

## FARM LAND DESIGNATIONS

### NEW YORK STATE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

**Issuing Agency:** New York State Department of Agricultural & Markets

**Time Frame (renewal):** 8 Years

**Benefits of Enrollment:** Protection from municipal land use regulations that are or would be restrictive to legitimate agricultural operations.

**Application Details:** Landowner is responsible for enrolling in the voluntary program.  
Program overseen at the county level by the County Farmland Protection Board.

### AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT

**Issuing Agency:** Municipal Board

**Time Frame (renewal):** None

**Benefits of Enrollment:** Allows agricultural-related uses as a permitted use within specified areas of the municipality.

**Application Details:** Part of zoning regulations adopted by the municipal board to regulate land uses.

### AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENT

**Issuing Agency:** Municipal Assessor

**Time Frame (renewal):** Yearly

**Benefits of Enrollment:** Reduced Tax Rates for the property owner.

**Application Details:** Landowner is responsible for applying for the assessment.  
Landowner must meet certain criteria such as owning 7 or more acres and having a minimum of \$10,000 in annual gross sales.  
County Soil & Water Conservation District provides assistance to landowners submitting applications.