

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lewis County Agricultural District No. 6 Review and Modification

All Towns of Lewis County, NY

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR LEWIS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NO. 6 EIGHT-YEAR REVIEW, WITH INCORPORATION OF THE 2023 ANNUAL INCLUSION REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that Lewis County Agricultural District No. 6 is undergoing review and modification as part of the eight-year review process; whereby lands can be removed and added to the district. Currently, there are approximately 246,809 acres in the county's NYS-certified Agricultural District No. 6.

Municipalities and landowners within Agricultural District No. 6 have the ability to comment on the 8-year review process during the 30-day comment period commencing September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023. All comments should be submitted to the Director of Planning & Community Development Casandra Buell, Lewis County Planning & Community Development office at 7660 North State Street, 3rd Floor, Lowville, NY 13367.

Lewis County is also accepting landowner applications for including new parcels of viable agricultural land into its existing Agricultural District No. 6. The Lewis County Board of Legislators has established an annual 30-day inclusion process for the district from November 15th to December 15th of each year. However, during the 2024 eight-year review, the annual thirty-day inclusion period will be incorporated to coincide with the eight-year review process. Subsequently, the County will accept inclusion and removal applications from October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023.

Municipalities and landowners within Agricultural District No. 6 may propose a modification of the district by filing such proposal with Megan Krokowski of the Lewis County Planning & Community Development Department or Clerk of the Lewis County Board of Legislators, Cassandra Moser at 7660 North State Street, Lowville, NY 13367 from October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023. Please have your tax parcel identification number(s) available for reference should you request a district modification.

On October 3, 2023 the Lewis County Board of Legislators will set a Public Hearing for this Agricultural District No. 6 review to be held at 5:00 PM Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at the Lewis County Court House 2nd floor Legislative Board Room, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, NY. The next eight-year review of Agricultural District No. 6 will occur in 2031.

Map of Agricultural District No. 6 is available for public inspection at the Lewis County Clerk of the Board of Legislators Office, 2nd Floor, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, NY, and the Lewis County Planning & Community Development Department, 3rd Floor, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, NY during normal business hours (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM). The map is also available on the Lewis County website at <https://lewiscountyny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/LCAG2022-1.pdf>

There will be a Public Informational Session with regard to the Lewis County Agricultural District No. 6 review on October 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Lewis County-JCC Education Center, 7395 East Road, Lowville, NY 13367.

Please refer any questions to Casandra Buell, Director of Lewis County Planning & Community Development at (315) 376-5422 or casandrabuell@lewiscounty.ny.gov