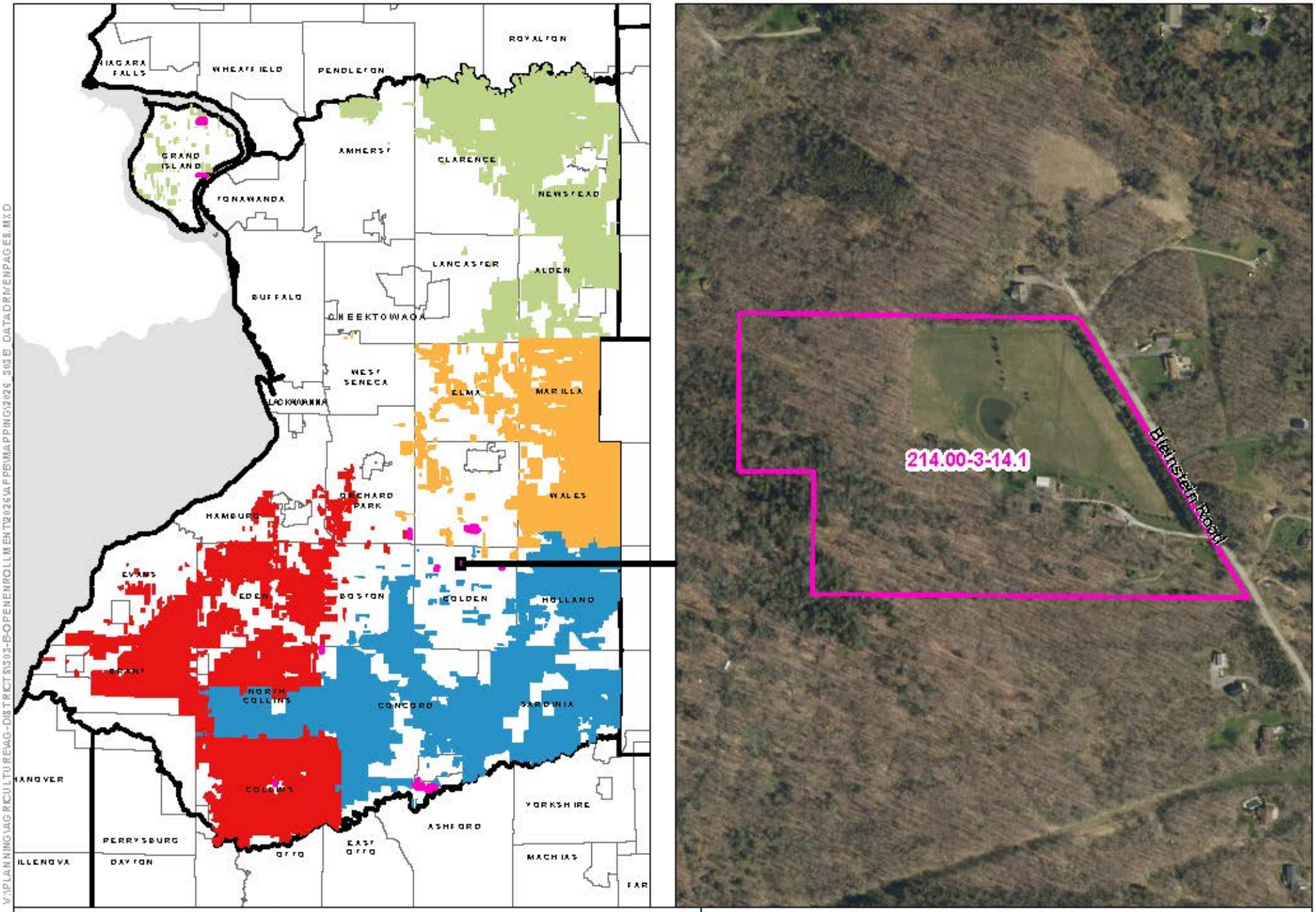
Why do you want to enroll land in the NYS Agricultural District Program?:
Yes.

Is this business:: Existing
Aquaculture: {Empty}
Cash Crop (Grain): 4
Cash Crop (Vegetable): 1
Dairy: 2
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree: 0
Livestock (other than dairy): 1
Sugarbush/Maple: 6
Orchard/Vineyard: 1
Poultry: 1
Other: {Empty}

SIGNATURE

Property Owner Signature: [signed]


HAYES HOLLOW ROAD (WIDTH VARIES)
BLEISTEIN ROAD (66' WIDE)
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF L.681, P.225
L.681, P.225
LANDS DEEDED TO NEUFMANN L.8470, P.501
WEST LINE OF L.1462, P.155
PART OF S.B.L. 214.00-3-27.11
LANDS DEEDED TO GREEN L.8727, P.364
EXCEPTION
232.48'
S 89°27'45" E
591.48'
S 00°24'49" W
306.22'
S 00°32'17" W
1125.64'
N 89°24'23" W
NORTH LINE OF LANDS DEEDED TO BORYCA L.1462, P.155
S.B.L. 214.00-3-14
27.5 ± ACRES (INCLUDING HIGHWAY)
POND
METAL BARN
GREENHOUSES
HOUSE #5E DET. ATL.
METAL BUILDING
1078.47' TO P.O.B.
SOUTH LINE OF L.1462, P.155
1456.39'
S 89°27'45" E
1228.17' TO P.O.B.
PART OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN L.1330, P.349
EAST LINE OF LOT 38
DETAIL
1" = 30'
FRAME GARAGE
BOUNDARY SURVEY
7656 Bleistein Road
Part of Lot 38, Township 8, Range 6
Holland Land Company's Survey
Town of Colden
County of Erie, State of New York
Date of Survey: 10/18/2023
Scale: 1" = 80'
Project No. 2323-0508
HUTCHINSON & CLARKE INC



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APPLICATION 7: ERIK AND DANA KOCH
TOWN OF COLDEN

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS: 303-B PROPOSED ENROLLMENTS (2026)

PREPARED BY THE ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING BY G.ANGERMAN, 10/13/2025


Darien Road
Bleistein Road
7656 Bleistein Road

8) Cruz Applications & Maps

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Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?: Yes

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Name: Lindsey Cruz
Phone Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
Address:
[redacted]

RENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Renter Name: {Empty}
Phone Number: {Empty}
Email Address: {Empty}
Renter Address:
{Empty}

FARM DESCRIPTION

Acres Owned: 5.5
Acres Farmed and/or Cropped: 3.5
Acres you Rent and Farm: 0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?: Yes
On your last tax return, did you have over $1,000 in agriculture-related income?: No
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years: Greater than $50,000
SBL:
- 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
  Public Sewer (Y/N): n

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

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

Cruz Family Homestead operates a mobile petting zoo and animal rental business serving private parties, weddings, schools, community organizations, and other special events throughout Western New York. The business is mobile only, with animals transported to scheduled off-site events; we do not operate an on-site petting zoo or offer public farm visits.

Our animals are housed between our properties in Grand Island and Varysburg, New York. At the Grand Island property, small petting-zoo animals are maintained within an approximately two-acre designated animal enclosure, where they are provided with appropriate shelter, feeding, water, exercise, and routine care. The property serves as an agricultural location for the housing, care, and management of animals used in our mobile petting-zoo operation.

Why do you want to enroll land in the NYS Agricultural District Program?:
We are seeking enrollment in the agricultural program so that we can appropriately maintain the number of animals necessary to operate our mobile petting zoo and animal-rental business.

Under the current residential regulations applicable to our Grand Island property, we are limited to four animals. A successful mobile petting zoo requires a greater variety of animals to meet the needs of different events, schools, families, and organizations. We anticipate maintaining approximately 7–10 miniature animals on the property, which would allow us to provide the variety necessary to operate the business successfully and reliably serve customers throughout the northern region of Western New York.

It is also important to note that our animals are predominantly miniature breeds and therefore have a significantly smaller physical footprint than traditional full-sized livestock. For perspective, approximately four of our miniature cattle would be comparable in overall size to a single full-sized dairy or beef cow.

The current animal limitation substantially restricts our ability to utilize the property for our agricultural operation and efficiently serve the northern portion of our market. Enrollment would allow us to responsibly maintain a modest number of miniature livestock on the property while continuing to provide appropriate acreage, shelter, fencing, sanitation, and animal care.

Is this business:: Existing
Aquaculture: {Empty}
Cash Crop (Grain): {Empty}
Cash Crop (Vegetable): {Empty}
Dairy: {Empty}
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree: {Empty}
Livestock (other than dairy): 3.5
Sugarbush/Maple: {Empty}
Orchard/Vineyard: {Empty}
Poultry: {Empty}
Other: {Empty}

SIGNATURE

Property Owner Signature: [signed]

Outlook

Cruz Family Homestead Business plan

From lindsey Cruz <thecruzfamilyhomestead@gmail.com>
Date Mon 9/28/2026 11:57 AM
To Agriculture <agriculture@erie.gov>

[**Caution**: this email is **not** from an Erie County employee: attachments or links **may not be safe**.]

CRUZ FAMILY HOMESTEAD LLC

1750 E River Rd, Grand Island, NY 14072

EIN#: 39-4529244

Business Plan

Mobile Petting Zoo & Animal Rental Services

Business Location: Grand Island & Varysburg, New York
Business Established: 2025
Animal Rental Operations Began: May 2026

Business Overview

Cruz Family Homestead LLC is a family-owned agricultural business specializing in mobile petting zoo experiences and animal rentals throughout Western New York.

Our animal rental operation officially began in May 2026 and has experienced significant early success. In only a few months of operation, we have developed a growing customer base and have regularly provided animals for birthday parties, weddings, schools, community events, churches, nonprofit organizations, and other private and public events throughout Western New York.

Unlike a traditional public petting zoo, customers do not visit our Grand Island property. Our operation is mobile, and our animals are transported from the farm to scheduled events throughout the region.

Animals & Property Use

Our animals are maintained between our agricultural properties in Grand Island and Varysburg, New York.

The Grand Island property provides approximately 3 acres of designated animal enclosure space for our smaller and miniature petting-zoo livestock. The animals housed there are actively used within our business and are routinely transported to customer and community events.

Our operation primarily utilizes miniature livestock. These animals require substantially less space than traditional full-sized livestock while still allowing us to offer customers the variety of animals necessary for a successful mobile petting-zoo experience.

Maintaining approximately **7–10 animals** at the Grand Island property is important to the operation of the business. Different events require different combinations of animals, and having an appropriate variety allows us to accommodate customer requests while also rotating animals and avoiding excessive travel or event participation by any individual animal.

Current Business Performance

Since beginning animal rentals in May 2026, the response from the Western New York community has been very encouraging.

From May through September 2026, Cruz Family Homestead has generated approximately **$11,600 in gross revenue**, with the majority of the business's animal-rental activity beginning in July.

Our animals are currently being utilized on a regular basis for paid events as well as community-service and outreach opportunities.

Our early performance demonstrates that there is an established local market for the services we provide, and our goal is to continue developing the business responsibly.

Community Involvement

Community involvement is an important part of Cruz Family Homestead.

In addition to private rentals, we participate in schools, churches, community events, nonprofit activities, and other outreach opportunities throughout Western New York. These experiences give children and families an opportunity to interact with livestock and agricultural animals in settings where many otherwise would not have that opportunity.

We would like to continue expanding both our commercial services and our ability to participate in community-oriented programs.

Need for Agricultural Permit

One of the largest obstacles currently facing the growth of our business is the animal limitation associated with the residential zoning of our Grand Island property.

Under the current Town of Grand Island regulations applicable to our property, we are limited in the number of animals that may be maintained there. This would require us to significantly reduce the number of animals housed on the property.

For our particular business, reducing the herd to this level would substantially affect our ability to operate.

Our animals are not simply recreational pets. They are actively utilized within our mobile petting-zoo and animal-rental business on a weekly basis. A successful mobile petting zoo requires several species and types of animals so that appropriate combinations can be provided for different events.

Additionally, because the majority of our livestock consists of miniature breeds, the physical impact of our herd is considerably smaller than the number of animals alone might suggest. For example, our mini highland cow is 1/4 of the size one traditional full-sized dairy or beef cow.

Purpose of Agricultural Enrollment

Obtaining agricultural recognition for the property would allow Cruz Family Homestead to continue responsibly housing the modest number of animals required for our business while maintaining appropriate fencing, shelter, sanitation, feeding, veterinary care, and animal-management practices.

It would also allow us to continue efficiently serving the northern portion of Western New York. The Grand Island location is particularly important to our business because it provides access to customers and community organizations throughout Erie and Niagara Counties without requiring every animal to be transported from our Varysburg property which would not make the business profitable when you factor in the labor and fuel required to move them to and from.

Without the ability to maintain an appropriate number and variety of animals on Grand Island, our ability to service this portion of Western New York would be significantly restricted.

Growth Plan

Over the next several years, Cruz Family Homestead intends to continue growing its mobile animal-rental customer base while remaining a relatively small, family-operated agricultural business.

Our goals include:

- Maintaining approximately 7–10 appropriate miniature and small livestock animals at the Grand Island property.
- Continuing to expand our mobile petting-zoo services throughout Western New York.
- Increasing partnerships with schools, churches, nonprofits, community organizations, and local events.
- Continuing to develop our wedding and private-event animal rental services.
- Providing proper veterinary care, nutrition, shelter, fencing, sanitation, and responsible animal management as the business grows.
- Maintaining our Grand Island property as a **private agricultural property** rather than operating it as a public, on-site petting zoo.

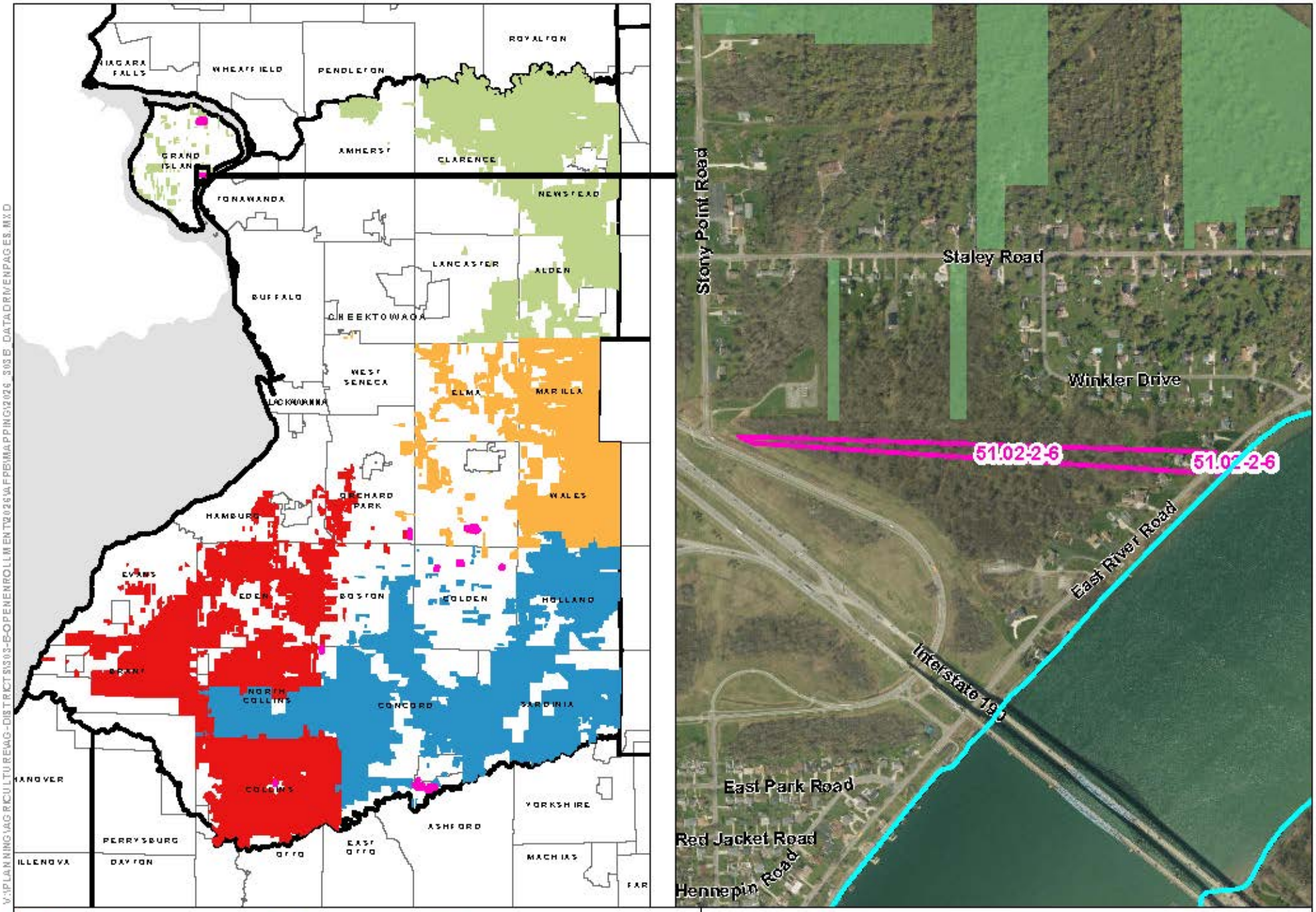
Conclusion

Cruz Family Homestead has grown from a new venture launched in May 2026 into an active agricultural business serving customers and community organizations throughout Western New York.

The early success of the business has demonstrated both customer demand and an opportunity for continued growth. However, our ability to maintain the small herd necessary to provide these services is currently limited by the residential animal restrictions applicable to our Grand Island property.

Approval of the agricultural permit would provide Cruz Family Homestead with the ability to continue responsibly maintaining the animals that are essential to our operation, grow our young business, and continue providing both paid services and community outreach throughout Western New York.

Our intention is not to dramatically expand the number of animals on the property or establish a public petting zoo at the Grand Island location. Rather, we are seeking the ability to responsibly maintain the modest number and variety of miniature livestock necessary to operate an established mobile agricultural business and continue serving the Western New York community.



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APPLICATION 8: LINDSEY CRUZ
TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS: 303-B PROPOSED ENROLLMENTS (2026)

PREPARED BY THE ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING BY G.ANGEMAN, 10/13/2025


Staley Road
Stony Point Road
Winkler Drive
East River Road
1750 East River Road
South Parkway
South Parkway
Niagara Thruway (I 190)
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9) Hall Applications & Maps

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Are you requesting land be included into an existing Erie County Agricultural District?: Yes

LANDOWNER INFORMATION

Landowner Name: Leigh M Hall
Phone Number: [redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]
Address:
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] CONTACT INFORMATION

Renter Name: {Empty}
Phone Number: {Empty}
Email Address: {Empty}
Renter Address:
{Empty}

FARM DESCRIPTION

Acres Owned: 15
Acres Farmed and/or Cropped: 4
Acres you Rent and Farm: 0
Did you file a Schedule F - Form 1040 (Profit or Loss from Farming) with last year's Federal taxes?: No
On your last tax return, did you have over $1,000 in agriculture-related income?: No
Capital investment in agricultural operation over past 5 years: Below $10,000
SBL:
- SBL (Tax Parcel ID): 272.00-1-37.2
  Street Address: 4835 Belcher Rd
  Town: North Collins
  Acres: 15.03
  Agricultural Assessment (Y/N): N
  Public Sewer (Y/N): N

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

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

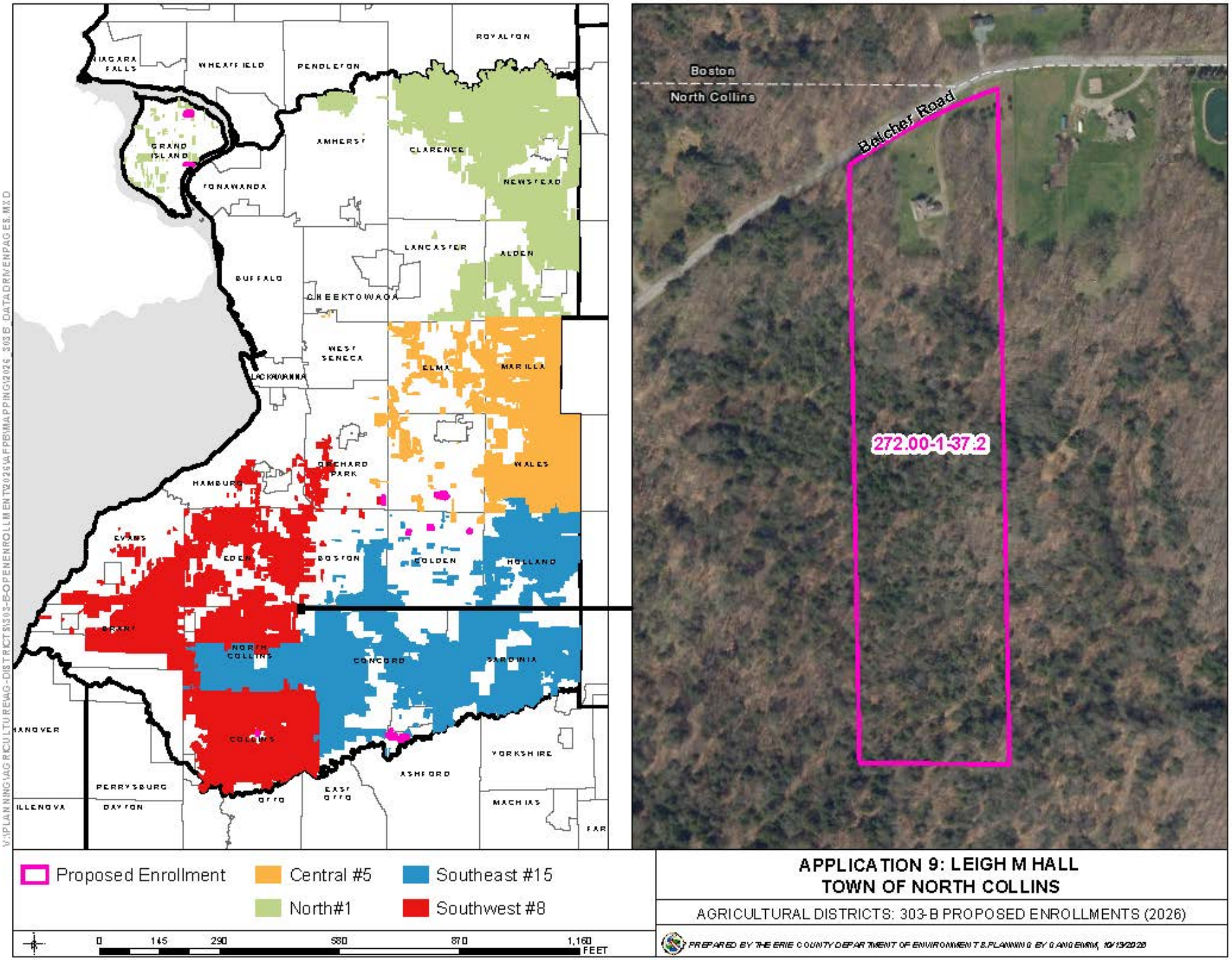
Utilizing Hugelkultur sustainability farming methods I will be adding blueberry and strawberry plants and ginseng for saleable produce. I have spent the past two seasons building 4 garden plots and added 2 bee hives. I have successfully harvested 60 tomato plants this season, along with zuchinni and beans for personal consumption as well as drying goldenrod, mint, and other herbs for teas and tinctures. Additionally, I am in talks with a local farmer who produces maple syrup and wants to lease our land or purchase maple sap from the hardwood maple trees on the property. I have checked the boxes below for how the useage would look by acreage.

Why do you want to enroll land in the NYS Agricultural District Program?:
I want to be able to take advantage of the opportunities and protections that this program offers as I continue to expand the property's agricultural potential.

Is this business:: Proposed/Start-up
Aquaculture: {Empty}
Cash Crop (Grain): {Empty}
Cash Crop (Vegetable): 4
Dairy: {Empty}
Horticultural Specialties/Christmas Tree: {Empty}
Livestock (other than dairy): {Empty}
Sugarbush/Maple: 10
Orchard/Vineyard: {Empty}
Poultry: {Empty}
Other: {Empty}

SIGNATURE

Property Owner Signature: [signed]



APPLICATION 9: LEIGH M HALL
TOWN OF NORTH COLLINS

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS: 303-B PROPOSED ENROLLMENTS (2026)

PREPARED BY THE ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING BY G ANGEMMI, 10/13/2026


4835 Belcher Road
Belcher Road

10) Matrix – Parcel Listing and Information

ATTACHMENT 10: 2026 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT MATRIX

Application #	1	2				3			4
Owner Name	Paul Harper	Frederick Hill				Schichtels Nursery, Inc.			7863 Behm Road LLC
Operator	Owner	Owner				Owner			Renter
Renter Name	n/a	n/a				n/a			Zittel's Dairy Farm LLC
Over 1k in Ag-Related Income	N					Y			N
Capital Investment - Past 5 years	N/A	Greater than $50,000				Greater than $50,000			--
Type of Operation	Equine; Hay	Livestock; Hay, Eggs				Horticultural Specialties/Christmas			Cash Crop (Grain); Cash Crop (Veg); Orchard/Vineyard
Enrollment Address	3183 Stony Point Road	0 Boies Road	1734 Boies Road	1899 Center Street	7674 Lewis Road	14025 Mill Street	425 S. Cascade Drive	14151 Route 219	0 Behm Road
Enrollment Town	Grand Island	Aurora	Aurora	Aurora	Colden	Concord	Springville	Concord	Orchard Park (T)
Enrollment SBL	24.00-2-1	200.00-1-21.2	200.00-1-19.12	200.00-1-18.131	215.00-4-21.3	347.00-2-18.1	347.05-1-4.2	347.00-1-29.1	198.00-4-11.2
Enrollment Acres	55	8	16	35	5	62	2	52	28
Ag Assessment (Y/N)	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Public Sewer (Y/N)	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N
District	North #1	Central #5			Southeast #15	Southeast #15			Southwest #8
NYS Soil Suitability	Poor; Fair	Good to Poor		Fair	Fair-Poor	Good			Fair
Surrounding Land Use	Residential; Forested	Agriculture; Residential			Residential; Forested	Agricultural	Agricultural; Commercial	Agricultural; Commercial	Agriculture; Residential
Municipal Zoning	R1D - Medium Density Single Family Residential	A - Agriculture; RR - Rural Residential			AG - Agricultural	R-AG - Residential-Agricultural	CIP - Commercial Industrial Park	R-AG - Residential-Agricultural; C-1 - Local Retail Business	AG -1: Agricultural
Zoning on Agriculture	Shall be conducted on a minimum three-acre lot; Shall not store any material or substance of any kind which causes or is likely to cause offensive or noxious odors less than 100 feet from any lot line or 200 feet from any neighboring residence, and; Shall not create a nuisance by reason of dust, fumes, smoke, odor, insects, rodents or otherwise adversely affect the public health or safety.	A: 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. RR: Six chickens; two large domestic animals (i.e., horse, goat, sheep); pigs and cattle require two acres of undeveloped land per animal; apiary limited to five hives.			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.	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, processing and storage of the products of such pursuits. No manure or other odor- or dust-producing substances shall be stored within 100 feet of any lot line; nursery and farming.	No mention of agriculture.	R-AG: 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, processing and storage of the products of such pursuits. No manure or other odor- or dust-producing substances shall be stored within 100 feet of any lot line; nursery and farming. C-1: No mention of agriculture.	Agricultural, dairying, forestry, general farming, greenhouse, hatcheries, horticulture, livestock raising, paddocks, truck farming; private greenhouses permitted as an accessory use; retail nurseries and public stables permitted by special permit.
Comprehensive Plan	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.	Recommends responsible siting of renewable energy; continue the Right-to-Farm law; promote the Agricultural District program; and incentivize beginning farmers.			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.	Encourage the preservation of prime and active farmland and support existing agricultural and farming operations; Goal: Protect Agriculture and Farmland to retain opportunities for economic development and to provide opportunities for jobs.	Recommends preserving existing agricultural land within the Village.	Encourage the preservation of prime and active farmland and support existing agricultural and farming operations; Goal: Protect Agriculture and Farmland to retain opportunities for economic development and to provide opportunities for jobs.	Protect and restore farms and support viable agriculture as an economic sector.
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.	Rural Area: Discourage the conversion of rural and agricultural lands				Rural Area: Discourage the conversion of 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.

ATTACHMENT 10: 2026 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT MATRIX

Application #	5	6	7	8	9
Owner Name	Amanda R Solem-Deinzer	Thomas Dziulko	Erik and Dana Koch	Lindsey Cruz	Leigh M. Hall
Operator	Renter	Owner	Owner	Owner	Owner
Renter Name	Aterman	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Over 1k in Ag-Related Income	N	Y	N	N	N
Capital Investment - Past 5 years	Below $10,000	$10,000 - $50,000	Greater than $50,000	Greater than $50,000	Below $10,000
Type of Operation	Aquaculture; Cash Crop (Grain); Cash Crop (Veg); Livestock; Orchard/Vineyard; Poultry; Other (Flowers)	Other (Silviculture)	Sugarbush/Maple; Cash Crop (Grain); Dairy; Cash Crop (Veg); Livestock; Orchard/Vineyard; Poultry	Livestock	Sugarbush/Maple; Cash Crop (Veg)
Enrollment Address	3566 Route 39	0 Blanchard Road	7656 Bleistein Rd	1750 East River Road	4835 Belcher Rd
Enrollment Town	Collins	Colden	Colden	Grand Island	North Collins (T)
Enrollment SBL	343.00-2-3.112	213.00-6-24	214.00-3-14.1	51.02-2-6	272.00-1-37.2
Enrollment Acres	4	11	27	6	15
Ag Assessment (Y/N)	N	N	N	N	N
Public Sewer (Y/N)	N	N	N	N	N
District	Southwest #8	Southeast #15	Southeast #15	North #1	Southwest #8
NYS Soil Suitability	Fair; Good	Good-Fair; Fair-Poor	Fair-Poor	Good; Fair	Fair
Surrounding Land Use	Agriculture; Residential	Forested; Residential	Forested; Residential	Residential; Forested	Forested; Residential
Municipal Zoning	Agricultural	Ag - Agricultural; R1 - Residential	Ag - Agricultural	R1B - Single Family Residential	R-A - Residence Agricultural
Zoning on Agriculture	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.	Ag - 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. R1 - Keeping of horses, four acres required for up to two horses for private use.	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.	Agricultural uses on a minimum lot size of five acres. Agricultural use defined as, "The commercial cultivation of the soil for food products or other useful or valuable growths of the field, garden or tillage. It includes necessary structures appurtenant to such use. This definition shall not include dairying or raising of livestock, fowl or other animals, which is only allowed pursuant to the rules for agricultural animals."	Agricultural, floricultural and horticultural pursuits, including but not limited to general farms, greenhouses, plant nurseries, truck gardens, dairy 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 in an R District and no manure or other odor- or dust-producing substance shall be stored within 100 feet of any lot line; forest farming.
Comprehensive Plan	Promote and protect agriculture as a viable land use and business by stabilizing and strengthening the local farming community.	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.	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.	2026 draft Plan recommends continuing to support active agricultural operations; implementing the Town's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and siting renewable energy responsibly to avoid prime farmland.
Framework for Regional Growth	Rural Area: Discourage the conversion of rural and agricultural lands	Rural Area: Discourage the conversion of rural and agricultural lands	Rural Area: Discourage the conversion of 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.	Rural Area: Discourage the conversion of rural and agricultural lands

11) 30-Day Review Notice

COUNTY OF ERIE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

DANIEL R. CASTLE, AICP, COMMISSIONER

ZAQUE EVANS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER & CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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.

CONTACT:

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12) 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 13th of November 2026 at 11:00 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:

3 parcels in the Town of Aurora totaling 59 acres
3 parcels in the Town of Colden totaling 33.6 acres
1 parcel in the Town of Collins totaling 3.6 acres
2 parcels in the Town of Concord totaling 114.1 acres
2 parcels in the Town of Grand Island totaling 60.5 acres
1 parcel in the Town of North Collins totaling 15 acres
1 parcel in the Town of Orchard Park totaling 28.3 acres
1 parcel in the Village of Springville totaling 1.1 acres

The hearing shall consider the submitted requests and recommendations of the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB). The AFPB report is available at: **erie.gov/agriculture**.

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

Dated: Buffalo, New York, November 5, 2026

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

By Olivia Owens
Clerk, Erie County Legislature

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