**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ULSTER COUNTY**

**ULSTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that pursuant to Resolution No. 44 of February 2025 a public hearing will be held on Ulster County's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan on **Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM** or as soon thereafter as the public may be heard in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the purpose of the hearing is to hear comments on the Ulster County Draft Farmland Protection Plan as presented for consideration by the Ulster County Legislature from the Ulster County Farmland Protection Board; and

**PLEASE TAKE FUTHER NOTICE**, that the Draft Plan represents an update of the Plan that was adopted in October of 1997. The updated plan reflects current agricultural conditions, presents new strategies to increase the economic viability of farming, encourages farmland protection, and provides recommendations to increase public interest and awareness of local agriculture. The updated plan will also make farms more competitive for state grants; and

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the adoption of the Plan requires that the Ulster County Legislature authorize its submittal to the Commissioner of Agriculture for approval; and

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that A copy of the draft Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan may be viewed at the County Planning Department’s office located at 244 Fair Street Kingston, NY or by visiting <https://participate.ulstercountyny.gov/ag-protection-plan>; and

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that Citizens are invited to submit comments on the draft plan. Comments will be accepted at the public hearing and written comments may be submitted by mail and email **no later than 5:00 P.M. on March 18, 2025** and should be directed to:

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Dated: March 5, 2025 Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk

Kingston, NY Ulster County Legislature