



**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW  
SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM  
FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS**

**UNLISTED ACTIONS ONLY**

Please indicate lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below:

The proposed action is within the scope of a cooperative agreement between the undersigned County Legislative Body (“CLB”) and the Department of Agriculture and Markets (“Department”), the only other agency required to undertake an action in this case. Therefore, the undersigned CLB will serve as lead agency for the proposed action to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3).

The proposed action is not within the scope of a cooperative agreement between an applicable CLB and the Department. The agency that will serve as Lead Agency is the undersigned CLB, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3).

***Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information***

1. The proposed action is located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and the Town(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the CLB of \_\_\_\_\_ County.

3. The name, address, and e-mail address for the Clerk of the above named CLB is:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Does the proposed action only involve the modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district by the CLB pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) §§303-a, 303-b or 303-c?  Yes  No

If Yes, attach a narrative description (including a location map) of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the County. If No, this form should not be used to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action.

5. Is this an action proposed to modify an existing agricultural district?  Yes  No

If Yes, total number of acres comprising the agricultural district as it exists prior to modification: \_\_\_\_\_ acres.

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6. If this proposed action involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the agricultural district?  Yes  No

- If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? \_\_\_\_\_ acres
- Does this represent  an increase or  a decrease?

7. Check all present land uses that occur on, adjoining, and near the proposed action?

Residential  Industrial  Commercial  Agriculture  Park/Forest/Open Space  Other

If Other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Information on Coastal Resources. Is the action located within, or have a significant effect on:

- A Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway?  Yes  No
- A Coastal Erosion Hazard Area?  Yes  No
- A community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program?  Yes  No

If Yes, please identify the affected community or communities: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Information on Local Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans

- Is the action compatible with the County's Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan?  Yes  No

If Yes, date of Plan approval: \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please cite the applicable language: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Comments from Municipalities within the County

- Did the CLB receive any comments from municipalities about the addition or removal of land from the agricultural district?  Yes  No

If Yes, please briefly summarize the comments: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify the proposed action.

I AFFIRM AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE  
BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

**Name of Person  
Authorized to Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 2: Impact Assessment**

**Part 2 is to be completed by the County Legislative Body (“CLB”) as Lead Agency.**

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted to the CLB for the proposed modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district or otherwise available to the reviewer.

In providing responses to each of the questions, the reviewer should keep in mind that the action proposed is the modification, consolidation or termination of an agricultural district(s). The action is not the land use or activity which will, or may, take place in the district(s). For example, it is not appropriate to consider the effects of management actions that may be taken by individual operators in conducting farming. Agricultural farm management practices, including construction, maintenance and repair of farm buildings, and land use changes consistent with generally accepted principles of farming are listed as Type II actions in 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(3), and these actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment.

	<b>None to small impact may occur</b>	<b>Moderate to large impact may occur</b>
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and fail to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Part 3: Determination of Significance**

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur,” or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Lead Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Responsible Officer

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Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

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Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)