

## TO BE ADDED TO THE END OF CHAPTER 4

## Implementation of the Farmland Protection Plan

### Plan Adoption, Monitoring and Review

The Town of Groveland Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan serves as an important reference document for future decisions made by Town and County officials, farm operators, landowners, and the community in general regarding protection of important agricultural resources, preservation of prime farmlands, updating land use policies, and prioritization of capital improvements to Town services and infrastructure. Implementation involves undertaking this Plan's recommendations and action items contained within chapters 3 and 4. It also involves the adoption, monitoring and review of the Plan on a regular basis. Periodic reviews should be conducted at no more than two to three-year intervals with updating of Plan sections at no more than five-year intervals or as required.

Once adopted it is important to monitor the Plan's contents to keep it current as conditions, development trends, and opportunities change over time. This is especially important with regard to updating the existing and future land use maps contained in the Plan. Monitoring is also important to determine the effectiveness of the Plan as its recommendations are implemented.

The Town Board should assign responsibility for insuring that the Plan is monitored and reviewed by the Planning Board or a farmland protection committee. Whether the Planning Board or a farmland committee is charged with its review, recommendations for amending and updating the Plan should be formally presented as a memo to the Town Board and made available for public review. Future revisions and/or additions to the Plan can be simply incorporated as supplements attached to the original document.

Procedures for monitoring and revising the Plan should be considered during the Town Board's adoption process. Among these include:

- Assigning responsibility for monitoring, reviewing and revising the Plan as well as for preparing an annual evaluation memo to the Town Board documenting the effectiveness of the Plan and the status of implementation efforts in achieving desired outcomes. The memo should identify constraints to implementation, and summarize conditions and trends that have changed in the period since the Plan's adoption or last update;
- Identifying timeframes for reviewing and updating the Plan as necessary with particular attention given to key components such as the inventory of existing conditions (Chapter 2); the Community's vision, goals and objectives (Chapter 3); and the Future Land Use components of the document (Chapter 4); and
- Outlining a process for revising the strategies and recommendations to reflect changing circumstances, emerging trends, needs and opportunities, and expressed community concerns and priorities. This may include expanding the use of community surveys to

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collect information on agricultural priorities in the community. This is particularly important when seeking project funding assistance from State and Federal agencies or farmland protection organizations that consider up-to-date information and community support as part of the application process for funding projects.

## Key Action Items

The following key actions are considered to be important building blocks that the Town should undertake as soon as possible as important first steps in implementing the Plan. These actions begin with adoption of the Plan by the Town, approval by the Livingston County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board followed by submittal to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets for State acceptance of the Plan.

Once adopted and accepted by the County and State the Town should proceed with other actions consistent with farmland protection as identified in the table that follows. There is also the need to develop an on-going list of projects and funding sources to protect farmlands, maintain public infrastructure in support of farming, and pursue special projects of importance to local farming and farmland protection. Developing this list will require ongoing consultation and coordination between the Town and both public agencies and private sector organizations and institutions.

The following information identifies important sources of technical assistance and potential project funding agencies and organizations. Farmland protection funding mechanisms at the Town level may also include the set aside of local funds for the purchase of development rights, as well as seeking grants, low-interest loans, and donations of funds or land for farmland conservation easements.

Federal, State, regional, and county programs for funding projects are constantly changing especially during the present economic conditions and so agencies should be consulted often to identify funding programs. The following list of agencies and organizations is by no means all inclusive, but it does provide a basis for further research and use by the Town and interested stakeholders. This list should be supplemented with new information as it becomes known and referenced as another means to implement this Plan.

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Action Item	Primary Responsible Parties	Priority	Approximate Timeframe	Primary Tasks Required	Possible Funding and/or Technical Assistance Sources
Adopt Groveland Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan	Town Board	High	Mid 2010	Town Board Resolution of Approval and Adoption (following comments by Livingston County Ag. & Farmland Protection Board)	N/A
Establish Plan Monitoring & Review Process	Supervisor, Town Board and Planning Board	High	Mid 2010	Establish Procedures by Resolution at Time of Adoption	N/A
Submit Plan to NYS Ag. & Markets for State Approval	Town Board, Commissioner of NYS Ag. & Markets	High	Mid 2010	Submit Plan for Approval to NYS	N/A
Begin Review and Update of Local Ordinances	Town Board, Planning Board, & Town Attorney	High	Mid to Late 2010 and ongoing	Prioritize Reviews & Update Zoning & Subdivision Ordinances	Livingston County Planning
Prepare and Adopt a Local Right-to-Farm Law	Town Board & Planning Board	High	Mid to Late 2010	Consult with Livingston County Ag. & Farmland Protection Board	NYS Ag. & Markets, American Farmland Trust
Continue Community Surveys and Identification of Potential Farmlands for Purchase of Development Rights	Planning Board, Farmland Committee, Farm Operators & Landowners	High	Mid to Late 2010 and ongoing	Consult with Local and Absentee Landowners/Farm Operators, Seek Funding Assistance	Livingston County, Genesee Valley Conservancy, SUNY Geneseo
Prepare a Town Capital Improvement Plan Considering Agricultural Needs	Supervisor, Town Board & Planning Board	Moderate to High	Early to Mid 2011	Identify Priority Projects and Seek Funding Assistance	USDA Rural Development, NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. and Others
Prepare an Up-to-date GIS-based Inventory of Town Infrastructure	Supervisor, Town Board, Highway Superintendent	Moderate	Mid to Late 2011	Inventory, Prepare GIS Databases and Mapping of Roads, Bridges and Drainage Culverts	Livingston County, NYSDOT, NYS Real Property Services

## Sources of Technical Assistance and Potential Funding Programs

NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets

[www.agmkt.state.ny.us/](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/)

Agriculture & Farmland Protection Implementation Project Program

Agricultural Non-point Source Abatement Control Program (ANSCAP)

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Livingston County

[www.co.livingston.state.ny.us](http://www.co.livingston.state.ny.us)

American Farmland Trust

[www.farmland.org](http://www.farmland.org)

Cornell Cooperative Extension

[www.cce.cornell.edu/livingston](http://www.cce.cornell.edu/livingston)

Genesee Valley Conservancy

[www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org](http://www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org)

Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)

[www.efc.org/home/index.asp](http://www.efc.org/home/index.asp)

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

FEMA Grants and Assistance Programs

[www.fema.gov/government/grant/bzpp/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/bzpp/index.shtm)

Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP)

USDA Rural Development

[www.rurdev.usda.gov/ny/Mainprograms.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ny/Mainprograms.htm)

Water and Wastewater Loans and Grants

Technical Assistance & Training Grants

Solid Waste Management Grants

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

[www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov)

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

[www.dec.ny.gov/index.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/index.html)

Environmental Restoration Projects

Environmental Protection Fund

NYS Department of Housing & Community Renewal (DHCR)

[www.dhcr.state.ny.us/](http://www.dhcr.state.ny.us/)

Housing Development Funds

New York Main Street Program

NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)

[www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/programs/smart-planning/funding](http://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/programs/smart-planning/funding)

DOT Capital Program

Transportation Enhancements Program

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

[www.nysparks.state.ny.us/grants/](http://www.nysparks.state.ny.us/grants/)

Environmental Protection Fund

Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act

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Municipal Parks Grants  
Heritage Area Grants  
Historic Preservation  
Recreational Trails Program  
Land & Water Conservation Fund  
NYS Barn Restoration & Preservation Program  
Snowmobile Trail Development

NYS Office of Real Property Services  
[www.orps.state.ny.us/](http://www.orps.state.ny.us/)  
Real Property System  
Assessment Administrator Training  
Consolidation Incentive Aid  
Maintenance and Reassessment Aid

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