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**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRWOMAN
TO BE HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Monday

August 25, 2025

(Immediately following Eco, Rules, Audit & Special Physical Mtgs. starting @ 5:30 P.M.)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Legislative Prayer**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval – SEQR – Agricultural District**
- 5. Approval – Stipulation – Inclusion of Parcel in Putnam County Agricultural District (Reinmaker Farm East LLC)**
- 6. Adjournment**

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Committee Mtg _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – SEQR - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Markets as Lead Agency for the Agricultural Districts Program has conducted a programmatic review of the environmental effects of Agricultural Districts and has concluded that there is little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impact resulting from the formation or modification of such districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County to review the site-specific proposals under consideration to determine if unique circumstances exist which increase the likelihood of environmental significance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Markets recommends that the County Legislative body serve as the Lead Agency to ensure compliance with the requirement of the State Environmental Quality Review Act as it is the only other agency required to undertake an action except for the Department of Agriculture and Markets; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature declares itself to be the lead agency to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, hereby determines that the site-specific parcels contained in the proposed Agriculture District modifications will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as lead agency, hereby accepts and adopts the Negative Declaration prepared in connection with the proposed Agriculture District modifications, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

Legislator Addonizio

Legislator Birmingham

Legislator Crowley

Legislator Ellner

Legislator Gouldman

Legislator Jonke

Legislator Montgomery

Legislator Russo

Chairwoman Sayegh

New York State
Department of Agriculture and Markets

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Part I

1. The proposed action is located in the County of Putnam and the Town (s) of Patterson.
2. The agency responsible for preparing this Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the County Legislative Body of Putnam County.
3. The name and address for the Clerk of the above names County is Michael Bartolotti, County Clerk, 40 Gleneida Avenue Suite 100, Carmel, NY 10512.
4. Is this an application for the formation of a new agricultural district? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, what is the total number of acres to be included in this district? _____ acres
5. Is this an application to modify an existing district? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, what is the total number of acres comprising the district as it exists prior to modification? 5535.07 acres
6. If this application involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the district?
☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? 107.5 acres Does this represent an
☒ increase or a ☐ decrease? (Check one)
7. Is there a public controversy related to this district proposal? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe in space below:

The subject parcel is a part of Reinmaker Farm v. Putnam County, where it was determined there was error with the County's determination regarding its failure to approve the parcel into the Agricultural District as part of the 2025 annual review.

PART II

The Department of Agriculture and Markets, as lead agency for the Agricultural Districts Program, has conducted a programmatic review of the environmental effects of agricultural districting and has concluded that there is little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impact resulting from the formation or modification of such district. It is, however, the responsibility of the agency preparing this form to review the site-specific proposal under consideration to determine if unique circumstances exist which increase the likelihood of environmental significance. If any such circumstances exist, please describe them in the space provided below and explain how the resulting impact will be mitigated. (Refer to the criteria contained in 6NYCRR §617.11 for aid in determining the likelihood of significance and whether or not it is material, substantial, large or important.)

PART III

Please indicate desire for lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below:

☒ Since the proposed action will be undertaken by this County Legislative Body and since any adverse environmental impacts will be primarily of local significance, it is hereby recommended that this County Legislative Body serve as lead agency to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act. It has been determined that the only other agency required to undertake an action in this case is the Department of Agriculture and Markets.

☐ The County Legislative Body does not choose to nominate itself to serve as lead agency.

PART IV

The County Legislative Body of Putnam County has determined that: (check one)

☒ The proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

☐ Although unique circumstances beyond those anticipated by the Department of Agriculture and Markets in its programmatic environmental assessment will result from the proposed action, it has been determined that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact.

☐ Due to unique circumstances detailed in Part II, significant environmental impact will result from the proposed action. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will be required and will be prepared or approved by this County Legislative Body prior to the undertaking of any action.

This Environmental Assessment Form was prepared for the County of Putnam by
Department of Planning (agency).

I AFFIRM AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY
KNOWLEDGE

Name of Person

Authorized to Sign: Barbara Barosa Date: 8/15/2005

Signature: Barbara Barosa Title: Commissioner of Planning

**State Environmental Quality Review
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance**

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Putnam County Legislature, acting as Lead Agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant environmental impact and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action: Agricultural District Modifications

SEQRA Status: Type I
 X Unlisted Action

Conditioned Negative Declaration: Yes
 X No

Coordinated Review: X Yes
 No

Description of Action: The Putnam County Legislature is conducting a programmatic review of the environmental effects of the proposed Agricultural District modifications that would add land into the Putnam County Agricultural District including Parcel 58.-1-34.2 with a Total Area of 107.5 acres.

Location: The proposed parcel is located in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, New York.

Reasons Supporting This Determination: The Putnam County Legislature has compared the proposed action with the Criteria for Determining Significance in 6 NYCRR 617.7 (c), and found that:

- 1.) The proposed action will not result in a substantial adverse change in the existing air quality, traffic or noise levels, or subsurface water quality or quantity, or a substantial increase in solid waste production.

The proposed project is not expected to result in in vehicle trips to the project site. It is not expected to result in any adverse air quality, noise or traffic impacts, or to result in any changes to the site's subsurface water quality or quantity or result in any solid waste production.

- 2.) The proposed action will not result in the removal; or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species; impact a significant habitat area; result in substantial

adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such species; and will not result in other significant adverse impacts to natural resources.

The proposed project is not expected to result in any significant adverse impacts to natural resources.

- 3.) The proposed action will not result in the impairment of the environmental characteristics of a Critical Environmental Area as designated pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617.14(g).

No construction will occur as a result of the proposed action; therefore, no impacts will occur.

- 4.) The proposed action will not result in a material conflict with the Town's officially approved or adopted plans or goals.

The proposed action is compliant with the Town of Southeast's Comprehensive Plan and zoning requirements.

- 5.) The proposed project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archaeological, architectural, aesthetic resources, or the existing character of the community or neighborhood.

The proposed project is not expected to result in adverse archeological or historic impacts.

- 6.) The proposed action will not result in a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.

The proposed project will not require any energy usage.

- 7.) The proposed project will not create a hazard to human health.

The proposed project will not result in any adverse impacts to human health.

- 8.) The proposed action will not create a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses.

The proposed project will not result in any adverse impacts to open space or recreational resources.

- 9.) The proposed action will not encourage or attract a large number of people to a place or place for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to such place absent the action.

The proposed project will not result in any additional people on site.

- 10.) The proposed action will not create a material demand for other actions that would result in one of the above consequences.

The proposed project will not result in any additional material demand.

- 11.) The proposed action will not result in changes in two or more elements of the environment, no one of which has a significant impact on the environment, but when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment.

The proposed project will not result in any adverse impacts to the environment.

- 12.) When analyzed with two or more related action, the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment and when considered cumulatively, will not meet one or more of the criteria under 6 NYCRR 617.7(c).

The proposed project will not result in any adverse impacts to the environment.

- 13.) The Putnam County Legislature has considered reasonably related long-term, short-term, direct and indirect cumulative impacts, including simultaneous or subsequent actions.

The proposed project will not result in any long-term, short-term, direct or indirect cumulative impacts.

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Approval

**Stipulation – Inclusion of Parcel in Putnam County
Agricultural District**

(Reinmaker Farm East LLC)