

By Legislators Dondorfer and Wilt

Intro. No. \_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2021

**CLASSIFICATION OF ACTION AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT FOR ADDITIONS TO WESTERN MONROE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The Monroe County Legislature determines that the additions of the referenced properties to the Western Monroe County Agricultural District #5 is an Unlisted Action.

Section 2. The Monroe County Legislature has reviewed and considered the Short Environmental Assessment Form for Agricultural Districts dated May 7, 2021 and has considered the potential environmental impacts of the additions of the referenced properties to the Western Monroe County Agricultural District #5 pursuant to the requirements of State Environmental Quality Review Act and has found that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. The Monroe County Legislature hereby issues and adopts the Negative Declaration attached hereto and made a part hereof and determines that an environmental impact statement is not required.

Section 3. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take such actions to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, including without limitation, the execution of documents and the filing, distribution, and publication of the documents required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and any other actions to implement the intent of this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Committee of the Whole; July 1, 2021 - CV: 23-0  
File No. 21-0233

ADOPTION: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ VETOED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_



## Agriculture and Markets

### 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

- The proposed action is located in the County of Monroe and the Town(s) of Greece and Parma
- The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the CLB of Monroe County.
- The name, address, and e-mail address for the Clerk of the above named CLB is:  
Jack Moffitt, Clerk of the Legislature  
39 W. Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614  
email: jmoffitt@monroecounty.gov
- 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.

- 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: 94,878 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? 90 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: 1999

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

"The plan's goals are to preserve farmland and promote the agriculture industry."

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: Patrick T. Gooch Date: 05/07/2021

Signature:  Title: Senior Planner

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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.

	None to small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" 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.

The addition of 90 acres to the Western Monroe County Agriculture District through the addition of two parcels of 45 acres each will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Each parcel is currently a mixture of forested and agricultural scrub land with over 60% prime farmland soils. The parcels are adjacent to residential and agricultural land. Future use of the land will be consistent with typical agricultural uses and purposes as defined by the New York State Agricultural and Markets. The addition of 90 additional acres to the Western Monroe County Agriculture District is a net benefit and will not result in any significant adverse environmental 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.

Monroe County

Name of Lead Agency

05/05/2021

Date

Adam J. Bello

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

County Executive

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

#### Supplemental Narrative for Question 4:

Two parcels are being recommended as additions to the Monroe County Western Agricultural District #5. The first is located at 64 Payne Beach Road in the Town of Greece, Parcel Number 017.01-2-1 (image below). The existing 45 acre parcel has approximately 10 acres of pasture and 5 acres of crops and the remaining is forested, hosts a residence, and contains wetlands along the southern and eastern border of approximately 1.8 and 2 acres, respectively. The intended use of the parcel is to remain agricultural with a mix of cropland and pasture land for animals. Although wetlands exist on the site they are below the threshold to require permits for state regulated wetlands. Additionally, normal agricultural practices, within limits, are exempt from regulation and do not require a permit even for regulated wetlands. No significant adverse environmental impacts are expected from the addition of 64 Payne Beach Road.

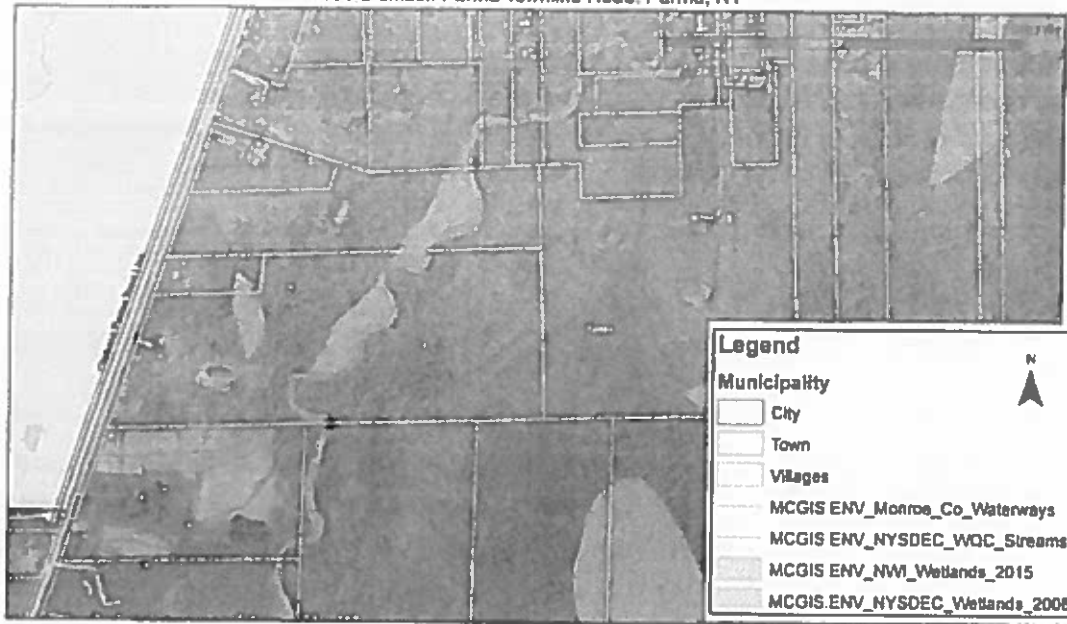


Data Source: National Wetlands Inventory, 2015; NYSD DEC Freshwater Wetlands Map 2006; Monroe County Office of Real Property Services

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The second is located at 1604 Clarkson Parma Townline Road in the Town of Parma, Parcel Number 055.02-2-6 (image below). The existing 45 acre parcel is a mix of cropland and forest with wetlands of 1.22, .39, and 1.94 acres running down the middle of the property. The intended use of the parcel is to remain agricultural with a mix of cropland and pasture land for animals. Although wetlands exist on the site they are below the threshold for state regulated wetlands. Additionally, normal agricultural practices are exempt from regulation and do not require a permit even for regulated wetlands. No significant adverse environmental impacts are expected from the addition of 1604 Clarkson Parma Townline Road.

1604 Clarkson Parma Townline Road, Parma, NY



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