



# Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board

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401 Montgomery Street • Court House • Room 407 • Syracuse, New York, 13202

TO: Landowners Requesting to Modify Agricultural District 4  
Municipalities in Agricultural District 4

FROM: Jamie McNamara, Clerk

DATE: June 5, 2024

RE: Public Hearing for the Eight-Year Review of Agricultural District 4

A public hearing will be held by the Onondaga County Legislature to consider the Onondaga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board’s modification recommendation for the eight-year review of Agricultural District 4 located in the Towns of DeWitt, Fabius, Pompey, and the Towns of LaFayette, Onondaga, and Tully (east of I-81). The hearing will be held at the Onondaga County Court House, County Legislative Chambers, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 401 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, New York on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 12:55 p.m.

New York’s Agricultural Districts Law, Article 25-AA of the NYS Agriculture and Markets Law was enacted in 1971 to help keep farmland in agricultural production through a combination of landowner incentives and protections that discourage the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. Responsibility for the creation and review of the State’s agricultural districts lies within the authority of county legislative bodies. AML Sections 303 (district creation), 303-a (district review), 303-b (annual inclusion of lands) and 303-c (district consolidation) detail the role county agricultural and farmland protection boards and legislative bodies play in district creation and review, and prescribe the public notice and public hearing requirements.

Per AML Section 303-a (district review), the Onondaga County Legislature is responsible for conducting a review of each agricultural district in the County on an eight-year schedule. In December 2023, enrolled landowners and municipalities within Agricultural District 4 were notified of the 2024 eight-year review process by Onondaga County Legislature Notice of Review Resolution No. 134-2023 and mailed letters. Between January 1-30, 2024 landowners could request to have property added to or removed from the District.

During February 2024 the Onondaga County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board undertook its review and on February 27, 2024 determined that agriculture within Agricultural District 4 remains viable and recommended that it be modified as requested by landowners and summarized below. The Onondaga County Legislature will consider the modification recommendation at the public hearing. If the Onondaga County Legislature finds that Agricultural District 4 should be modified as recommended, the report, map, list of parcels, and supporting materials will be forwarded to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets for recertification.

The Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Agricultural District 4 report, map, and list of parcels may be examined at the Onondaga County Department of Planning, Carnegie Building, 335 Montgomery Street, 1st Floor, Syracuse, NY 13202, or viewed at <http://www.ongov.net/planning/review.html>. For more information contact the Onondaga County Department of Planning at 315-435-2611 or [agriculture@ongov.net](mailto:agriculture@ongov.net).

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 4 RECOMMENDED ADDITION REQUESTS			
MUNICIPALITY	OWNER	TAX ID	GIS ACRES*
Fabius (Village)	Herlihy Kevin J	101.-02-11.0	9.10
<b>Fabius (Village) Total</b>			<b>9.10</b>
La Fayette	Ellys Acres Farm LLC	006.-01-18.2	1.29
La Fayette	Ellys Acres Farm LLC	006.-01-18.5	7.45

La Fayette	Ellys Acres Farm LLC	006.-01-18.7	8.11
La Fayette	Ellys Acres Farm LLC/Kenny Griffin	007.-02-23.0	5.50
La Fayette	Nurse Albert V	011.-02-25.1	2.02
<b>La Fayette Total</b>			<b>24.36</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>33.46</b>

\* Geographic Information System (GIS) calculated data, not Real Property Services (RPS) data.

<b>AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 4 RECOMMENDED REMOVAL REQUESTS</b>			
<b>MUNICIPALITY</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>TAX ID</b>	<b>GIS ACRES*</b>
Fabius	Aidun Meredith	106.-01-21.0	2.45
Fabius	County Of Onondaga	112.-02-13.0	6.44
Fabius	Crockett Peter J	124.-02-14.0	0.45
Fabius	Elter Thomas A	107.-04-01.0	0.94
Fabius	Ianuzi Stephen D	111.-02-10.0	0.68
Fabius	Jones Douglas M	109.-02-10.0	1.06
Fabius	Kowachik Michael J	118.-04-07.7	2.17
Fabius	Love Camp 355 LLC	104.-03-19.0	0.14
Fabius	Love Camp 355 LLC	105.-01-01.1	25.23
Fabius	Love Camp 355 LLC	105.-01-01.2	0.16
Fabius	Morford Anne	104.-03-18.0	0.14
Fabius	O'Reilly John R	124.-02-02.0	9.41
Fabius	Penoyer Robert H	111.-01-01.0	0.42
<b>Fabius Total</b>			<b>49.69</b>
Pompey	Baniewicz Richard R	013.-01-05.0	0.47
Pompey	Bargabos Dan E	004.-03-14.1	12.52
Pompey	Bargabos Dan E	004.-03-74.1	1.67
Pompey	Bargabos Dan E	005.-01-11.2	42.36
Pompey	Beasley Dr Kenneth	004.-22-23.0	1.08
Pompey	County Of Onondaga	027.-02-10.0	0.02
Pompey	DeHaas George	004.-03-58.3	1.09
Pompey	Pompey Community Church Inc	021.-02-07.3	5.00
Pompey	Ross Jennifer L	004.-18-07.0	2.07
Pompey	Ward Sarah A	015.-03-06.0	1.76
<b>Pompey Total</b>			<b>68.04</b>
Tully	Shaw Ronald J	108.-03-06.6	22.79
<b>Tully Total</b>			<b>22.79</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>140.52</b>

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