

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #139

Introduced by Legislator: Vincent Tamagna on behalf of the Physical Services Committee at the Regular Meeting held on July 10, 2007.

Seconded by Legislator: Sam Oliverio, Jr.

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APPROVAL/AGRICULTURE DISTRICT INCLUSION CRITERIA

WHEREAS, by Resolution #81 of 2003, Putnam County Legislature created an Agricultural District in the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County Agriculture District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law section 303-b provides for the inclusion of viable agricultural land into a certified Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law section 301 sub-section (7.) "Viable agricultural land" means land highly suitable for agricultural production and which will continue to be economically feasible for such use if real property taxes, farm use restrictions, and speculative activities are limited to levels approximating those in commercial agricultural areas not influenced by the proximity of non-agricultural development; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #304 of 1988, the Putnam County Legislature established the "Great Swamp" as critical environmental area which area may overlap lands being considered for inclusion in the Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, there are other factors that must be considered in determining whether lands are highly suitable for agricultural production; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in considering whether lands are viable agricultural lands and suitable for inclusion in the Agricultural District pursuant to Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law the following factors shall be considered:

Vote:

State Of New York

ss:

County of Putnam

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on July 10, 2007.

Dated: July 12, 2007

Signed: _____

M. Chris Marrone
Clerk Of The Legislature Of Putnam County

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- Are parcels currently being farmed;
- Are vacant lands or start up farms part of a current plan:
- Farmland parcels within or adjacent to a Critical Environmental Area or a sensitive natural resource must have a Conservation Plan developed by the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District;
- Mapping, review and an evaluation by the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District;
- Results of an on-site assessment conducted by members of the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board;
- Each parcel must contain at least 50% of Prime Farmland and/or Statewide important soils which are in the NYS Agriculture & Markets agricultural land soil groups 1-6;
- Farm operations must follow agricultural Best Management Practices;
- Each parcel must be free and clear of Town, State and Federal violations.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MCGUIGAN WAS ABSENT.

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