

## **LEGAL NOTICE – PLEASE POST**

### **Public Hearing Scheduled to Receive Comments on Recommended Changes to Agricultural District 2**

St. Lawrence County is conducting an eight-year review for Agricultural District 2, and an annual review for Agricultural District 1. The County Board of Legislators is holding a public hearing to give the public the opportunity to comment on recommended changes to Ag District 2. The public hearing will be on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the County Planning Office, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Public Safety Complex at 49 ½ Court Street in Canton.

This year, the County received requests from one property owner to add a 75.4 acre parcel off the Regan Road in the Town of Potsdam, and a request from a property owner to add a 3.6 acre parcel located at 530 Austin Ridge Road in the Town of Potsdam. Two requests were received to remove land from Ag District 2: a 3.4 acre parcel located off SH 37 in the Town of Lisbon, and a .2 acre parcel located off CR 10 in the Town of Lisbon. No requests were received to add land to Ag District 1.

There are 417 parcels totaling 31,942.1 acres in the following 15 towns that are recommended for inclusion to Ag District 2: Brasher, Canton, Hopkinton, Lawrence, Lisbon, Louisville, Madrid, Massena, Norfolk, Parishville, Pierrepont, Potsdam, Russell, Stockholm and Waddington. There are also 132 parcels totaling 1,203.7 acres in the following towns that are recommended for removal: Brasher, Canton, Louisville, Potsdam and Stockholm. A list of parcel additions and removals, and a map depicting the location of these recommended changes are available for viewing in the municipal building of the affected town, and can also be viewed at the County Planning Office, located in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Public Safety Complex, located at 49 ½ Court Street in Canton. Digital copies of the list and maps may also be obtained by emailing: [mlarson@stlawco.org](mailto:mlarson@stlawco.org)

The County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board reviewed these proposed changes on April 7<sup>th</sup> and recommend the following: 1) accepting the addition or removal of land as requested by a property owner; 2) adding agricultural lands to Ag District 2; and 3) removing certain industrial, institutional and municipally-owned lands that are not used for agricultural purposes from Ag District 2. The recommended changes are subject to objections from affected property owners.

At the public hearing, County Planning staff will present an overview of the Ag District program; review the requested modifications; present the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board's recommendation on the proposed changes; and accept public comments on the recommendation. All are welcome to attend and comment. Anyone with questions about the eight year or annual review process may contact the County Planning Office at (315) 379-2292 or email [mlarson@stlawco.org](mailto:mlarson@stlawco.org)