***** LEGAL NOTICE *****

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS RECERTIFICATION OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE

The Westchester County Board of Legislators hereby notices the commencement of the recertification of Westchester County Agricultural District Number One. The Westchester County Agricultural District consists of a total of 9,254 acres of land within the following municipalities (listed in order of the amount of farmland in each): Town of North Salem (3,832 acres), Town of Bedford (1,255 acres), Town of Somers (2,065 acres), Town of Yorktown (715 acres), Town of Mount Pleasant (384 acres), Town of Cortlandt (353 acres), Village of Sleepy Hollow (222 acres), Town of Lewisboro (428 acres). The District was originally created county-wide and was restricted during the first recertification to those municipalities listed above. During this recertification the County is considering the re-inclusion of the towns of Pound Ridge, North Castle, New Castle and Ossining as eligible municipalities.

Municipal officials, land owners and others may submit comments concerning the continuation, modification or termination of the district within thirty days of the publication and posting and mailing of this notice. After the close of the public comment period, the Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board will prepare a report with recommendations to the County Board of Legislators to either continue the district as-is, modify the district, or terminate the district.

A list and map of farms currently in the district are available at the office of the County Clerk located at 110 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in White Plains as well as on the County website at https://planning.westchestergov.com/agriculture-and-farmland and at the Department of Planning, Room 432 of the Michaelian Office Building, located at 148 Martine Avenue in White Plains. For more information, visit the County website or contact Matt Castro, Principal Environmental Planner, at (914) 995-4423 or mvc1@WestchesterCountyNY.gov.

Pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, the recertification process includes a period, ending a minimum of 30 calendar days from the date this notice is published, in which municipalities, farm owners and the public may propose modifications to the district. All proposals must be submitted in writing to the following address and will be accepted until 4:00 P.M. on March 21, 2025:

Clerk of the Board of Legislators 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601

Fax: (914) 995-3884

Email: mav5@westchestercountyny.gov

A PUBLIC HEARING will also be held at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Westchester County Board of Legislators at a subsequent date and time with notice of the same provided as set forth in Section 303-a(2)(c) of the Agriculture and Markets Law.