



**Department of  
Agriculture and Markets**  
Soil and Water  
Conservation Committee

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**Resolution #2025-01: Support the proposed voluntary soil health benchmarks established pursuant to Article 11 – B of Agriculture and Markets Law.**

WHERE AS, Article 11-B of Agriculture and Markets Law establishes the Soil Health and Climate Resiliency law; and

WHERE AS, pursuant to Section 151-M of the Soil Health and Climate Resiliency law, the Department of Agriculture and Markets, in cooperation with the state soil and water conservation committee, the New York state college of agriculture and life sciences established in section fifty-seven hundred twelve of the education law, and with input from other organizations with expertise in soil health and regional stakeholders, shall establish appropriate voluntary standards and objectives for soil health and quality, reflective of the different geographic regions, soil types, and farming operations; and

WHERE AS, such standards should include soil quality indicators for biological, physical; and chemical properties of soil and reflect the latest scientific advancements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE NEW YORK STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

Supports the proposed voluntary soil health benchmarks; and

Commits to continue working with the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, County Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other partners to develop appropriate outreach materials; and

Will consider how these benchmarks can be utilized to encourage further implementation and adoption of soil health practices.