



**Department of  
Agriculture and Markets**

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**RICHARD A. BALL**  
Commissioner

Olivia M. Owens, Clerk  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

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Dear Ms. Owens,

In accordance with Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law, the Erie County Legislature submitted to me, by resolution 24-4 of 2025, a report and plan to modify Erie County Agricultural District Nos. 1, 5, 8, and 15 by including predominantly viable agricultural land into the district.

Following review of the plan and its related documents, I hereby certify that the inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land, as proposed, is feasible and shall serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district.

Signed and sealed at the Town of Colonie  
County of Albany, New York

This 13<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2026

Sincerely,

Richard A. Ball  
Commissioner

cc: Brett Kreher, Chair, Erie County AFPB  
Dan Castle, Commissioner, Erie County Planning Department  
Diane Held, Executive Director, CCE of Erie County  
District Manager, Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Johnathan Russel-Anelli, IRIS