COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY NOTICE OF A 30-DAY PERIOD FOR COMBINED EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW AND ANNUAL INCLUSION PROCESS FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 5

The Broome County Legislature, by Resolution 496 of 2004, established an annual 30-day period during which landowners can submit proposals to include viable land within a certified agricultural district. The 30-day period runs from December 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Please take notice that in addition to the annual inclusion process, Broome County is conducting its Eight-Year Review of Agricultural District No. 5 pursuant to Article 25-AA, Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. For 2026, the 30-day notice periods for both the Annual Enrollment and the Eight-Year Review are being combined into this single submission period (December 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026).

Agricultural districts are designed to encourage the continued use of farmland for agricultural production. Agricultural Districts should not be confused with town-designated agricultural zones, which determine allowable activities.

Broome County Agricultural District No. 5 was established on January 11, 1979 and encompasses approximately 155,848 acres. It is situated within the following municipalities: Towns of Barker, Binghamton, Chenango, Colesville, Conklin, Fenton, Kirkwood, Lisle, Maine, Nanticoke, Sanford, Triangle, Union, Vestal, and Windsor.

A map showing the boundaries of Agricultural District No. 5 is on file and open to public inspection in the Office of the Broome County Clerk 60 Hawley Street, 3rd Floor, Binghamton, NY 13901 or online at https://cce.cornell.edu/broome-county/ag-economic-development.

During this 30-day period, any municipality or landowner within the district may submit a request to add or remove parcels from the district.

At the end of the 30-day period, all requests for inclusion or removal are referred to the Broome County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB). The Board determines if each parcel submitted consists predominately of viable agricultural land and if inclusion or removal of the land would serve the public interest by helping to maintain a viable agricultural industry within the district.

The recommendations of the AFPB to include or remove parcels are made to the County Legislature, which, following a public hearing will vote to adopt or reject the proposed modification of the agricultural district.

Landowners interested in adding or removing a parcel to Broome County Agricultural District No. 5 must complete and submit an application available on the CCE Broome website, or by contacting Laura Biasillo at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, New York 13905, (607) 584-5007 or by email at lw257@cornell.edu.

Dated: November 20, 2026
Carol L. Hall, Deputy Clerk
Broome County Legislature