



Agriculture and Markets

Round 20 Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG)

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA0393)

Categorical Details

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WELCOME

- (~75 minutes) **Categories of Viable Agricultural Lands**
- (~5 minutes) **Category-specific Eligible Costs**
- (~5 minutes) **Category-specific Match Requirements & Stipulations**
- (<5 minutes) **Category-specific Project Deliverables**
- (<5 minutes) **Category-specific Policy Guidance**
- (~30 minutes) **Category-specific Program Specific Questions**

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NOTE: All questions must be submitted in writing; please send to: david.behm@agriculture.ny.gov

Answers to initial questions submitted by 1/5/2026 will be posted on 1/12/2026 and may be subsequently updated with additional questions/answers as deemed necessary.

Questions DUE = 1/12/2026
Answers POSTED = 1/20/2026

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Categories of Viable Agricultural Lands

An eligible project must satisfy all project eligibility criteria:

1. the type of Farm Operation and/or characteristics of the lands to be protected;

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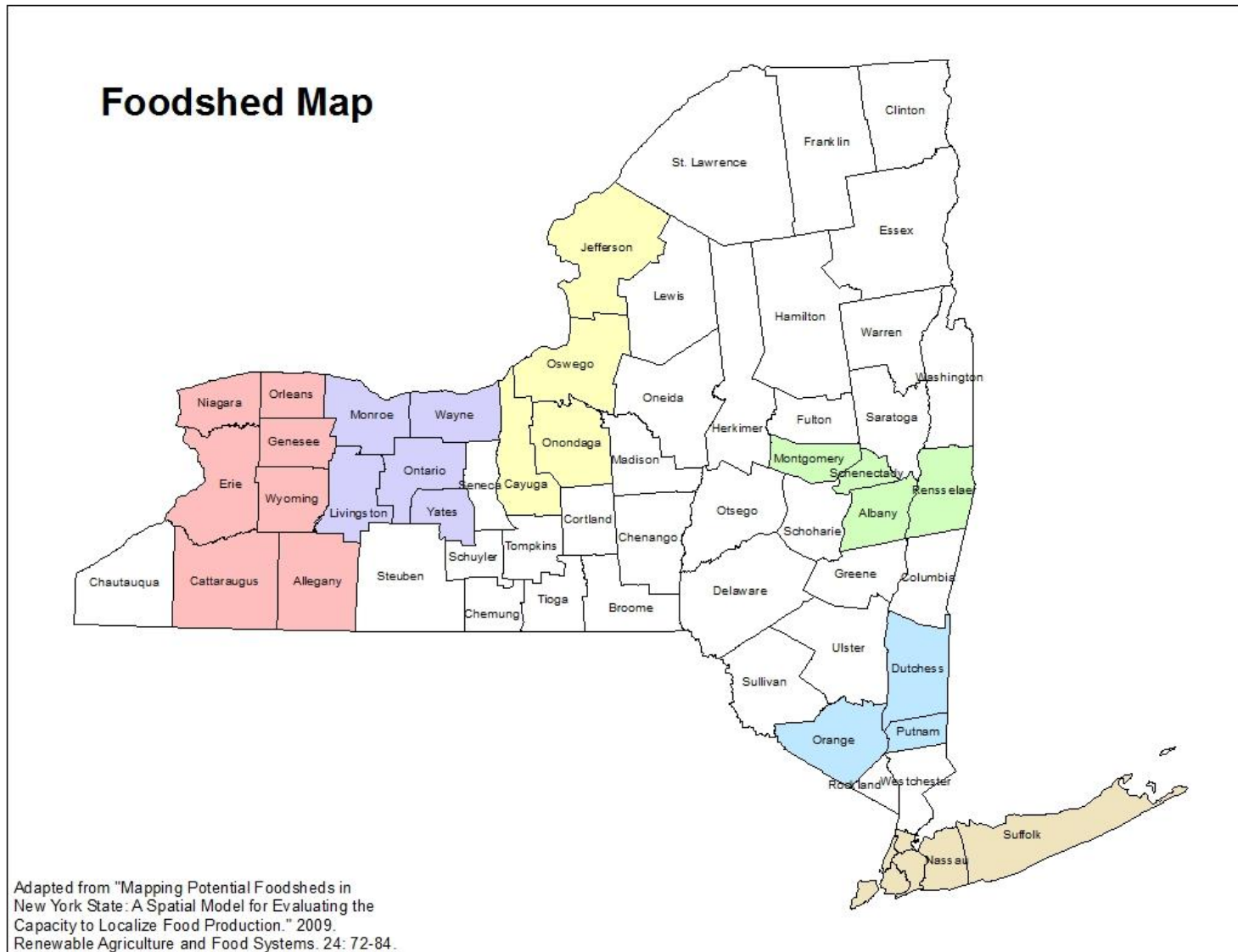
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- Appendix A-1: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Access to Farmland
- Appendix A-2: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Agroforestry
- Appendix A-3: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Climate Resiliency
- Appendix A-4: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Equine
- Appendix A-5: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Field Crops
- Appendix A-6: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Food Security

View examples of an acceptable Foodshed Map on next few pages

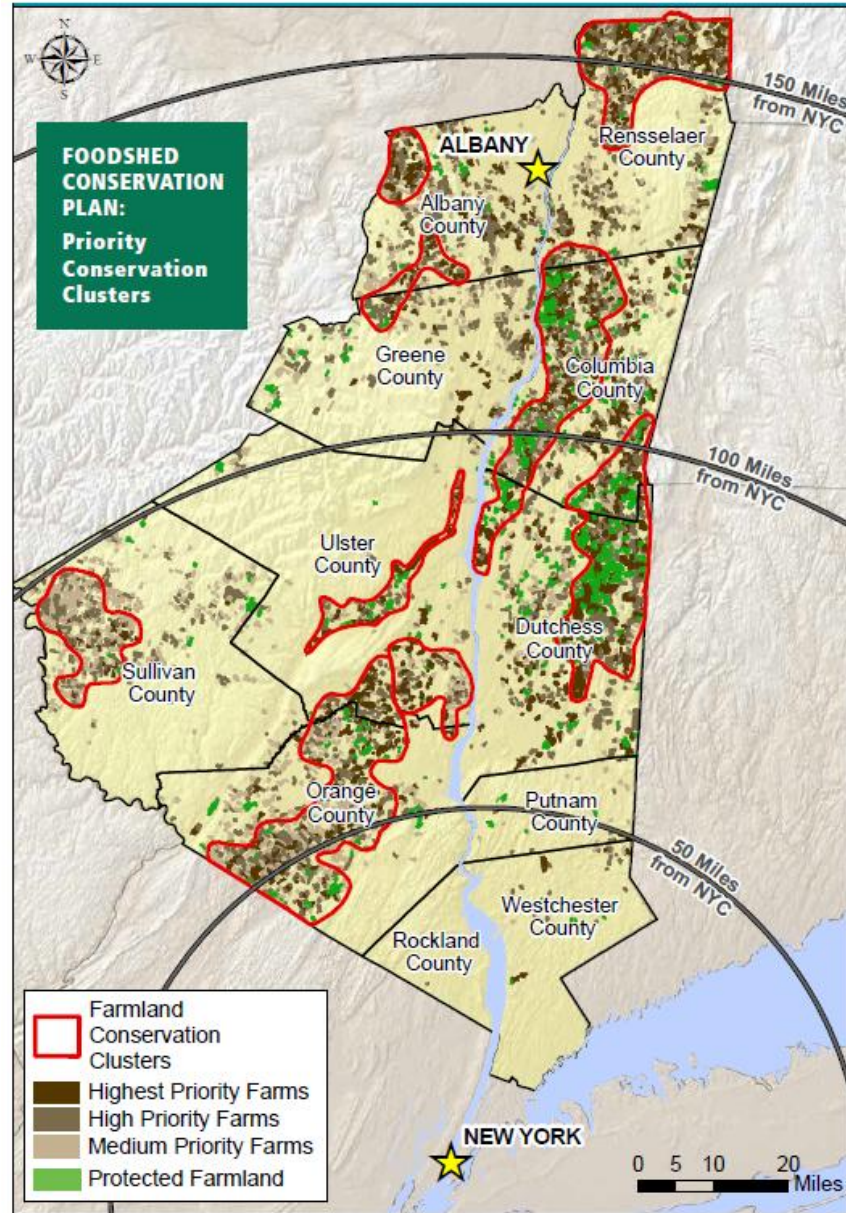
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Appendix B: Foodshed Map



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SAMPLE Foodshed Conservation Plan



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Categories of Viable Agricultural Lands *(continued)*

Appendix A-7: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Livestock or Livestock Products

Appendix A-8: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Source Water Protection

Appendix A-9: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Horticultural Specialties

Appendix A-10: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Viable Agricultural Land-Other

Appendix A-11: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – Vineyard

View [American Viticultural Areas of New York](https://www.ttb.gov/regulated-commodities/beverage-alcohol/wine/ava-map-explorer) online

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Categories of Viable Agricultural Lands *(continued)*

3. the percentage (%) of land proposed to be protected by an agricultural conservation easement that must be in *active agricultural production*. **Except as noted for the Agroforestry and Equine categories**, “Active agricultural production” refers to the production of “crops, livestock and livestock products” as that term is defined in section 301 of Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law); and

ONLY FOR Agroforestry category projects:

“Active Agricultural Production” shall include the production of products from Farm Woodland (as defined in AML 25-AA) in addition to the production of Crops, Livestock and Livestock Products.

ONLY FOR Equine category projects:

“Active Agricultural Production” shall include any portion of the property to be protected on which the horses being produced or boarded are associated with, but not limited to, riding lessons, trail riding activities, horseback riding for therapeutic purposes, or training (including, but not limited to, for the purpose of racing), including any associated structures and improvements (including, but not limited to, horse barn(s), paddocks, race track, riding arena, run-in shed(s), steeplechase course, or trails).

Categories of Viable Agricultural Lands *(continued)*

4. the percentage (%) of *productive soils* associated with the project. Except as noted on the respective Appendix A for the *Food Security, Specialty Crops, and Vineyard categories*, “Productive soils” refers to the sum of Prime Soils (not “Prime if drained”) plus Soils of Statewide Importance (not “Prime” or “Prime if drained”) as determined by the USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ONLY FOR Food Security OR Specialty Crops OR Vineyard category Conservation Easement Projects, you must submit information (acres and % of proposed easement area) regarding “Unique and irreplaceable agricultural land” as defined in Section 301 of AML Article 25-AA:

6. "Unique and irreplaceable agricultural land" means land which is uniquely suited for the production of high value crops, including, but not limited to fruits, vegetables and horticultural specialties.

For assistance, please consult with your local office of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service or with the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Eligible Project Costs

2. value of a Preemptive Purchase Right (which shall be **required for any Food Security category project**), provided:
 - (a) **at least twenty-five percent (25%)** of each conservation easement area is comprised of **Prime Soils¹** (i.e., not “Prime, if drained” or “Soils of Statewide Importance”), and
 - (b) such value is from an appraisal deemed acceptable to the Department; and
3. **one-time incentive payment² (*applicable only to Climate Resiliency or Source Water Protection category projects*)**, which shall be equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the value of the development rights being acquired, provided such value associated with any perpetual agricultural conservation easement is from an appraisal deemed acceptable to the Department; and

¹ This stipulation is waived for any Food Security category project whose size is no more than five (5) acres above the minimum size of projects as noted in Appendix A-6.

² As depicted on the Financial Worksheet, the incentive payment is one of the itemized eligible transaction costs for an Agricultural Conservation Easement Project. It is intentionally separate and distinct from the purchase price of the proposed agricultural conservation easement. ***The incentive payment should not be included in the amount of consideration referenced in the easement document.*** While the incentive payment should be provided to the landowner at the closing of the agricultural conservation easement transaction, it should be presented as **a separate payment from that representing the proceeds of the landowner’s sale of the perpetual agricultural conservation easement** to the Grantee(s).

Category-specific Match Requirements & Stipulations

Match Contribution Requirements and Conservation Easement Requirements					
Max State Award	Maximum State Contribution <i>(+= including PPR, if applicable; see below)</i>	Other "Caps" on State Contribution <i>(*= without PPR; see below)</i>	Minimum Local Match		Conservation Easement Requirements
			%	Cash <i>(*= without PPR; see below)</i>	
\$3,000,000	87.5% of total project costs ⁺	(a) Preemptive Purchase Right ³ : 40% of value of agricultural conservation easement(s) being acquired*, or \$250,000, whichever is less ⁴ , AND (b) Easement Stewardship Fee ⁵ : \$10,000 per easement OR 50% of total transaction costs per easement	12.5% of total project costs <i>(solely from landowner)</i>	None specified	Use of Department agricultural conservation easement
\$3,000,000	Up to 75.0% of total project costs ⁺	(a) Preemptive Purchase Right ³ : 40% of value of agricultural conservation easement(s) being acquired*, or \$250,000, whichever is less ⁴ , AND (b) Easement Stewardship Fee ⁵ : \$10,000 per easement OR 50% of total transaction costs per easement	25.0% of total project costs	5.0% of total project costs or \$5,000, whichever is less, which shall not be borne entirely by landowner <i>(waived if the full value* of the agricultural conservation easement(s) comprising the entire project is donated);</i> EXCEPT IF Preemptive Purchase Right (PPR), then local cash match must increase to fully cover the balance of the cost of the PPR (none of which shall be borne by the landowner(s))	Use of Department-required conservation easement provisions provided remainder of conservation easement – (a) shall not unreasonably restrict or regulate Farm Operations in contravention of the purposes of Article 25-AA of the AML, AND (b) contains no reference to §247 of New York State General Municipal Law, AND (c) must be consistent with the "Purpose" and "Implementation" provisions as required by the Department
\$500,000	25.0% of value of agricultural conservation easement(s) being acquired ⁺ plus all transaction costs <i>[Not available for Climate Resiliency, Food Security, or Source Water Protection categories.]</i>	(a) Preemptive Purchase Right ³ : 40% of value of agricultural conservation easement(s) being acquired*, or \$250,000, whichever is less ⁴ , AND (b) Easement Stewardship Fee ⁵ : \$10,000 per easement OR 50% of total transaction costs per easement	Balance of all project costs	Federal farmland protection grant award	Purpose of agricultural conservation easement will (minimally) ensure that the land remains available for agricultural use

³ **If the agricultural conservation easement includes a Preemptive Purchase Right**, these additional stipulations must be met: (a) 25% of the land subject to that agricultural conservation easement must be comprised of Prime Soils (*i.e.*, NOT "Prime, if drained" or "Soils of Statewide Importance"), and (b) use of Department-required definition of "Qualified Farmer." However, regarding stipulation (a), please refer to footnote "1" in Section IV.B. **{Refer to preceding page}**

⁴ The cap on Preemptive Purchase Right is waived for any *Food Security* category project whose acreage is no more than five (5) acres above the minimum size of projects as noted in Appendix A-6.

⁵ See Section IV.B., "Project Costs" for more detail on the limits on easement stewardship amounts.

Category-specific Policy Guidance

- [“Developing a Land Plan for an Agricultural Conservation Easement \(GD#3\)”](#);
 - **ONLY FOR a project that incorporates Agricultural Tourism**: Multiple Limited Compatible Use Areas may be designated or reserved and more than one Compatible Enterprise Area may also be designated or reserved to accommodate the diverse range of potential customers identified elsewhere in the application provided that the subject property offers a suitable location for each such Use Area.
 - **ONLY FOR Climate Resiliency category projects**: A Limited Compatible Enterprise Area of up to 30.0 acres (provided the land uses within it are subordinate to the Agricultural Use of the lands to be protected) that is properly sited/scaled/configured **exclusively for (a) community methane digester, or (b) community solar array** (provided its siting/construction/decommissioning adheres to Department guidelines) may be incorporated into an agricultural conservation easement.
- [“Definition of ‘Qualified Farmer’ for a Preemptive Purchase Right.”](#)
 - **ONLY FOR Food Security category** projects, the Department will consider (and only with its prior approval) some modification to the definition of “Qualified Farmer” provided that any revision:
 - (a) is limited to the “gross sales of any one or more Crops, Livestock and Livestock Products of at least \$10,000 in the most recent taxable year” provision therein, and **For example, this definition may be modified to intentionally limit the Crops, Livestock and Livestock Products to be those exclusively used as food for human consumption.**
 - (b) does not result in an unreasonable restriction on the land to be protected or on the Farm Operation associated with said land.

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Category-specific Bid Event Questions

Please note the information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” page 9) of the ***Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to the [NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Mapping Tool](#):

Projects Located Within or Otherwise Serving **Disadvantaged Communities or **Distressed Communities****

AGM is committed to underserved and vulnerable populations, and providing remedies for communities that may be burdened by negative environmental consequences.

Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) are identified by New York’s Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG) using indicators that include climate-related risks, environmental burdens, health vulnerabilities, and socio-economic factors. The Bond Act requires that disadvantaged communities shall receive no less than 35 percent, with the goal of 40 percent, of the benefit of total Bond Act funds (\$4.2 billion). In line with this goal, AGM is encouraging all applicants responding to this RFA to aim to deploy at least 40 percent of the funding to benefit disadvantaged communities as part of efforts to achieve the 40 percent overall goal.

The United States Department of Agriculture identifies a Distressed Community as one that is typically characterized by economic hardship as indicated by high rates of poverty, unemployment, and population decline.

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Category-specific Bid Event Questions *(continued)*

Please note the information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” page 10) of the ***Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to the [NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Mapping Tool](#):

Accordingly, **each applicant** must use the [NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Mapping Tool](#) to supplement the required content of the site plan associated with the proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project. The supplemental content to incorporate into each submitted site plan is the depiction of either of the following:

- (1) the lands to be protected are **located within** a Disadvantaged Community and/or within a Distressed Community, **OR**
- (2) the **proximity of the lands to be protected in relation to** the nearest Disadvantaged Community and/or nearest Distressed Community.

PLEASE NOTE: *IF no portion of any (1) or (2) is sufficiently proximal to the proposed agricultural conservation easement project so as to be depicted on the Context Map of the site plan, please annotate the Context Map to acknowledge same. **Therefore, every application must contain a Context Map in the site plan that either depicts (1) or (2) OR provides a brief explanation as to why not.***

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Category-specific Bid Event Questions *(continued)*

Applicant Question #18a: How many acres of this proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project are currently in active agricultural production (i.e., unless noted otherwise in the Request For Applications for a specific project category, active agricultural production shall refer to the production of Crops, Livestock, and Livestock Products as defined in New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25-AA)? Please enter the estimated acres to the nearest whole-acre (i.e., no decimal fraction).

Footnotes associated with “Extent of Active Agricultural Production” for (1) Agroforestry and (2) Equine are the exceptions to “the production of Crops, Livestock and Livestock Products”

For Specialty Crops category, more than 50% of the Farm Operation acreage must be devoted to the production of:

(NOTE: For more info regarding the following list of crops, please refer to “NURSERY, GREENHOUSE, FLORICULTURE, SOD, MUSHROOMS, VEGETABLE SEEDS, AND PROPAGATIVE MATERIALS” on page 10 of [this LINK](#))

- (a) **floriculture and beddings crops** as reported to USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service for the 2022 Census of Agriculture,
- (b) **fruits** (including, but not limited to, apples, cherries, figs, peaches, pears, plums, or table grapes),
- (c) **melons** (including, but not limited, to, cantaloupes, muskmelons, or watermelons),
- (d) **nursery crops** as reported to USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service for the 2022 Census of Agriculture,
- (e) **nuts** (including, but not limited to, chestnuts, hazelnuts, pecans, or walnuts),
- (f) **propagation materials** as reported to USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service for the 2022 Census of Agriculture,
- (g) **sod** as reported to USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service for the 2022 Census of Agriculture,
- (h) **vegetables** (including, but not limited to, asparagus, beans, beets, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, herbs, lettuce, peas, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, onions, radishes, rhubarb, spinach, squash, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, or turnips), **or**
- (i) any combination of (a) through (h).

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Category-specific Bid Event Questions *(continued)*

Applicant Question #19b: (You may skip this Applicant Question ONLY IF this project is submitted under one of these FPIG project categories: (1) Climate Resiliency, (2) Source Water Protection, or (3) Viable Agricultural Land-Other.) What extent of all participating Farm Operation(s) is in Active Agricultural Production associated with the FPIG project category selected for this Agricultural Conservation Easement Project? To determine your response, please refer to State Financial System Application Submission Instructions for detailed instructions to prepare the ONE PAGE document to submit here.

Please note the following information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” page 10) of the ***Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to Applicant Question #19b:

Applicant Question #19b – Active Agricultural Production associated with the category of this Agricultural Conservation Easement Project (% of current Farm Operation):

To determine your response, please complete each of the following separate calculations in the following order and show all four calculations and their respective results on ONE PAGE (which will become your upload response to this Applicant Question):

1. For each Farm Operation associated with this Agricultural Conservation Easement Project, please calculate the extent of Active Agricultural Production for each individual type of qualifying agricultural production (refer to SFS Application Submission Instructions).
2. Please calculate (refer to SFS Application Submission Instructions).
3. Please calculate the sum total Active Agricultural Production across all participating Farm Operations.
4. Lastly, please divide (refer to SFS Application Submission Instructions).

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Please note the following information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” pages 11-12) of the ***Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to Applicant Question #19b:

For all other categories, please first compile what will become the numerator of the third calculation described above as follows –

Agroforestry:

For each of the following, how many acres of the Farm Operation(s) are devoted to –

- *(refer to SFS Application Submission Instructions)*

Equine:

For each of the following, how many acres of the Farm Operation(s) are devoted to –

- *(refer to SFS Application Submission Instructions)*

Food Security:

For ONE of the following, how many acres of the Farm Operation(s) are located within –

- *(refer to SFS Application Submission Instructions)*

Specialty Crops:

For each of the following, how many acres of the Farm Operation are devoted to –

- *(refer to SFS Application Submission Instructions)*

Vineyard:

How many acres of the Farm Operation are located within of any of these American Viticultural Areas of New York (compile your documentation using a map derived from the [American Viticultural Area \(AVA\) Map Explorer](#)) –

- Champlain Valley of New York Region
- Finger Lakes Region
- Hudson River Region
- Lake Erie Region
- Long Island Region
- Niagara Escarpment and Greater Niagara Region
- Upper Hudson Region



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Category-specific Bid Event Questions *(continued)*

Please note the following information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” page 12) of the ***Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to Applicant Question #20:

Applicant Question #20 – Soil Survey Information

Each application must include a TWO PAGE response: (1) (page 1) soil survey map depicting the boundaries of: (a) this proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project, (b) any Prime Soils, and (c) any Soils of Statewide Importance; and (2) (page 2) table or narrative summarizing the total acreage per easement of (a), (b), and (c) listed above.

If applicable, your application must also include the following supplemental information (as necessary):

- (i) **ONLY IF** your proposed project is submitted as a **Food Security or Specialty Crops or Vineyard category**, please also depict the boundaries of any **Unique and Irreplaceable Agricultural Land** on the soil survey map (page 1) described above and please also indicate the total acreage of same per easement in the table or narrative (page 2) described above; and/or
- (ii) **ONLY IF** your proposed project is submitted as a **Climate Resiliency or Food Security category**, please also depict the boundaries of **any soil series located within the Farm Area having a land capability subclass “s”** (as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture) on the soil survey (page 1) described above and please also indicate the % of Farm Area having a land capability subclass "s" in the table or narrative (page 2) described above.

PLEASE NOTE: *If applicable, the acreage total for (i) above will then be entered as the response to **Applicant Question #25.***

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Category-specific Bid Event Questions (continued)

Please note the following information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” page 12) of the **Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions** pertaining to Applicant Question #28:

Applicant Question #28 – Extent of Farm Operation acreage associated with the FPIG project category selected for this application (applicable ONLY IF this proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project will be submitted as any ONE of the following project categories: Agroforestry, Equine, Field Crops, Food Security, Livestock or Livestock Products, Specialty Crops, or Vineyard)

- What extent of the total overall acreage of the Farm Operation(s) (as identified in your response to question #9) does the predominant type of farm enterprise acreage (as identified in your response to question #10b) represent? Please divide your response to question #27 by your response to question #9 and please enter the estimated % to the nearest whole number (i.e., no decimal fraction).

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Category-specific Bid Event Questions *(continued)*

Applicant Question #29: You must respond to this question IF you selected the Access to Farmland category for this proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project. To determine your response, please refer to State Financial System Application Submission Instructions for detailed instructions to prepare the TWO PAGE document to submit here.

Whether for a “Farmland in Transition” or a “Buy-Protect-Sell Viable Agricultural Land” project, please be mindful as to the relevance of the resulting “diversity of owner-operators” when preparing your response.

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Category-specific Bid Event Questions *(continued)*

Applicant Question #31: You must respond to this question IF you selected the Climate Resiliency category for this proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project AND any portion of the land to be protected is/was the subject of a qualifying award. To determine your response, please refer to State Financial System Application Submission Instructions for detailed instructions to compile the required documentation associated with that award to submit here.

Please note the following information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” page 13) of the ***Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to Applicant Question #31:

Applicant Question #31 – For any Climate Resiliency category project IF any portion of the land to be protected is/was the subject of any one or more awards identified below, you must upload the following documentation as part of your response to this specific Applicant Question:

(a) Climate Resilient Farming (CRF) award from NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee (contact Jennifer Clifford (Jennifer.Clifford@agriculture.ny.gov) for assistance) =

1. *documentation that the CRF proposal received a score of at least 50% of adaptation/resiliency criterion possible points,*
2. *award letter to the local Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the CRF award associated with this Farm Operation/property, and*
3. *form SW1 from the awarded application.*

(b) Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts Program project = award letter associated with this Farm Operation/property

(c) Regenerate New York project = award letter associated with this Farm Operation/property.

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Category-specific Bid Event Questions (continued)

Applicant Question #32: You must respond to this question IF you selected the Food Security category for this proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project. To determine your response, please refer to State Financial System Application Submission Instructions for detailed instructions to compile the required documentation to submit here.

Please note the following information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” page 14) of the **Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions** pertaining to Applicant Question #32:

Applicant Question #32 – For any Food Security category project, you must provide (a) **OR** (b):

- a) Please submit documentation that clearly depicts that more than 50% of the Farm Operation acreage is located within a recognized foodshed area as referenced in Appendix A-6 (Project Eligibility Food Security) of this Request For Applications.

OR

- b) Using the [NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Mapping Tool](#), please submit documentation for (1) or (2), as applicable:
 - 1) If any project acreage is located within a designated Disadvantaged Community or within a designated Distressed Community, please upload a map that depicts the location of the project acreage within that particular designated community; **OR**
 - 2) If the participating Farm Operation participates in any farm market located within a designated Disadvantaged Community or within a designated Distressed Community, please submit a response that (a) depicts the location of that farm market within that particular designated community AND (b) contains a dated/signed letter from the manager of that farm market acknowledging the participation of that Farm Operation.

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Applicant Question #33: You must respond to this question IF you selected Source Water Protection category for this proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project AND any portion of the land to be protected abuts or is embedded within other land of this same Farm Operation that is/was the subject of Source Water Buffer Program award from NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee. To determine your response, please refer to State Financial System Application Submission Instructions for detailed instructions to compile the required documentation associated with that award to submit here.

Please note the following information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” page 14) of the ***Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to Applicant Question #33:

Applicant Question #33 – For any Source Water Protection category project IF any portion of the land to be protected abuts or is embedded within other land of this same Farm Operation that is/was the subject of Source Water Buffer Program (SWBP) award from NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee, you must upload the following documentation as part of your response to this specific Applicant Question:

- award letter to the local Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the SWBP award associated with this Farm Operation/property (contact Jason Kokkinos (Jason.Kokkinos@agriculture.ny.gov) for assistance).

Category-specific Bid Event Questions *(continued)*

Applicant Question #34: You must respond to this question IF you selected the Vineyard category for this proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project. To determine your response, please refer to State Financial System Application Submission Instructions for detailed instructions to compile the required documentation to submit here.

Please note the following information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” page 14) of the ***Statewide Financial System Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to Applicant Question #34:

Applicant Question #34 – For any Vineyard category project:

- Using the [American Viticultural Area \(AVA\) Map Explorer](#), please compile documentation that clearly depicts that more than 50% of the Farm Operation acreage is located within one or more designated American Viticultural Areas of New York.



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Applicant Question 37: Please submit a site plan for this proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project. Please refer to State Financial System Application Submission Instructions for detailed instructions regarding the compilation of a complete site plan.

Please note the following information from Section 6.3 (“Event Questions,” pages 15-17) of the **SFS Application Submission Instructions** pertaining to Applicant Question #37:

Applicant Question #37 – Site Plan:

For any project involving leased land:

- Please clearly delineate each such leased parcel (or portion thereof, if applicable) that will be encumbered by the proposed agricultural conservation easement(s).

For Agroforestry category projects: *(refer to SFS Application Submission Instructions)*

For Climate Resiliency category projects:

- If applicable, please include a **Flood Insurance Rate Map** (FIRM, as published by the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)) **depicting the Farm Area as documentation that at least 90% of the Farm Area acreage is located within Zone C or Zone X (unshaded)**. The FIRM should be a separate page of this site plan.
- If applicable, please **indicate on the site plan wherever permanent vegetative cover exists on any portion of the land to be protected**. For purposes of this application, “permanent vegetative cover” means trees, shrubs, perennial grasses, perennial legumes, or any combination of these types of plants with an expected life span of at least 5 years. Permanent vegetative cover would be exhibited by any of the following: (a) woodland or forest, (b) grassland, (c) wetland, (d) riparian buffer, (e) permanent hayland, (f) permanent pasture, or (g) silvopasture. Please specify the extent of the proposed Agricultural Conservation Easement Project (as a %) that is comprised of permanent vegetative cover. You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict the requested information.

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For Equine category projects:

- Indicate where each type of commercial operation is conducted (i.e., for each type of commercial operation (commercial horse boarding operation and commercial equine operation) associated with the numerator you compiled for Applicant Question #19b, please depict where those acres are located on the land to be protected for each such type of commercial operation). You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict the requested information.

For Specialty Crops category projects:

- Within the Farm Area, indicate where each qualifying crop is produced (i.e., for each crop associated with the numerator you compiled for Applicant Question #19b, please depict where those acres are located within the Farm Area for each such crop). You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict the requested information.

For Source Water Protection category projects:

Using the [NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Mapping Tool](#), please prepare documentation of each applicable source water –

- *(refer to SFS Application Submission Instructions)*

Category-specific Project Deliverables

Final Report

- (5) **Soil health assessment** (**required for** any **Climate Resiliency** category project or any **Food Security** category project, or for any other category project for which State funds were requested for this specific project cost); and

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NOTE:

- Please remember to submit all questions in writing.
- For your convenience, feel free to send them via email to:
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Good luck!

Cheers!



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