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RE: Orange County Consolidation of Agricultural Districts 1 and 2

Dear Land Owners;

Many of you recently received a letter from the Orange County Legislature with regard to the eight (8) year review of the Agricultural Districts. According to the NYS Ag and Markets Law 303-A, the districts undergo a review to determine if modifications are needed. While local municipalities are asked for input, the county determines the list and the actions, and the Commissioner of AG and markets makes the final determination as to whether the district is modified. Many of the properties on the current list were NOT provided by the town. Additionally, land owners not under consideration may have also received a letter from the county.

It is important to note that the county Agricultural Districts are:

NOT ZONING Districts

NOT CHANGES IN ZONING

NOT IMPACTING PROPERTY VALUE OR ASSESSMENTS

And that:

NO ACTION HAS BEEN MADE YET

IF A CHANGE OCCURS THAT IS NOT IN LINE WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS WISHES, INDIVIDUALS CAN BE ADDED, BACK OR REMOVED BY REQUEST

(If you are a farmer, an AG value assessment may be applied for annually and is available whether the property is or is not in the County AG District)

There will be a public hearing on the district modifications at 3:15pm on Thursday, Sept 3rd, 2020 in the O.C. Government Center, 255 Main St Goshen NY.

For further information about the review process, please visit:

<http://www.orangecountygov.com/268/Eight-Year—Review>

If you have further question, you can contact Jennifer MacLeod jmacleod@orangecountygov.com or Kelly Morris kmorris@orangecountygov.com; OR call the Orange County Planning Department at 845 615-3840.

Written comments may be sent to the department at 124 Main St Goshen NY 10924

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