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By Legislators Smith and Wilt

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2020 *

**AUTHORIZING INITIATION OF PROCESS FOR MAKING ADDITIONS TO
MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized to publish and post notice of the 30-day submission period for requests to include land, which is predominantly viable agricultural land, within state-certified Monroe County Agricultural Districts.

Section 2. The Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board is hereby directed to prepare and submit a report, within 30 days of the termination of the submission period, with its recommendations as to whether inclusion of each piece of land proposed to be included in the certified agricultural districts a) consists predominantly of viable agricultural land, and b) would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the certified agricultural districts.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Planning and Economic Development Committee; January 28, 2020 - CV: 5-0
File No. 20-0007

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF A 30-DAY PERIOD FOR PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF PREDOMINANTLY VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS INTO CERTIFIED MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, the Monroe County Legislature has adopted a process to make additions of predominantly viable agricultural land into the certified Monroe County Agricultural Districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that Monroe County is required to conduct a review of all proposals for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land into certified Monroe County Agricultural Districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that only whole tax parcels are eligible for inclusion in a certified Monroe County Agricultural District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that there is hereby established a 30-day period to request parcels be added to a certified Monroe County Agricultural District, which period commences on March 1, 2020 and terminates on March 30, 2020.

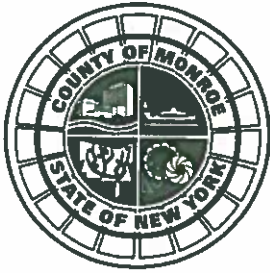
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that any proposed additions must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the County Legislature within this 30-day period and shall include the following information: the certified Monroe County Agricultural District into which the land is proposed to be included; a description of the land; the tax map identification number and acreage; and the address.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that at the termination of the 30-day period any proposed additions will be submitted to the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for review and recommendation to the Monroe County Legislature.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that subsequent to the receipt of the recommendations of the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the Monroe County Legislature will hold a public hearing on the proposals and recommendations of the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and thereafter will take action to accept or reject the proposals to include predominantly viable agricultural land in the certified Monroe County Agricultural Districts.

DATED: February 11, 2020

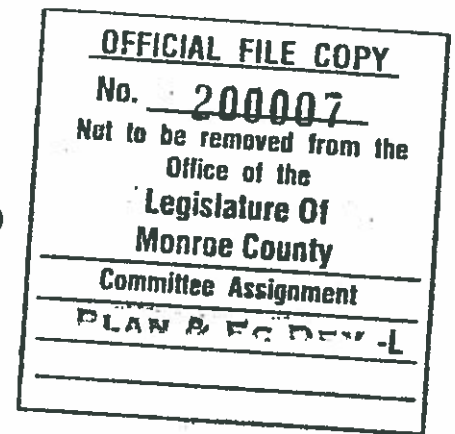
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Office of the County Executive
Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

January 10, 2020



To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize the Initiation of the Process for Making Additions to Monroe County
Agricultural Districts

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize the initiation of the process for making additions to Monroe County's Agricultural Districts.

Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law requires Your Honorable Body establish an annual 30-day period during which landowners can submit proposals to include land that is predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district. Monroe County would begin this addition process by publishing a general notice to make landowners aware of the 30-day submission period. At the end of the 30-day submission period all requests for inclusion will be referred to the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) for its recommendations. The AFPB then has 30 days to make a recommendation to Your Honorable Body concerning any proposed additions to the state-certified agricultural districts. Upon receipt of the recommendation, Your Honorable Body must hold a public hearing before taking action to adopt or reject the addition of any parcels to any district. A second referral will be submitted to Your Honorable Body after the report of the AFPB to schedule the public hearing and recommend adoption or rejection of the addition of parcels to any district.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the Clerk of the Legislature to publish and post notice of the 30-day submission period for requests to include land, which is predominantly viable agricultural land, within state-certified Monroe County agricultural districts.

2. Direct the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board to prepare and submit a report, within 30-days of the termination of the submission period, with its recommendations as to whether inclusion of each piece of land proposed to be included in the certified agricultural districts a) consists predominantly of viable agricultural land and b) would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the certified agricultural districts.

Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

This initiation of process will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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