

PUBLIC HEARING

DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MAY 11, 2005

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS NO. 1

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing concerning inclusion of land(s) into Agricultural Districts No. 1 in the Supervisors' Room of the Senator Charles D. Cook County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi, New York at 6:45 P.M. on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, Chairman James E. Eisel Sr. presiding.

Chairman Eisel called the hearing to order.

The Clerk Read the Notice of Hearing:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW OF
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 1**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing, Wednesday May 11th 2005 at 6:45 PM in the Board of Supervisors Room of the County Office Building, 111 Main Street, Delhi N.Y. concerning the eight-year review of Agricultural Districts No. 1. This hearing shall be held to consider the requests and recommendations of the County Agricultural Farmland Protection Board on the following modifications to Agricultural District #1:

Town of Harpersfield

MODIFICATION	PARCELS	ACREAGE
Additions	3	209.14
Removed	45	1,581.31
After modifications	272	14,390.17

Town of Kortright

MODIFICATION	PARCELS	ACREAGE
Additions	0	0
Removed	5	238.03
After modifications	49	3,516.12

Town of Roxbury

MODIFICATION	PARCELS	ACREAGE
Additions	15	649.62
Removed	102	7,511.21
After modifications	206	12,413.83

Town of Stamford

MODIFICATION	PARCELS	ACREAGE
Additions	3	166.77
Removed	35	1,454.34
After modifications	268	15,610.96

All persons desiring to comment on any Agricultural District modifications shall be heard.

Dated: April 15, 2005

By: Christa M. Schafer
Clerk of the Board

Chairman Eisel opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to be heard.

Mr. Bachler introduced Planner Kent Manuel from the Delaware County Planning Department who explained that prior to the scheduled public hearing over 11,000 acres were proposed to be removed from Agricultural District 1. At this time, due to additional research and discussion with land owners that number has been reduced to approximately 8,200 acres. He stated the minimum percentage of viable agricultural land in the district must be 51% and noted that the district is currently at 63%.

In response to Chairman Eisel, Mr. Manuel stated that 8,383 acres are proposed to be removed from Agricultural District 1 and represents 1020 acres from the town of Harpersfield, 142 acres from the town of Kortright, 6200 acres from the town of Roxbury, and 938 acres from the town of Stamford. He stated over one third of the proposed acreage is being removed as a result of New York City Land Acquisitions, adding New York City land acquisitions represents the majority of the proposed acreage being removed from the town of Roxbury.

Mr. Manuel commented that this is the first agricultural review that was completed using the Geographical Information System (GIS), database software, adding the data base provides greater accuracy to the review.

Mr. Bachler commented that requests received within the next few days would still be considered for inclusion. Mr. Manuel added that he will be preparing a resolution with the final numbers to be brought before the Board at either the May 25, 2005 or June 22, 2005 meeting.

Since no one wished to speak, Chairman Eisel declared the hearing adjourned at 6:55 P.M.