

Memo

To: Municipal Clerks
Chief Elected Officials c/o Municipal Clerks
Municipal Assessors c/o Municipal Clerks

From: Sarah Gatti, Principal Planner 

Date: August 26, 2026

Re: AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

In 2014, the Erie County Legislature designated September 1 through September 30 each year as the annual thirty-day period during which a landowner may request the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land into a certified agricultural district in accordance with Section 303-b of New York State Agricultural and Markets Law.

Landowners interested in agricultural assessment may also be interested in enrolling in an agricultural district at this time. We encourage you to provide this information to anyone expressing interest in this or other agricultural programs.

In order to make this information available to landowners in your municipality, we request your assistance with the following items:

- *Municipal Clerks* – Please post the enclosed public notice in a prominent location within the Town or Village Hall, and if possible, post on your municipality's web site.
- *Supervisors and Mayors* – Please read the enclosed public notice into the meeting minutes for any Town or Village Board meetings held between now and September 30 as part of the Board's record.
- Please direct those interested in enrolling to erie.gov/agenrollment where additional information and the online enrollment form can be found.

Should any questions arise, please contact me by phone at (716) 858-6014 or by email at agriculture@erie.gov.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and attention to this matter.



COUNTY OF ERIE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

DANIEL R. CASTLE, AICP, COMMISSIONER

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30-DAY PERIOD FOR INCLUSION OF PREDOMINANTLY VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS INTO EXISTING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

Per New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, the Erie County Legislature designated September 1 through September 30 as the annual thirty-day period during which landowners may submit requests to include predominantly viable agricultural land into an existing certified agricultural district.

Copies of the application form have been provided to Municipal Clerks, Assessors, and Chief Elected Officials for distribution to interested landowners. The application is also available online at www.erie.gov/agenrollment.

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning will accept applications from September 1 through September 30. Any questions on this process should be directed to the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning.

A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date to consider all requests and recommendations of the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

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