

LEGAL NOTICE – PLEASE POST

Public Hearing to Receive Comments on Recommended Changes to Agricultural Districts 1 and 2

St. Lawrence County is conducting an eight-year review of Agricultural District 1, and an annual review of Agricultural District 2. Ag District 1 consists of agricultural lands in the western and southern portions of the county, and Ag District 2 spans across the county's northern and eastern regions. A public hearing originally scheduled for April 23rd has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Classroom A of the County Human Services Center, located at 80 State Highway 30 in Canton. The public hearing will be held to receive comment on the following recommended changes to Ag Districts 1 and 2:

Consolidating Ag Districts 1 and 2: The County intends to consolidate Ag Districts 1 and 2. If approved, all lands in Ag District 2 will be reassigned to Ag District 1.

Ag District Additions: There are 21 parcels totaling 1,206 acres that are recommended for inclusion in the following municipalities: Dekalb, Fowler, Gouverneur, Hammond, Hermon, Morristown, Oswegatchie, Pitcairn, Village of Gouverneur, Village of Hammond, Village of Heuvelton, and Village of Richville.

Ag District Removals: There are 497 parcels totaling 1,484 acres that are recommended for removal in the following municipalities: Dekalb, Depeyster, Fowler, Gouverneur, Hammond, Oswegatchie, Macomb, Morristown and Rossie.

A list of parcel additions and removals, and a map depicting the recommended changes are available in the municipal office of each affected municipality, and can also be viewed at the Planning Office, located in the County Human Services Center, 80 State Highway 310, Canton. Digital copies of the list and maps may also be obtained by emailing: sjoseph@stlawco.gov

The County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board reviewed these proposed changes on April 4th and recommend the following: 1) consolidating lands in Ag District 2 into Ag District 1; 2) adding or removing land as requested by property owners; 3) adding agricultural lands based on local assessor records and satellite imagery and 4) removing certain industrial, institutional and municipally-owned lands that are not used for agricultural purposes. The recommended changes are subject to objections from affected property owners.

At the public hearing, County Planning staff will review the Ag District program; the requested modifications; present the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board's recommendation; and accept public comments on the recommendation. All are welcome to attend and comment. Anyone with questions about the review process may contact the County Planning Office at (315) 379-2292 or email sjoseph@stlawco.gov