

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF A 30-DAY PERIOD FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT No. 1
PURSUANT TO THE EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW AND**

**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PERIOD FOR INCLUSION OF PREDOMINANTLY VIABLE
AGRICULTURAL LAND TO ANY EXISTING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, That Agricultural District No. 1 which encompasses approximately 69,200 acres within the County of Genesee in the Towns of Alexander, Batavia, Bethany, Darien, Pembroke, and Stafford was established on November 25, 1974, pursuant to Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, That under Section 303-a (1) of the Agriculture and Markets Law, the County Legislature is required to review a district eight years after its creation and every eight years thereafter.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, That during this 30-day period, a map of the District will be on file and open to the public in the office of the County Clerk and at the Department of Planning, and during this period any municipality whose territory encompasses the above Agricultural District, any State Agency or any landowner within or adjacent to the District, may propose a modification to the District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, That any proposed modification must be submitted to the County Department of Planning within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, That at the termination of the thirty (30) day period, the District and proposed modification(s) will be submitted to the Genesee County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for comment.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, That on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM a public hearing will be held at the Genesee County Old Courthouse, 7 Main Street, Batavia, New York on the District, proposed modifications, and recommendations of said Board.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, That Chapter 523 of the Laws of 2003 did amend NYS Agricultural and Markets Law (AML) Section 303-b which now requires the County Legislature to designate an annual thirty-day time period within which a land owner may submit a request for inclusion of land which is predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district, prior to the County established review period.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, That the Genesee County Legislature established by Resolution No. 399 of 2003 the annual thirty-day period to consider inclusion of new parcels to existing Agricultural Districts to run from January 26th to February 24th.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, That as a result of the Agricultural Districts Annual Enrollment Period land owners may submit a request to include entire parcels of predominantly viable agricultural land (lands that are composed of at least 51% prime farmland soils and/or are contiguous to the main farm operation) within any of Genesee County's certified New York State Agricultural District.

Lisa Casey, Clerk

Genesee County Legislature

Dated: January 23, 2023