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Request for Proposals

Properties for Resale/Purchase

The Town of Clarence currently owns a parcel of conserved farmland that is available for purchase. The opportunity to purchase conserved agricultural land to farmers represents an effort by the Town to make farmland available to farmers and to further promote sustainable agriculture practices. The Town of Clarence is accepting requests for proposals for this property.

The goals for this protected parcel include:

- Keeping agriculture land actively farmed.
- Supporting sustainable and viable farm operations.
- Creating opportunities for start-up farmers to start or grow their agricultural business.
 - Promoting the diversity of farming and farmers in the community.
 - Ensuring that these properties stay available and affordable for farmers.
 - Protecting scenic view sheds for public benefit purposes.

Price and Term of the Purchase:

Price and term of the purchase must include a proposal for fee simple acquisition of the farmland, including an existing home and agricultural support structures. Terms must identify that the existing home is to remain in a life use to the current occupant. Please contact the Town of Clarence Planning and Zoning Department (716) 741-8933 with any questions .

Selection Criteria:

The Town of Clarence will select proposals that best fit the location based on the following criteria:

- Proposals should include an acceptable business plan and land use management plan for the farming operations.
- The farming enterprise described in the proposal should a) be well suited to the size, soils, and configuration of the farmland; b) contribute to the local farm economy; c) be economically feasible; and d) promote sustainable agricultural practices.
- A description of your qualifications and experience to execute your business and management plans should be included. An income verification acceptable to the Town of Clarence shall be provided to ensure that the interested parties have the financial ability to complete the proposal as identified.
- Proposals should identify proposed use of any structure(s) existing on the property and the proposed maintenance/upgrades required to bring the land to viable agricultural production. Costs and timeframes should be included for these items

If you are interested in purchasing this conserved property, please provide us with a **written proposal** that addresses each of the aforementioned criteria and includes a detailed acquisition cost as well as land use management plan.

The Town of Clarence will acknowledge receipt of all proposals, to be reviewed by the Farmland Protection Committee and approved by the Town Board. The Town of Clarence reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Proposals should be forwarded in a sealed envelope to the Clarence Town Clerk's Office, 1 Town Place, Clarence, New York 14031 and received no later than May 16, 2014 at 10:00 A.M.

If you have further questions about the properties or process, please contact the Town Planning and Zoning Office at (716) 741-8933.

Available Properties for Purchase/Lease

Weber Farm, 6995 Heise Rd: 96.22 acres located off of Heise Rd, Lapp Rd and Martin Rd. Includes a home (to remain in life use of current occupant), barn and multiple outbuildings.



Parcel Data:

Location:	6995 Heise Rd
SBL #:	30.00-3-45.111
Owner:	Town of Clarence
Total Acreage:	96.22
Frontage:	870 along Heise Rd
Depth:	2,000 off of Heise Rd
Land Assessed Value:	\$375,000
Total Assessed Value:	\$462,000
Sewer District:	No
Zoned:	Agricultural Rural Residential
Agricultural District:	Yes (Clarence-Newstead)