



Agriculture and Markets

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Governor

RICHARD A. BALL
Commissioner

October 24, 2016

Karen McCarthy, Clerk
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

August 9, 2017 will mark the anniversary of Erie County Agricultural Districts No. 11 and No. 15 which were first formed on August 9, 1977 and December 21, 1981 respectively.

Consistent with the requirements of the Agriculture and Markets Law, your legislative body must conduct a review of the Districts. This letter serves as a notice to initiate the review and generally defines the review process and timeframe.

The review is designed to gauge the Districts' effect on local government policies concerning community development, environmental protection and preservation of the agricultural economy. The review must also consider how District farms and farm acres have furthered the purposes for which it was originally established, the extent to which it has achieved its original objectives and its degree of consistency with community economic and land use conditions.

The Agricultural District 8-year review procedures and forms are detailed on the Department's website at:

<http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/ap/agservices/agdistricts.html>

If I can be of any assistance during the district reviews or if you have any questions regarding the Agricultural Districts Program, please call me at 518-457-5606 or e-mail me at john.brennan@agriculture.ny.gov

Sincerely,

John F. Brennan
Agricultural Districts Program Manager

cc: Thomas Hersey, Commissioner, Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning
Brett Kreher, Chair, Erie County AFPB
Diane Held, ED, CCE of Erie County
Susan Hoskins, Cornell IRIS

MEMORANDUM

To: Brett Kreher, Chair, Erie County AFPB
Thomas Hersey, Commissioner, Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning
Diane Held, ED, CCE of Erie County

From: John Brennan, Agricultural Districts Program Manager

Date: October 24, 2016

Subject: Erie County Agricultural Districts No. 11 and No. 15 Eight-Year Review

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Consistent with the requirements of the Agriculture and Markets Law (AML), the County legislative body must conduct a review of the Districts. This memorandum serves to alert you that the review process should be initiated and to provide several aids, which may benefit your respective review roles.

The following Agricultural District 8-year review procedures and forms are available on the Department Website at:

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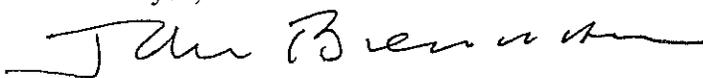
- Agricultural Districts program Mapping Checklist
- Time Frame for District Review (flow chart)
- Agricultural District EAF
- SEQRA Process and Review
- Agricultural Districts Law Summary
- RA-114 District Review Profile
- RA-113 District Review Sheet, and
- Article 25AA PDF—Agriculture and Markets Law (as amended through January 1, 2015)

Enclosed maps identify the state certified boundaries of the districts as adopted by your County legislative body. The maps have been provided through the facilities at IRIS, 1015 Bradfield Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853-5601. Should the eight-year review process result in District modifications, the change must be shown on a revised mylar or may be submitted digitally after contacting Cornell IRIS at (607) 255-6529 for further guidance. Please be reminded that the Commissioner will not recertify an agricultural district until a map is filed with IRIS.

Also, please include all properties added to the District during the annual inclusion-open enrollment period. The attached maps do not include the annual inclusion properties.

If I can be of any assistance during the review you may contact me at (518) 457-5606 or by e-mail john.brennan@agriculture.ny.gov

Thank you,



John F. Brennan
Agricultural Districts Program Manager