

# PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

92 Franklin St., 4th Floor - Buffalo, NY 14202 · December 5, 2025 – 10:00 AM

## MINUTES

The Public Hearing was called to order at 10:00 AM by Olivia Owens, Clerk of the Erie County Legislature.

The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing:

At the direction of Erie County Legislative Chair, Timothy J. Meyers, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Legislature of the County of Erie, on the 5th of December 2025 at 10:00 AM at the Chambers of the Erie County Legislature, 4th Floor, Old County Hall, 92 Franklin St., Buffalo, NY 14202, to consider the following requests for the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural lands within existing agricultural districts that have been submitted in accordance with sec. 303-b of NYS Agricultural and Markets Law.

- 2 parcels in the Town Aurora totaling 257.6 acres
- 2 parcels in the Town of Boston totaling 136.8 acres
- 2 parcels in the Town of Colden totaling 199.8 acres
- 1 parcel in the Town of Collins totaling 9.8 acres
- 2 parcels in the Town of Eden totaling 76.3 acres
- 1 parcel in the Town of Evans totaling 31.3 acres
- 5 parcels in the Town of Grand Island totaling 28.1 acres
- 1 parcel in the Town of Hamburg totaling 20.1 acres
- 1 parcel in the Town of Lancaster totaling 43 acres
- 1 parcel in the Town of Newstead totaling 14.9 acres
- 2 parcels in the Town of Orchard Park totaling 24 acres
- 1 parcel in the Town of Sardinia totaling 45.4 acres

The hearing shall consider the requests and recommendations of the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB). All applications submitted and the Erie County AFPB report to the Legislature are available at: [erie.gov/agriculture](http://erie.gov/agriculture).

Questions may be directed to Sarah Gatti, Principal Planner at [sarah.gatti@erie.gov](mailto:sarah.gatti@erie.gov).

Dated: Buffalo, New York, November 27, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK

By Olivia Owens  
Clerk, Erie County Legislature

The Clerk then opened the floor to public comment.

Sarah Gatti, Principal Planner at the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning stated that 21 applications were received requesting to add 22 parcels into an Erie County Agricultural District. The Board recommends adding 17 of the 22 parcels to the Districts. These recommendations were based upon Agricultural District Law, which states that parcels to be included in the Districts must be "land highly suitable for agricultural production" and which will continue to be feasible for farming if conditions remain the same. A full copy of the report is available at [erie.gov/agriculture](http://erie.gov/agriculture).

With no others speakers wishing to speak, the public hearing was adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah E. Gatti". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah E. Gatti  
Principal Planner