

Draft 2020 Review Profile
Consolidated Agricultural District 1- Ontario County, New York

Towns of Bristol, Canandaigua, Canadice, East Bloomfield, Farmington, Geneva, Gorham, Hopewell, Manchester, Naples, Phelps, Richmond, Seneca, South Bristol, Victor and West Bloomfield, the Cities of Canandaigua and Geneva, and the Villages of Clifton Springs, Naples and Phelps

Background: County Agricultural Districts

In 1971, the state legislature enacted Article 25 AA creating the agricultural district program to “provide a locally-initiated mechanism for the protection and enhancement of New York state's agricultural land as a viable segment of the local and state economies and as an economic and environmental resource of major importance.”

Ontario County Agricultural District 1 was created in 1972 and comprised 5,300 acres of farmland in the Towns of Bristol and Canandaigua. Ten agricultural districts were created – the last, Agricultural District 10 in 1982 was comprised of 7,533 acres of farmland in the Town and Village of Naples. Upon completion of this review, there will be 256,513 in Consolidated Agricultural District 1.

1. Consolidated Agricultural District 1 Summary Information

Table 1 Summary of Modifications to Consolidated Agricultural District 1

Modification	Total Acres	Total Number of Parcels
Additions	3,175	87
Removals	821	32

Table 2 Summary of Modifications to Consolidated Agricultural District 1 by Municipality

Municipality	Acreage Added	Number of Parcels	Acreage Removed	Number of Parcels
Town of Bristol	114	4	43	2
Town of Canadice	251	3	0	0
Town of Canandaigua	442	12	108	3
Town of East Bloomfield	55	2	15	1
Town of Farmington	94	2	260	12
Town of Geneva	585	8	47	2
Town of Gorham	387	10	0	0
Town of Hopewell	105	5	0	0
Town of Manchester	154	7	85	2
Town of Naples	79	3	0	0
Town of Phelps	449	10	91	4
Town of Richmond	50	2	10	1
Town of Seneca	65	3	0	0
Town of South Bristol	8	1	0	0
Town of Victor	129	5	94	2
Town of West Bloomfield	133	4	67	3
Village of Clifton Springs	38	2	0	0
Village of Naples	4	1	0	0
Village of Phelps	34	3	0	0
Total	3,175	87	821	32

Table 3 Summary Table of Lands in Consolidated Agricultural District 1

Municipality	Total Acres in District	Number of Parcels	Acres in Agricultural Operations	Number of Parcels
City of Canandaigua	9	1	-	-
City of Geneva	38	1	38	1
Town of Bristol	8,756	521	3,820	75
Town of Canadice	2,117	31	1,196	20
Town of Canandaigua	22,539	1,271	16,909	281
Town of East Bloomfield	18,674	1,092	12,903	270
Town of Farmington	17,048	1,074	11,715	201
Town of Geneva	8,037	301	6,768	90
Town of Gorham	26,707	978	22,332	325
Town of Hopewell	20,120	1,026	14,922	233
Town of Manchester	18,503	1,141	13,308	217
Town of Naples	10,134	417	4,395	85
Town of Phelps	32,338	1,563	25,973	439
Town of Richmond	13,977	523	7,829	96
Town of Seneca	30,200	1,221	26,408	372
Town of South Bristol	6,212	376	1,532	41
Town of Victor	7,012	290	5,099	86
Town of West Bloomfield	13,472	529	8,614	136
Village of Bloomfield	189	9	172	6
Village of Clifton Springs	138	7	133	6
Village of Manchester	26	1	26	1
Village of Naples	171	20	6	1
Village of Phelps	39	5	39	5
Village of Rushville	31	7	25	2
Village of Shortsville	2	2	-	-
Total	256,489	12,411	184,162	2,989

Note on Table 3 The amount of land in agricultural operations was determined by summing the acreage of parcels that received an agricultural exemption in 2020. A review of aerial photos indicated that there were a negligible number of parcels that were part of an agricultural operation that were not receiving an agricultural exemption making this a credible figure to use as number of acres in agricultural operations in the District.

Modifications to an Agricultural District

Once an agricultural district is established, the only time a landowner can request that their land be removed from the district or a municipality can request a change is during the eight-year review period. However, landowners can request that viable agricultural land be added every year during a thirty day period that was established under Sec. 303 b. of the law after following a procedure similar to the agricultural district review process. Ontario County established November 1-30 as its annual period.

Consolidated Agricultural District 1 will be next reviewed in 2028.