

Accepting The Recommendations Of The Agricultural Farmland Protection Board For Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County

The Economic Development / Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee (Chairman Harris and Legislators Cummings, Felicello, Roberti, Bartels, Loughran and Zimet) offer the following:

WHEREAS, consistent with Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303b, Ulster County established an annual 30-day review period for inclusion of additional viable agricultural lands in Agricultural Districts within Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, during this period 19 requests were submitted consisting of 41 parcels with a total of 1,520 acres, and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) has submitted its recommendations as required and filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County along with AFPB has met its responsibilities regarding notice, reporting and holding of a Public Hearing.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature adopts the recommendations of the AFPB for inclusion of additional lands in Agricultural Districts within Ulster County as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature finds that consistent with the Generic Impact Statement prepared by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets concerning lands in agricultural districts and its review of the proposed additions that no significant adverse impacts will occur as a result of this action and that a Negative Declaration (SEQR) is adopted under Part 617, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to submit this resolution, maps and reports as required, to the Commissioner of Agriculture requesting certification of the adopted additions,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Alfonso and Hyatt)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE
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