



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

02/20/2025

RESOLUTION 48 – 2025

Introduced by Trails and Open Space: Supervisors Ball, Connolly, Grasso, Kinowski, Madigan, M. Veitch, and Wright

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SARATOGA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #2

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 176 – 96, this Board of Supervisors approved the consolidation of Saratoga County Agricultural Districts #1, 3, and 4 into Saratoga County Consolidated Agricultural District #1 within the Towns of Moreau, Northumberland, Saratoga, Stillwater, and Wilton; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 133 – 98, this Board of Supervisors approved the consolidation of Saratoga County Agricultural Districts #2, 5, and 6 into Saratoga County Consolidated Agricultural District #2 within the Towns of Ballston, Charlton, Clifton Park, Galway, Malta, and Milton, and the City of Saratoga Springs, and with continued annual reviews involving Agriculture and Markets Law §303-b, has expanded the boundaries of the District within the Towns of Ballston, Charlton, Clifton Park, Corinth, Edinburg, Galway, Greenfield, Hadley, Malta, Milton, Providence, and the City of Saratoga Springs; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has received a petition from Charles and Michele May, landowners in the Town of Greenfield, to include 6.87 ± acres of predominately viable agricultural land located on Braim Road, identified as Tax Parcel #139.-1-46, which parcel is dedicated to a mixed-use of residence and agricultural uses using high tunnel green houses, fenced gardens, and ground crops for a flower business started in 2022, within the boundaries of Saratoga County's Consolidated Agricultural District #2; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has received a petition from The Bright Community Property Trust, in the Town of Greenfield, Tax Parcel #150.-2-80 to include 221.40 ± acres of predominately viable agricultural land located on Hypspot Road, which parcel is dedicated to maple sugaring, timber production, growing pumpkins, sunflowers, hay, berries, corn, raising livestock, and creating educational agritourism within the boundaries of Saratoga County's Consolidated Agricultural District #2; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has received a petition from The Bright Community Property Trust, in the Town of Greenfield, Tax Parcel #150.-3-5 to include 108.69 ± acres of predominately viable agricultural land located on Hypspot Road, which parcel is dedicated to maple sugaring, timber production, growing pumpkins, sunflowers, hay, berries, corn, raising livestock, and creating educational agritourism, within the boundaries of Saratoga County's Consolidated Agricultural District #2; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has received a petition from Vincent and Erica Walsh, in the town of Greenfield, Tax Parcel #113.-1-43 to include 59.76 ± acres of predominately viable agricultural land located on Greene Road, which parcel is dedicated to a mixed use of residence with mushroom farming and forestry production, within the boundaries of Saratoga County's Consolidated Agricultural District #2; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has received a petition from Vincent and Erica Walsh, in the Town of Greenfield, Tax Parcel #139.-1-88 to include 5.00 ± acres of predominately viable agricultural land located on Wilton Road, which parcel is dedicated to a sawmill site with logs, lumber, firewood, and mulch with aspiration of preserving the land for sustainable forestry use, within the boundaries of Saratoga County's Consolidated Agricultural District #2; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has received a petition from Christopher Yates and Julie Breen, in the Town of Milton, Tax Parcel #175.-1-12.12 to include 4.22 ± acres of predominately viable agricultural land located on Armer Road, which parcel is dedicated to maple syrup production, apiary for honey and wax products and local pollinators, chicken and goose egg production, apples, peach and apricot orchard, vegetables, compost and vineyard, within the boundaries of Saratoga County's Consolidated Agricultural District #2; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has received a petition from Brianna Hughes, in the Town of Malta, Tax Parcel #204.-2-36.2 to include 2.54 ± acres of predominately viable agricultural land located on Van Aernem Road, which parcel is dedicated to an apiary and homesteading, within the boundaries of Saratoga County's Consolidated Agricultural District #2; and

WHEREAS, there were no petitions to enter viable agricultural land into Saratoga County's Consolidated Agricultural District #1 and therefore there are no proposed changes to its existing boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has submitted a report to the Board of Supervisors recommending the inclusion of the respective lands of Charles and Michele May, The Bright Community Property Trust, Vincent and Erica Walsh, Christopher Yates and Julie Breen, and Brianna Hughes, within the boundaries of Saratoga County Consolidated Agricultural District #2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law §303-b(3), this Board of Supervisors is required to hold a Public Hearing to consider the requests for inclusion and the recommendations of the Saratoga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors shall hold a Public Hearing on the requests of Charles and Michele May, The Bright Community Property Trust, Vincent and Erica Walsh, Christopher Yates and Julie Breen, and Brianna Hughes, within the boundaries of Saratoga County Consolidated Agricultural District #2, on March 12, 2025 at 4:30pm in the Meeting Room of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall publish a notice of this hearing in the official County newspapers and shall mail said notice of Public Hearing to the Towns of Greenfield, Milton, and Malta, and to the New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No budget impact.

February 20, 2025 Regular Meeting
Motion to Adopt: Supervisor Lant
Second: Supervisor K. Veitch

AYES (189,650.5): Eric Connolly (11831), Joseph Grasso (4328), Philip C. Barrett (19014.5), Angela Thompson (19014.5), Harry Brennan (819), Robert Anderson (1333), James D. Arnold (3525), Kevin Veitch (8004), Arthur M. Wright (1976), Kevin Tollisen (25662), Cynthia Young (17130), Thomas Richardson (5163), Scott Ostrander (18800), Jesse Fish (16202), Willard H. Peck (5242), Matthew E. Veitch (14245.5), John Lant (17361)

NOES (0):

ABSENT (45,858.50): C. Eric Butler (6500), Sandra Winney (2075), Ian Murray (5808), Michele Madigan (14245.5), Edward D. Kinowski (9022), David Ball (8208)