

AGRICULTURE PACKET

Wednesday, August 6, 2026

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RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Herrington, Wysocki, Rutecki

Sent To: Agriculture

Committee

Date August 11, 2026

Resolution No. G/9/26

RESOLUTION MODIFYING AND ADOPTING AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT #5 (SCHAGHTICOKE AND PITTSTOWN) AS A RESULT OF THE EIGHT YEAR REVIEW OF SAID DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, and pursuant to the procedures and timetable set forth by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, the County Planning Department and the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board have filed their joint recommendations, relative to the eight year review of this Agricultural District with this Legislature; and

WHEREAS, This Legislature did hold a Public Hearing on the proposed modifications to said district recommended by the County Planning Department and the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board on August 11, 2026; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with subdivision 7 (b) of Section 303 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, this Legislature does find as follows:

(1) within the district as recommended to be modified, the number of participating farms and farm acreage thereof is consistent with and substantially furthers the objective of encouraging and protecting viable farming in the area, for which Agricultural District No. 5, was originally created; and

(2) the district has since its creation been of substantial assistance to a majority of participating farmers in maintaining an active farm economy in the area; and

(3) continuation of this district is consistent with the County's important agricultural economy and predominantly rural pattern of development; and

(4) the district deters local government adoption of land use regulations unduly restrictive of normal farm activities, supports orderly patterns of community development, and helps to sustain active farming for its important economic and environmental values; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Section 303 of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, this Legislature has deliberated on said District and modifications, and does hereby adopt the proposed modifications of Agricultural District No. 5 in the County of Rensselaer for a period of eight years, as follows:

TOTAL ACREAGE REMOVED: 0

As recommended, the following parcels should be added to Agricultural District No. 5:

Agricultural District No. 5 (Schaghticoke-Pittstown Agricultural District) be recertified for an additional eight-year period.

Tax Map No.	Owner	Acres
71.-2-4.111	Roy Dusenberry	14.51
40.-1-29	Katrina Hiser	3.09
40.-1-28	Katrina Hiser	2.84
30.-3-14.111	Evan Schanz	20
32.-3-12.11	Copses Farms LLC	67.76

TOTAL ACREAGE ADDED: 108.2

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Legislature be, and is hereby directed to submit said proposal to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets with such reports, maps, materials, and documentation as required by law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets at Albany; to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation; to the Director of the Rensselaer County Planning Department; to the Chairman of the Rensselaer County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board; to the Director of the Rensselaer County Real Property Tax Service Agency; and to the Rensselaer County Cooperative Extension Agent.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

August 11, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature
Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action
Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive