AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS PROGRAM

2014 APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED
AGENCY USE	AGENCY USE
PROPERTY ADDRESS / DISTRICT NUMBER AGENCY USE	

This form is to be completed by landowners who wish to include their lands in certified agricultural districts. The information obtained from this form will be used by the County to determine whether the lands consist predominately of viable agricultural lands and whether the inclusion of such lands will serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district. The County reserves the right to use other information as may be necessary to make such determinations. For clarification of the terms used in this form, see Section 301 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.

Question 1 pertains to the land the owner wishes to include in the certified agricultural district.

1. Identify the tax map number of each parcel you wish to include. *Attach additional sheets if the space provided below is insufficient to answer the question completely. Include only those lands you own and wish to include. Do not list parcels already included in certified agricultural districts.*

	DISTRICT	SECTION	BLOCK	LOT	LOT SIZE *(In acres)*
Ex.	*0100*	*001.00*	*01.00*	*001.001*	*10.0*
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
				Total Acres:	

Questions 2 through 3 pertain to the owner of the land that is proposed for inclusion.

2. Enter the landowner's contact information in the following spaces provided:

a) ENTITY NAME *(If applicable)*		
b) LANDOWNER NAME *(If the landowner is not an individual, identify the representative of the entity specified above)* LAST FIRST MI		
c) MAILING ADDRESS *(Include Street No. and Name, Apt. No., and/or PO Box No.)*		
d) CITY	e) STATE	f) ZIP CODE
g) TELEPHONE NO.	h) FAX NO. *(If applicable)*	
i) EMAIL ADDRESS		

3. Is the landowner the operator of the subject land? ☐ Yes *(Go on to Question 5.)*

☐ No *(Go on to Question 4.)*

Question 4 pertains to the operator of the land that is proposed for inclusion.

4. Enter the operator's contact information in the following spaces provided:

a) ENTITY NAME *(If applicable)*		
b) OPERATOR NAME *(If the operator is not an individual, identify the representative of the entity specified above)* LAST FIRST MI		
c) MAILING ADDRESS *(Include Street No. and Name, Apt. No., and/or PO Box No.)*		
d) CITY	e) STATE	f) ZIP CODE
g) TELEPHONE NO.	h) FAX NO. *(If applicable)*	
i) EMAIL ADDRESS		

Questions 5 through 13 pertain to the operation on the land that is proposed for inclusion.

5. Enter the name of the operation in the following space provided (e.g., Smith Family Farm):

NAME

6. Identify the current use of the subject land. *Select "Yes" for each that applies and provide the acreage.*

AGRICULTURAL USE		ACRES *(estimated)*	% LAND
a) Crops– Food *(e.g., apples, oysters, etc.)*	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE
b) Crops– Horticulture *(e.g., privet)*	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE
c) Crops– Energy *(e.g., switchgrass)*	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE
d) Livestock– Husbandry *(e.g., goat)*	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE
e) Livestock– Food *(e.g., beef)*	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE
f) Livestock– Products *(e.g., wool)*	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE
g) Farm woodland *(e.g., logs)*	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE
h) Commercial Horse Boarding Operation	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE
i) Commercial Equine Operation	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE
j) Other *(Specify)*	☐ Yes ☐ No		AGENCY USE

Only answer Question 7 if the answer to Question 6(h) is "Yes." Otherwise, select "N/A."

7. State the number of horses boarded on the subject land. _____ ☐ N/A

Only answer Question 8 if the answer to Question 6(i) is "Yes." Otherwise, select "N/A."

8. State the number of equine animals stabled on the subject land. _____ ☐ N/A

9. Identify the total size of the single farm operation. *Include only lands located within Suffolk County, New York.*

☐ Less than 7 acres
☐ 7 acres or more

10. Identify the operating status of the single farm operation. *Select only one answer.*

- ☐ Proposed
- ☐ Newly established
- ☐ Existing

11. Identify the duration immediately preceding today of continuous operation on the subject land.

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 to 2 years
- ☐ 2 to 3 years
- ☐ 3 to 4 years
- ☐ 4 to 5 years
- ☐ Greater than 5 years
- ☐ N/A (e.g., a proposed operation)

12. Identify the annual gross sales generated from this operation. *Use the average annual gross sales value derived from the sale of crops, livestock, livestock products, and/or woodland products for those operations in operation for more than two years. Use last year's gross sales value derived from the sale of crops, livestock, livestock products, and/or woodland products for those operations in operation for less than two years. Use last year's gross receipts collected value derived from commercial horse boarding operations or commercial equine operations.*

- ☐ Below $10,000
- ☐ $10,000 to $50,000
- ☐ Greater than $50,000
- ☐ N/A (e.g., a research operation)

13. Identify the value of capital improvements made to the subject land over the last five years.

- ☐ Below $10,000
- ☐ $10,000 to $50,000
- ☐ Greater than $50,000
- ☐ N/A

Question 14 pertains to the land that is proposed for inclusion.

14. Has an agricultural assessment been approved for the subject land for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I, _____, certify that I am the owner of the land identified in this application and that this application form including any attached documentation constitutes a true statement of facts to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____

Signature of Owner *Date*

----------AGENCY USE BELOW THIS LINE----------

Has the applicant answered all of the applicable questions? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the land already in a certified agricultural district? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Application Submission Details

In order to have your farm considered for inclusion in an existing certified agricultural district during the 2014 Open Enrollment Period, **please submit this application form during the month of March** to:

Andrew Amakawa, Research Technician
Suffolk County Division of Planning & Environment
H. Lee Dennison Bldg – 4th Fl
100 Veterans Memorial Hwy
P.O. Box 6100
Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099

QUESTIONS?

For questions about the Agricultural Districts Program, please contact the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.
For questions about the application process, please contact the Suffolk County Division of Planning & Environment at (631) 853-5191.