

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
INCLUSION OF VIABLE AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN
CERTIFIED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS
BEFORE THE DISTRICTS' ESTABLISHED REVIEW PERIODS**

Jefferson County will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board of Legislators Chambers, Historic Courthouse, 195 Arsenal Street, Watertown, New York. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on landowner requests to add viable agricultural land to New York State Certified Agricultural Districts before the districts' established review periods, and on the recommendation of the Jefferson County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. Pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25-AA, Section 303-b, Jefferson County has received two landowner requests to add five parcels, totaling **575.09 acres of viable agricultural land**, through the annual inclusion process.

The parcels are located within the Town of **Philadelphia**. Maps of the proposed lands are available for review at the Jefferson County Department of Planning, located on the 3rd Floor of the County Office Building, 175 Arsenal Street, Watertown, New York. The Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board's report is available on the Planning Department webpage at <https://www.jeffersoncountyny.gov/departments/planning/ag-inclusions>

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All interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard.

Dated: September 2, 2026

Ryan Piche
Clerk of the Board