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To: Ulster County Municipal Clerks, Assessors, Supervisors & Mayors
From: David B. Donaldson, Chair *DBD*
Re: Annual Agricultural District Inclusions
Date: February 19, 2021

NYS Agriculture & Markets *Law Section 303-b*, mandates that every county containing *certified agricultural districts* designate an annual application period for landowners to request that their predominately viable agricultural lands be included within a NYS Certified Agricultural District. For 2021, that inclusion period will occur from March 1 through 30 in Ulster County.

Notice of this inclusion period will be sent to area newspapers and radio stations. Please help our efforts by adding the enclosed flyer to your website, including it on your meeting agenda, and posting it in a prominent location.

Enacted in 1971, New York's Agricultural District Program (ADP) is a tool for maintaining lands in agriculture and ensuring agriculture in New York remains an important component of our economy. The ADP recognizes that agricultural lands are important and irreplaceable resources, which are in jeopardy of being lost due to increasing costs of agricultural businesses, development pressures and regulatory constraints. The Program creates economic and regulatory incentives which encourage farmers to continue farming by providing them with certain benefits and protections. Additional information explaining the agricultural district program is available at <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/ap/agsservices/agdistricts.html>.

Thank you for your help with these efforts. Please contact Burt Samuelson of the Ulster County Planning Dept. at (845) 339-2490 should you have any questions or require more information. Forms are available on the Ulster County Planning website at <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/annual-agricultural-district-inclusions>.

Agricultural District Inclusions

Application Period for 2021

March 1 thru March 30, 2021

is the

**Application Period for Adding
Land to Agricultural Districts**

Ulster County

Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board



Patrick K. Ryan
County Executive

Ulster County will accept applications from landowners to have their predominately viable agricultural lands included into a New York State Certified Agricultural District.

Landowners seeking inclusion must send:

- A completed **2021 Ag. District Inclusion Application**
- A copy of the relevant portion of the tax map
- An optional description of the land

No later than Tuesday, March 30, 2021 to

Burt Samuelson at bsam@co.ulster.ny.us

Applications can also be mailed to the
Ulster County Planning Department
244 Fair Street
P.O. Box 1800
Kingston, NY 12402-1800

For more information call Burt Samuelson at 845-339-2490
or go to <http://ulstercountyny.gov/planning/annual-agricultural-district-inclusions>

