Craig Rice Farm – CE 1

Future Farmstead Area:
Need: This parcel currently has no main operations center and should be separated into an independent farm; it would benefit from the ability to site a farmland on the property.

Size: A 10-acre size would support a modest sized operation, but would limit development within the floodplain and on this parcel that is predominately cultivated.

Location: With nearly a mile of road frontage on a town road and only one accessory barn, there is no obvious location upon where to site a farmstead at this time.

Rural Enterprise Area:
Need: An incorporated not-for-profit historic aircraft group owns buildings and leases a portion (tax parcel 80-1-1.113) of the property for use as a grass runway. The buildings include a museum, a hanger, machine shop, offices, and memorials that are used for the non-profits functions, air show, etc.

Size: The 10 acre size includes the main part of the tax parcel leased by the aircraft group, upon which they have use from the landowner.

Location: Encompassing all current aircraft structures used on the property on the tax parcel leased by the group.

Excluded Parcel(s):
Three parcels are excluded. None are in agricultural production.

The middle and southern parcel are within the limits of the Village of Geneseo. Genese Valley Conservancy has an adopted acquisitions policy that prohibits acquiring conservation easements within Villages and the County farmland protection board and Town supports this position. Each are buffered from the farm by a former railroad bed and steep slope that is not actively farmed as a result. The northern exclusion is the site of significant fill and sits 20ft in elevation above the land of the farm on the west side of the exclusion. The 20ft of added fill is a mix of cement, stone, etc. to raise the land. Fill has been added here for years to bring it to the road-height, to provide for commercial business opportunities. The parcel has no agricultural value or use and due to its height above the farmland, has no access or potential use for ag-related structures without using the heavily trafficked Route 63 to reach the farm via Big Tree Lane.

*See photograph below
Photograph looking south from point of reference below on site plan map. The Northwest edge of this parcel contains an unstable gradient and has been used as fill tipping site from village development.

Green reference marker shows point of reference for above photograph.