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ONONDAGA CO. FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION OF FARMLAND INTO CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

Open enrollment for the addition of viable farmland into existing certified agricultural districts in Onondaga County is set for January 1, 2010 to January 31, 2010. In 2003 the NYS Agricultural Districts Law 25-AA was amended to allow agricultural property owners the opportunity to request that their land be added to a certified agricultural district annually, rather than having to wait until the district is up for its 8-year review. Viable agricultural land is land highly suitable for or currently used for agricultural production and/ or has the capacity to be used for agricultural production. Enrollment of land into a certified agricultural district provides protection of accepted agricultural practices through NYS Agricultural Districts Law 25AA. For more information and an enrollment form, contact the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency, Megan Costa through email MeganCosta@ongov.net or phone 435-8571. Enrollment forms are available at <http://www.ongov.net/planning/index.html>

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