

By Legislators Hughes-Smith and Bonnick

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

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2024

**CLASSIFICATION OF ACTION, DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY, AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE, PURSUANT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) FOR ADDITIONS TO MONROE COUNTY WESTERN AND EASTERN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS**

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

Section 1. The Monroe County Legislature designates Monroe County as Lead Agency for a coordinated review of the Additions to the Monroe County Western and Eastern Districts.

Section 2. The Monroe County Legislature determines that the additions to the Monroe County Western and Eastern Districts is an Unlisted action.

Section 3. The Monroe County Legislature has reviewed and considered the Short Environmental Assessment Form for Agricultural Districts dated May 6, 2024, and has considered the potential environmental impacts of the additions of the referenced properties to the Monroe County Western and Eastern Agricultural Districts 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 4. 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 5. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Environment and Public Works Committee; June 24, 2024 - CV: 7-0  
File No. 24-0204

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**

1. The proposed action is located in the County of Monroe and the Town(s) of Hamlin, Henrietta, Parma, and Sweden.
2. The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the CLB of Monroe County.
3. The name, address, and e-mail address for the Clerk of the above named CLB is:  
David Grant  
407 County Office Bldg, 39 West Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614  
DGrant@monroecounty.gov
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: 143,413 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? 54.97 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: April 28, 1999

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

The County and the municipalities in which the districts are located continue to promote the districts by supporting continuation of the districts each time they come up for renewal. Therefore, consider focusing efforts on the districts to reinforce and enhance this existing protection mechanism and reinforce and enhance the support the districts have received and continue to receive from the State, County, and municipalities.

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: 05/06/2024

Signature:  Title: Senior Associate 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:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.

Six parcels have been submitted for addition to the Monroe County Agricultural Districts, Western District #5 and Eastern District #6. These parcels are located throughout the County. The addition of each parcel is part of the annual addition period for the Monroe County Agricultural Districts. Accordingly, this will be reviewed as one action and all impacts, scope, and significance will be determined together.

The action taking place is the addition of parcels to an agricultural district, no physical construction or changes to the parcels are permitted by this action. The parcels being added to the Agricultural District are used for agricultural activities that reflect the current and historic character of the surrounding area and will remain the same through this action. They are not anticipated to change in character, attract people or traffic, impact existing water and waste water services.

This action will not result in significant adverse impacts to on-site or nearby national or state register of historic places, or state eligible sites, or archaeological sites; wetlands or other regulated water-bodies; 100 year flood plain (s), or remediation sites.

☐ 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

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Name of Lead Agency

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Adam J. Bello

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County Executive

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Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

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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)