

Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board

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Dear Rockland County Resident,

In an effort to protect, support, and nurture agricultural land and businesses in our county, the Rockland County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board is in the process of forming an Agricultural District*. The first step in this process is to identify parcels that currently have agricultural activity. The second step is to contact the owners of these parcels and request that they be included in the District.

The primary benefits of establishing an Agricultural District include:

- protecting our county's land, water, and other natural resources
- supporting existing farms in our county
- creating business opportunities for small farms
- establishing agricultural protection for property owners

Being part of an agricultural district does not limit a land owner's capacity or restrict a land owner's right to sell or develop their property.

Please indicate your interest in becoming a part of the District by checking the box at the bottom of this letter and filling out the information requested then send it to:

Rockland County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board
Attn: R. Allan Beers
50 Sanatorium Road, Building K
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When we receive your response, we will send you the one-page "Agricultural District Creation Worksheet" (RA-111) which the Board will use in finalizing a list of properties. This

list will then be submitted to the Legislature, along with other documentation, with the Board's recommendation for the creation of the District.

We need your assistance in maintaining our agricultural properties in Rockland County. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John McDowell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

John McDowell, President
Rockland County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

*Inclusion of land in an agricultural district is not the same as having an agricultural assessment. A land owner can be part of an agricultural district without getting an agricultural assessment.