



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM
FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

UNLISTED ACTIONS ONLY

Please indicate lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below:

[X] The proposed action is within the scope of a cooperative agreement between the undersigned County Legislative Body ("CLB") and the Department of Agriculture and Markets ("Department")...

[] The proposed action is not within the scope of a cooperative agreement between an applicable CLB and the Department. The agency that will serve as Lead Agency is the undersigned CLB...

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information

- 1. The proposed action is located in the County of Chautauqua and the Town(s) of Chautauqua County (All Municipalities)
2. The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the CLB of Chautauqua County.
3. The name, address, and e-mail address for the Clerk of the above named CLB is: Kathy Tampio, 716-753-4541, tampiok@co.chautauqua.ny.us

4. Does the proposed action only involve the modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district by the CLB pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) §§303-a, 303-b or 303-c? [X] Yes [] No

If Yes, attach a narrative description (including a location map) of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the County. If No, this form should not be used to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action.

5. Is this an action proposed to modify an existing agricultural district? [X] Yes [] No

If Yes, total number of acres comprising the agricultural district as it exists prior to modification: See Below acres.
District 1: 53,630 | District 2: 59, 942 | District 6: 40,143 | District 7: 54,334 | District 8: 52,423
District 10: 60,595 | District 11: 21,313 | District 12: 25,356 | District 13: 24,219

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6. If this proposed action involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the agricultural district? Yes No
- If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? _____ acres
 - Does this represent an increase or a decrease?

7. Check all present land uses that occur on, adjoining, and near the proposed action?

- Residential Industrial Commercial Agriculture Park/Forest/Open Space Other
Portland, Ripley, Westfield, Brocton, Dunkirk, Hanover,

If Other, please describe: _____

8. Information on Coastal Resources. Is the action located within, or have a significant effect on:

- A Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? Yes No
- A Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? Yes No
- A community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? Yes No

If Yes, please identify the affected community or communities: _____

Pomfret, Sheridan, Silver Creek, Stockton, Chautauqua, Ellery, North Harmony, Ellicott, Busti, Jamestown

9. Information on Local Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans

- Is the action compatible with the County's Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan? Yes No

If Yes, date of Plan approval: September, 2000

If Yes, please cite the applicable language: _____

"Actions: Suggested and Existing: ... Agricultural Districts: Continue legislative and community support for inclusion of currently non-agricultural district farmlands into current agricultural districts and for the renewal of current Agricultural Districts..." (Page 39)

10. Comments from Municipalities within the County

- Did the CLB receive any comments from municipalities about the addition or removal of land from the agricultural district? Yes No

If Yes, please briefly summarize the comments: _____

11. Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify the proposed action.

I AFFIRM AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Name of Person
Authorized to Sign: Rebecca Wurster Date: 6/1/2021

Signature:  Title: Planning Coordinator

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Part 2: Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the County Legislative Body ("CLB") as Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted to the CLB for the proposed modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district or otherwise available to the reviewer.

In providing responses to each of the questions, the reviewer should keep in mind that the action proposed is the modification, consolidation or termination of an agricultural district(s). The action is not the land use or activity which will, or may, take place in the district(s). For example, it is not appropriate to consider the effects of management actions that may be taken by individual operators in conducting farming. Agricultural farm management practices, including construction, maintenance and repair of farm buildings, and land use changes consistent with generally accepted principles of farming are listed as Type II actions in 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(3), and these actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment.

	None to small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and fail to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Part 3: Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur," or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

The proposed modifications and consolidation to the district boundaries will result in no significant environmental impact.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Chautauqua County
Name of Lead Agency

6/1/2021
Date

Mark Geise
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Deputy County Executive for Economic Development
Title of Responsible Officer


Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency


Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)