



**Department of  
Agriculture and Markets**

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**RICHARD A. BALL**  
Commissioner

*Olivia M. Owens*, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street - 4th Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

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Dear *Ms. Owens*,

In accordance with Section 303-a of the Agriculture and Markets Law, the Erie County Legislature submitted to me, by Resolution No. 7-1 of 2025, a district renewal plan with modifications for Erie County Southeastern Agricultural District No. 15.

Following review of the plan and its related documentation, I find that the plan is eligible for districting.

In accordance with the statutory procedures for certification of agricultural district review plans and in consultation with the state Advisory Council on Agriculture, I have determined that the District is consistent with state environmental plans, policies and objectives.

In consideration of my review of the plan, I hereby certify that:

- A. The District is eligible for districting.
- B. The District consists predominantly of viable agricultural land.
- C. The plan of the District is feasible.
- D. The District will serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and the state.

The county is required to complete the next review of Erie County Southwestern Agricultural District No. 15 on or before August 9, 2033.

Signed and Sealed at the Town of Colonie,  
County of Albany, NY,  
This *16<sup>th</sup>* day of May, 2025

Sincerely,

Richard A. Ball  
Commissioner

cc: Brett Kreher, Chair Erie County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board  
Diane Held, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County  
Dan Castle, Deputy Commissioner, Erie County Dept. of Env. and Planning  
District Manager, Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District  
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