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Ulster County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board

2025 Agricultural District Inclusions May 29, 2025

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Prompts:

- Ulster County apple orchard Hudson Highlands images
- Make the same two images look more realistic
- Redraw the latest two images to be in the Hudson River School tradition
- Incorporate a sunset into the last set of images
- Push sunset into twilight

Agriculture & Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b (2)

...the county agricultural and farmland protection board, which shall...report to the county legislative body its recommendations as to whether the land to be included in the agricultural district consists predominantly of "viable agricultural land" as defined in subdivision seven of section three hundred one of this article and the inclusion of such land would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the district...

Agriculture & Markets Law Article 25AA Definitions

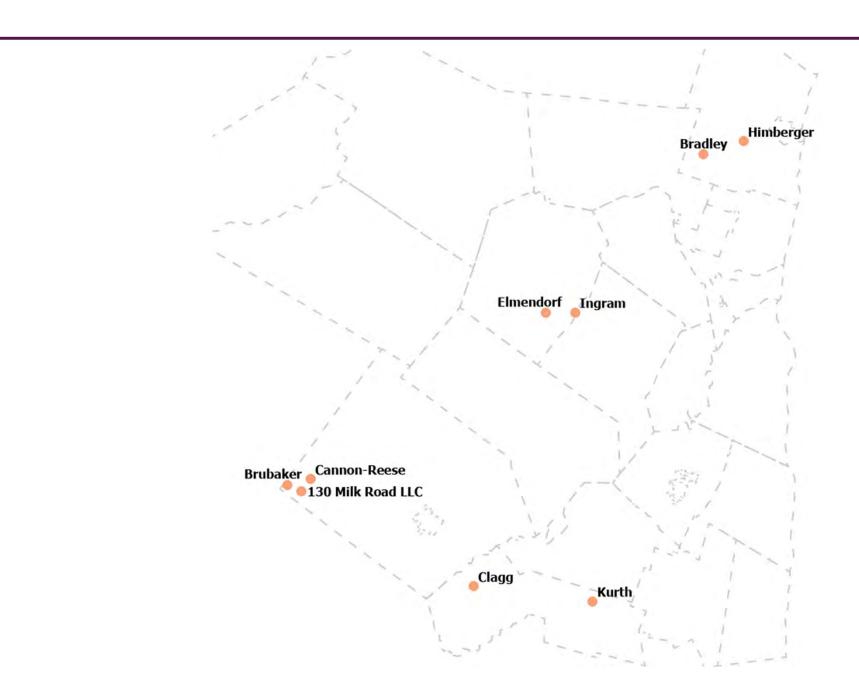
301-(7) " 'Viable agricultural land' means land highly suitable for a farm operation" as defined in 301-(11).

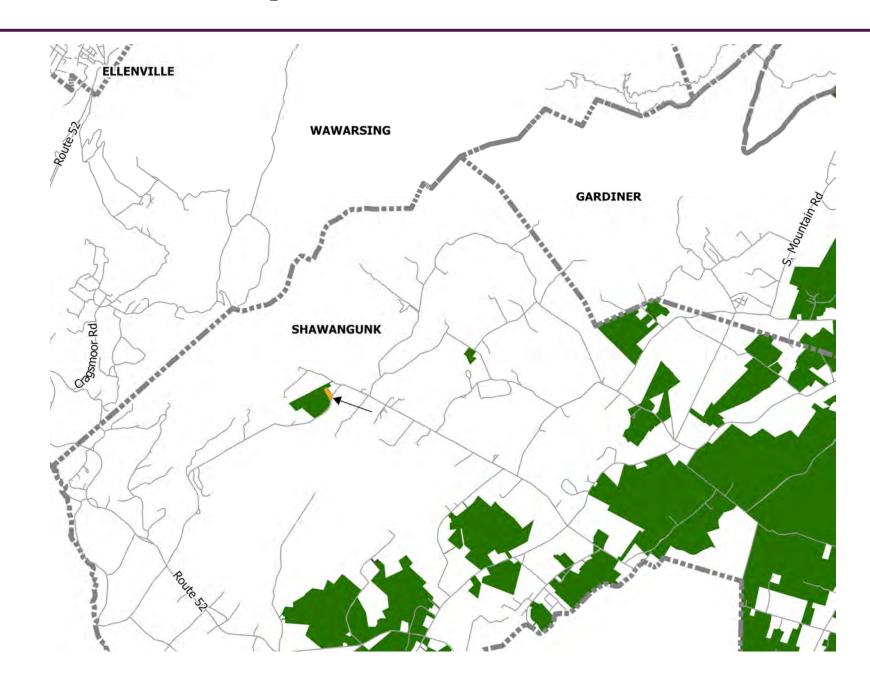
301-(11) "Farm operation" means the land and on-farm buildings, equipment, manure processing and handling facilities, and practices which contribute to the production, preparation and marketing of crops, livestock and livestock products as a commercial enterprise, including a "commercial horse boarding operation" as defined in subdivision thirteen of this section, a "timber operation" as defined in subdivision fourteen of this section, "compost, mulch or other biomass crops" as defined in subdivision seventeen of this section and "commercial equine operation" as defined in subdivision eighteen of this section. Such farm operation may consist of one or more parcels of owned or rented land, which parcels may be contiguous or noncontiguous to each other.

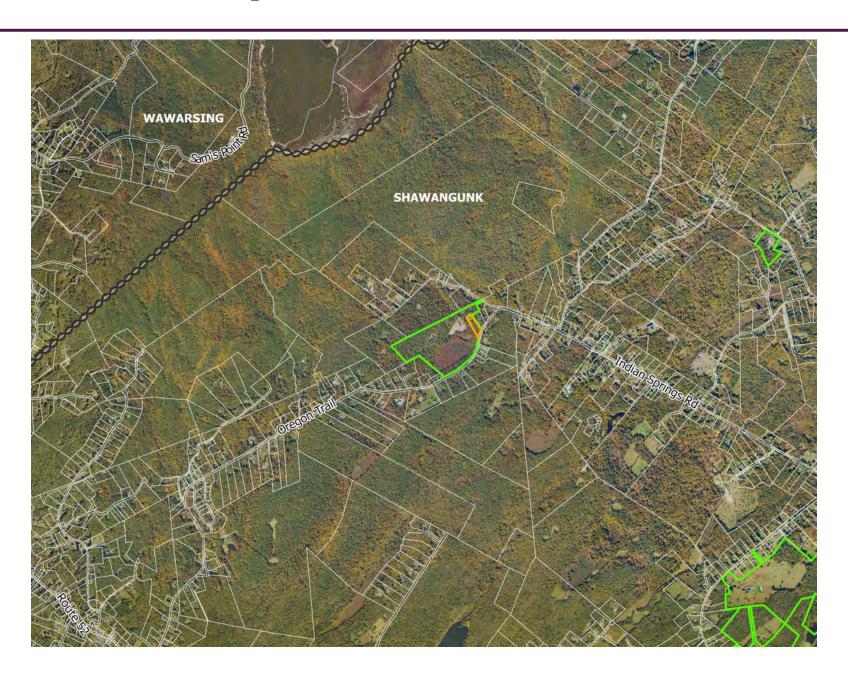
New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Guidance Concerning Annual Inclusions to Agricultural and Farmland Protection Boards

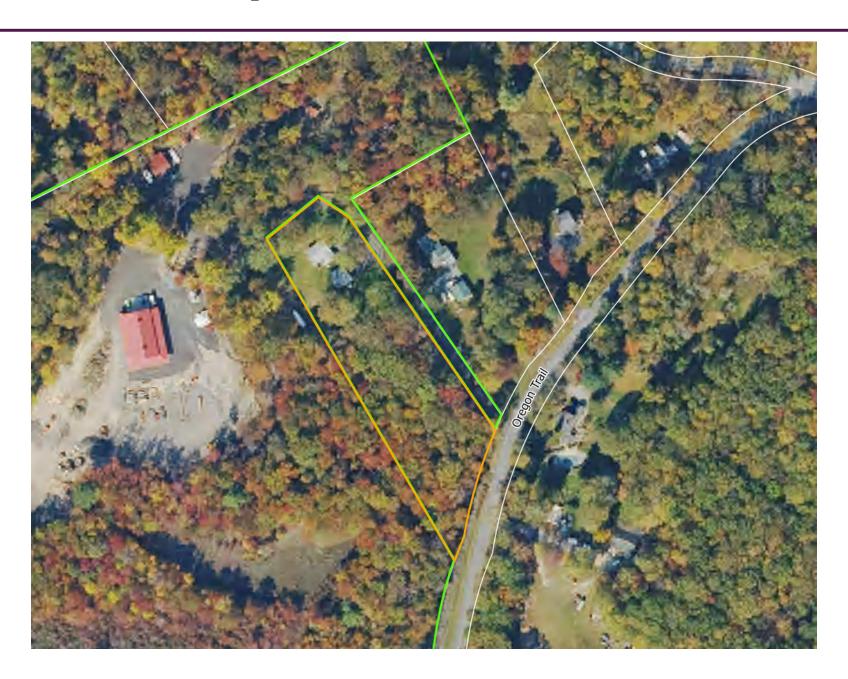
"The statutory definition of 'farm operation' does not require minimum acreage and income thresholds for most operations. Many viable farm operations are conducted on limited acreage (e.g., greenhouses, poultry and aquaculture); as well as on marginal lands (e.g., farmed deer on steep slopes and non-prime soils, etc.). Much of the land in a county could, therefore, be considered 'highly suitable for a farm operation.' Farm operations are much more than their land base, however; they rely on their owners and operators, including the ideas, skills and investment they bring, to become and remain viable."

Locations









Clagg Cattle Company, Inc.

- Larger, neighboring parcel included in 2023
 - Mostly cattle on this agricultural district parcel
- Smaller parcel provides space for livestock other than cattle
 - Separate enclosed areas for donkeys and horses/minihorses









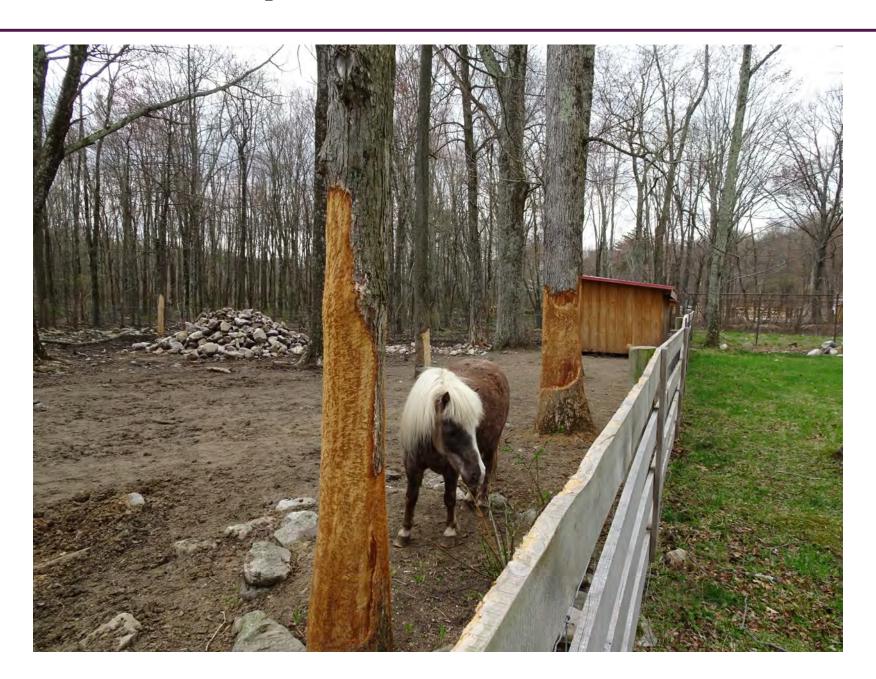














Neighboring parcel in the agricultural district



Neighboring parcel in the agricultural district



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- RS-1-- Ridge Stewardship Zoning District
 - Agricultural uses are principal permitted uses
 - Erosion control regulations are less stringent for agriculture than other land uses provided "ridge is not excessively steep."
- Prime and Important Soils
 - At Atherton silt loam
 - HgB Hoosic gravelly loam
- Pine Bush mailing address







- Hoop House (planned)
- Vegetables (planned)
 - Production in both planned and existing greenhouses as well as outside
- Orchard (new)
 - Stone Fruit
- Planned soil management measures
 - Cover Crops
 - During winter
 - Peas, Oats, and Radishes
 - Conservation tree planting
 - Erosion control around pond











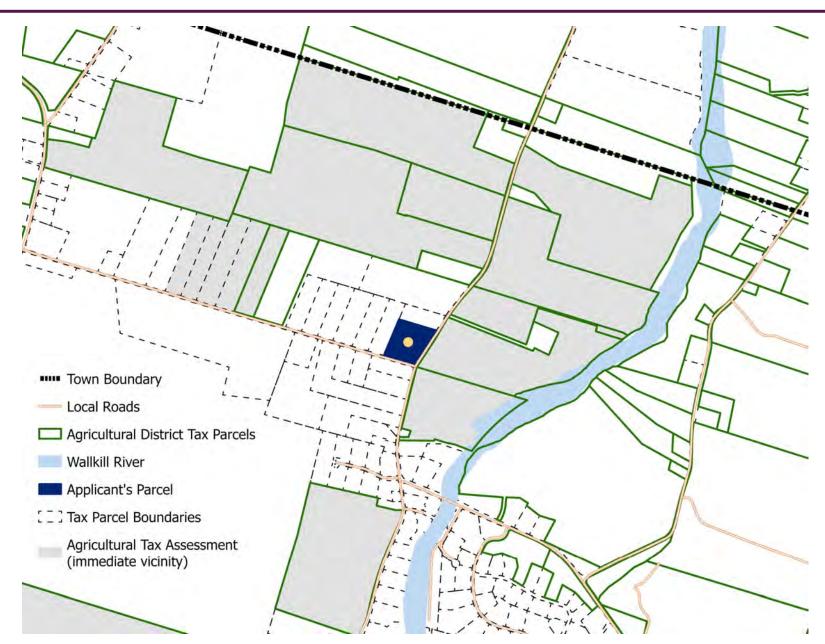








Kurth – Shawangunk 1 parcel – 8 acres



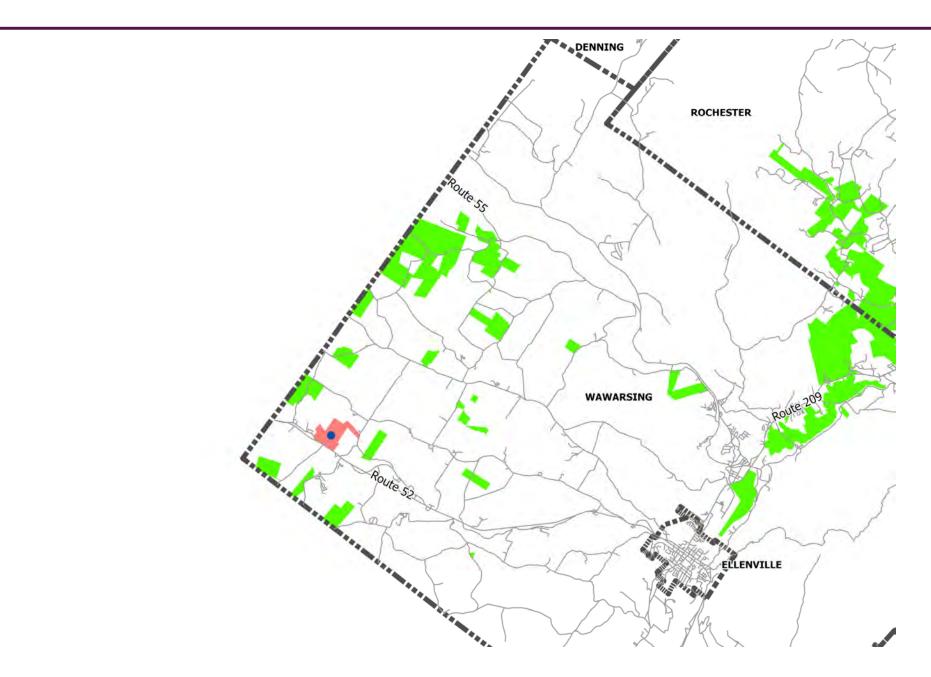
Immediate vicinity is defined as the town boundary to the north, Wallkill River to the east, Hoagerburgh Road to the west, and Blue Chip Farms to the south.

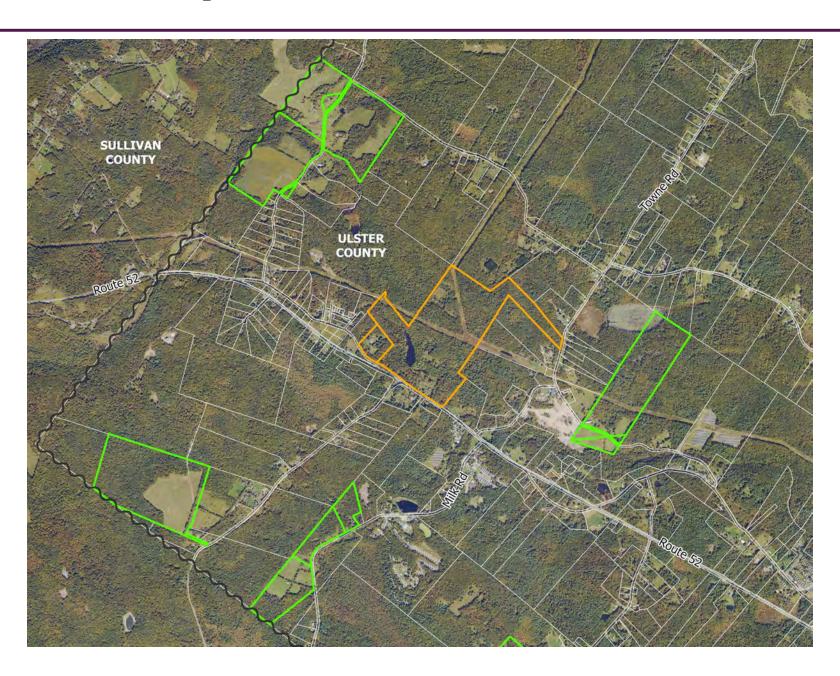
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- R-Ag 4 -- Residential-Agricultural 4 Zoning District
 - Agricultural uses are permitted principal uses
- Prime and Important Soils
 - Hub, HuC Hudson silt loam
 - Ma Madalin silty clay loam
 - RhA Rhinebeck silt loam
- Hamlet of Wallkill

Kurth – Shawangunk 1 parcel – 8 acres

- Restrictive Covenant
- NYS Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law 1951
 - Landowners must show that "if at the time the enforceability of the restriction is brought in question, it appears that the restriction is of no actual and substantial benefit to the persons seeking its enforcement."
- Agriculture vs. Commercial
- Commercial Agriculture: Onsite vs. Offsite
- Likelihood someone seeks to enforce the restrictive covenant







Sells apples to **Aaron Burr Cidery**

Orchard had been abandoned before the current owners

Lot 45.130

Beverage company showed landowners how to care for and rehabilitate trees

Lot 45.120

- Garlic and potatoes (planned)
- Lavender, sage, and rosemary (planned)







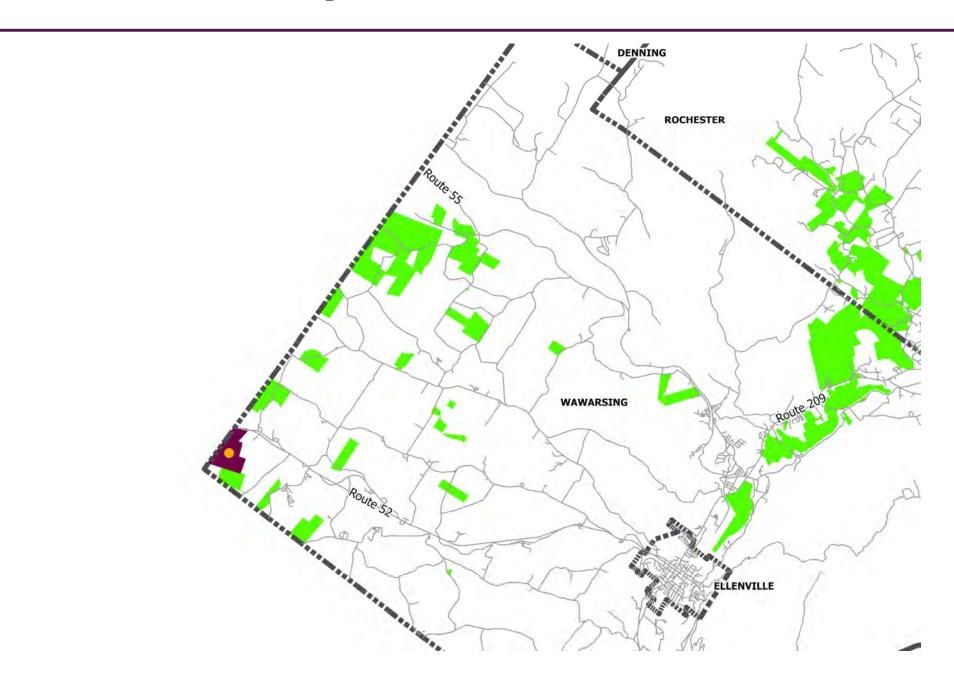




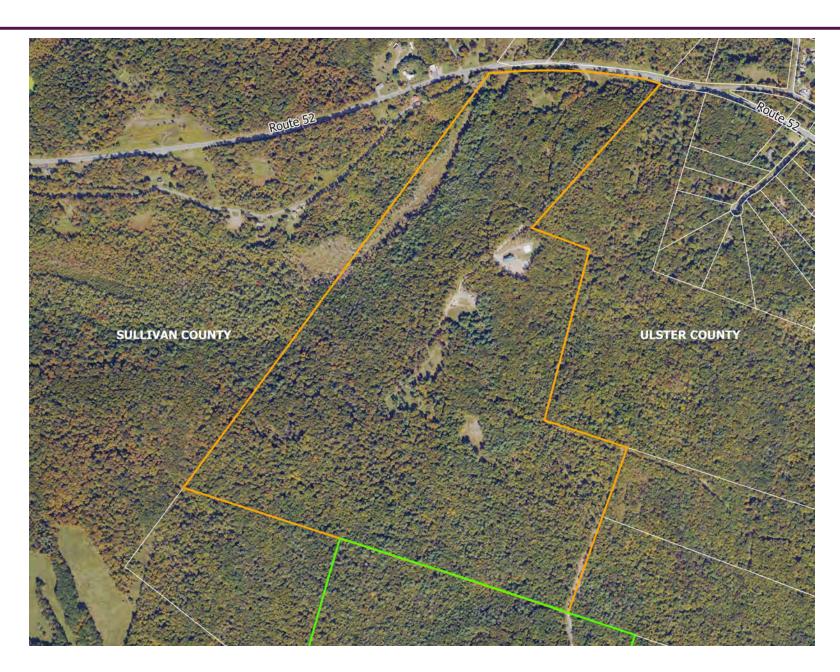




- RU Rural Zoning District
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 - HgC Hoosic gravelly silt loam
 - Lnb Lordstown channery silt loam
 - Mr Middlebury silt loam
 - OgB Oquaga channery silt loam
 - OIC Oquaga and Lordstown channery silt loam
 - Pt Pompton fine sandy loam
- Hamlet of Greenfield Park







Relationship with **Brubaker Farms** in Lancaster County, PA

- Haying
 - More area for haying is planned







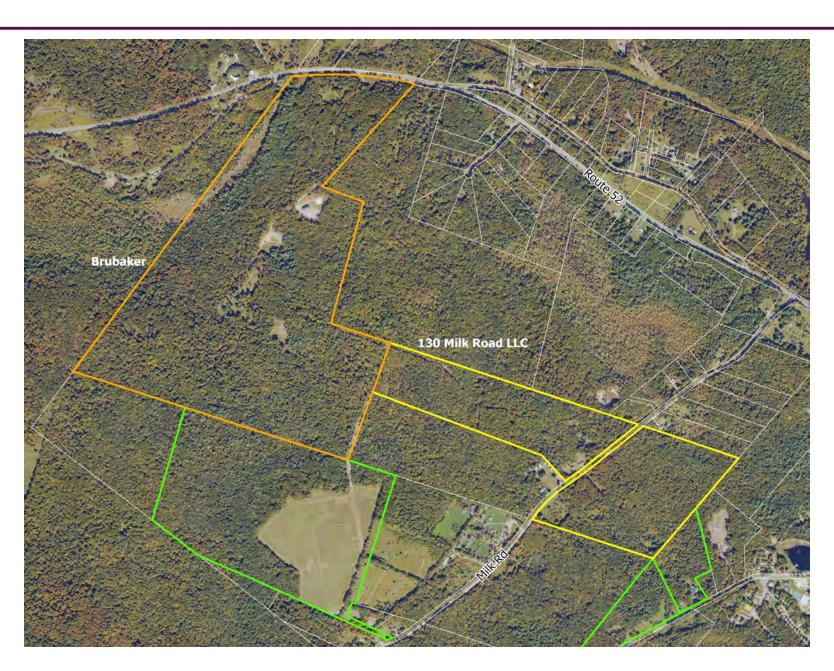








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 - OgB Oquaga channery silt loam
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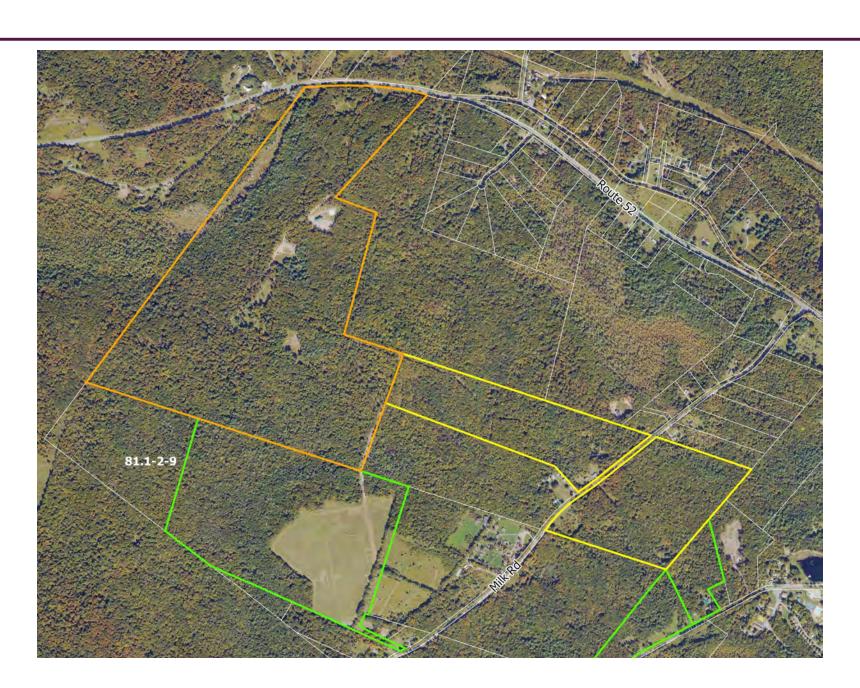
- Hayfields (planned)
- Maple sap (planned)
- Blueberries and huckleberries (planned)



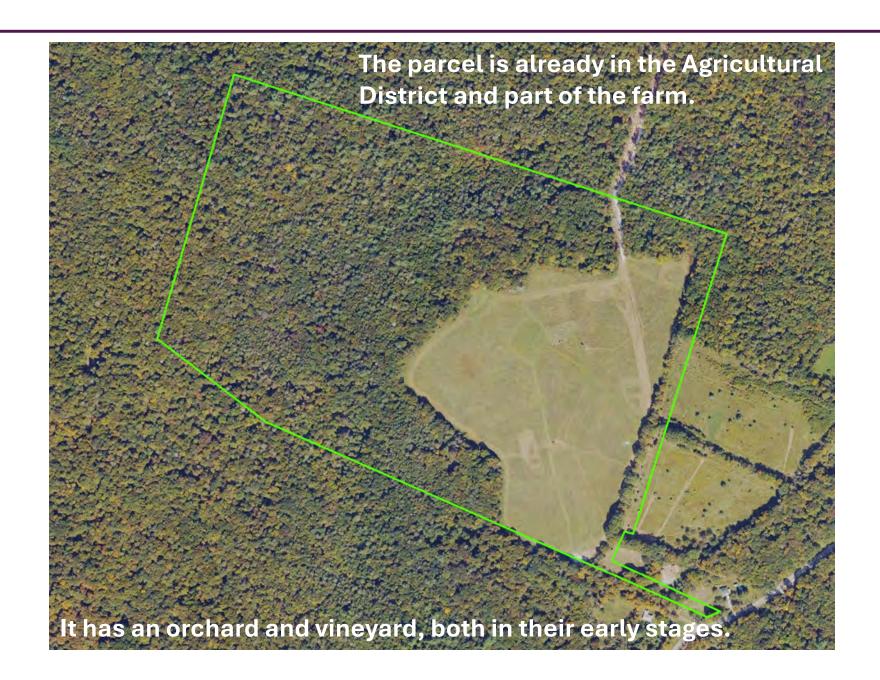


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SBL # 81.1-2-9 – Wawarsing 97 acres



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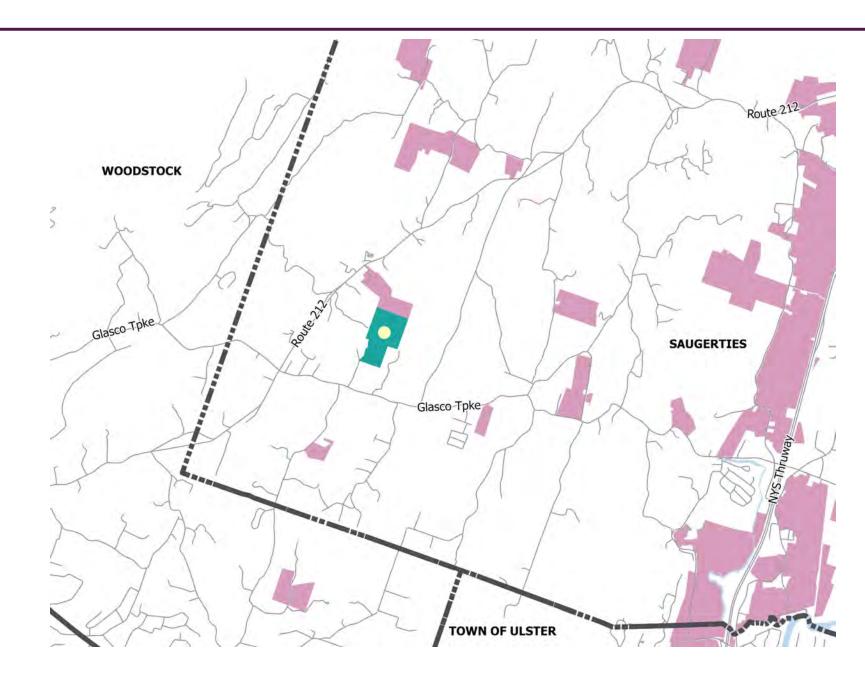




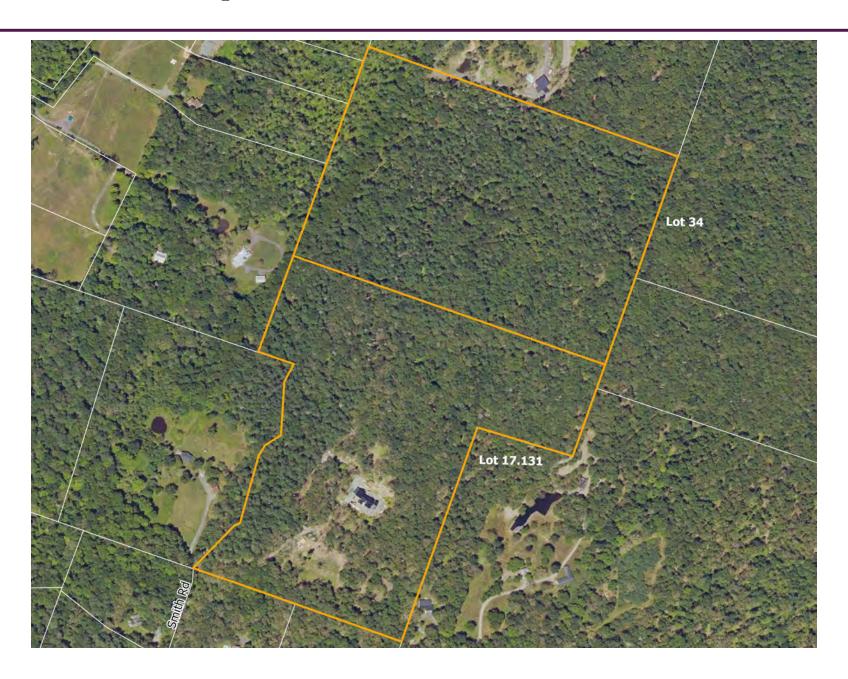






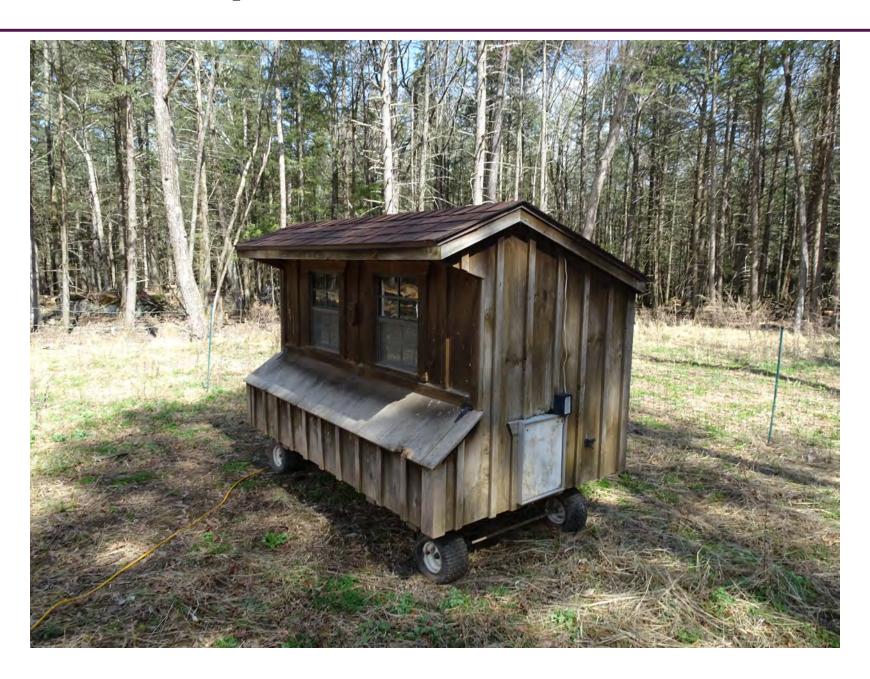


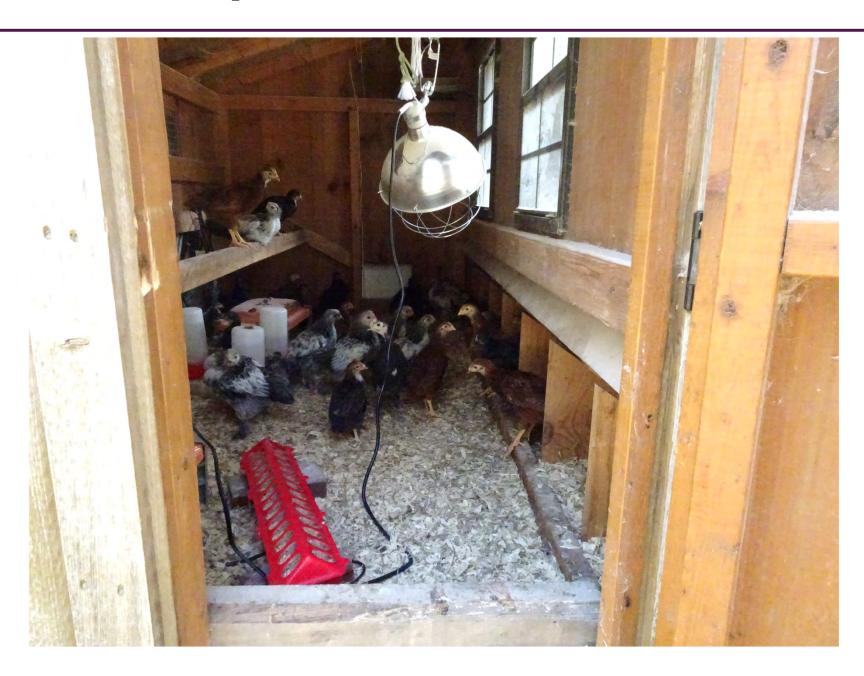




- Forest-raised pigs
- Chickens for egg production (new)
- Mushrooms (planned)
- Apiary (planned)



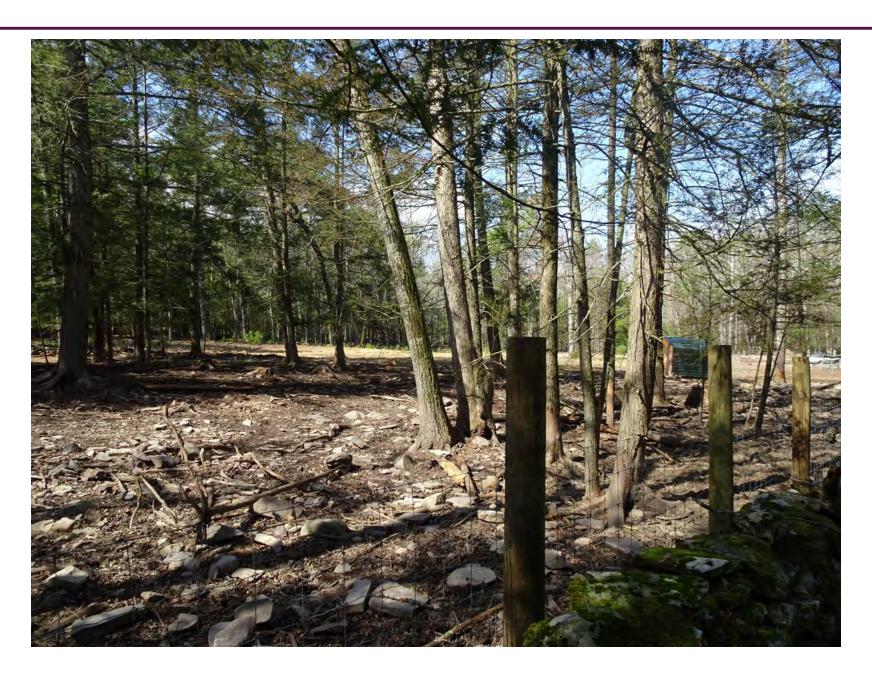






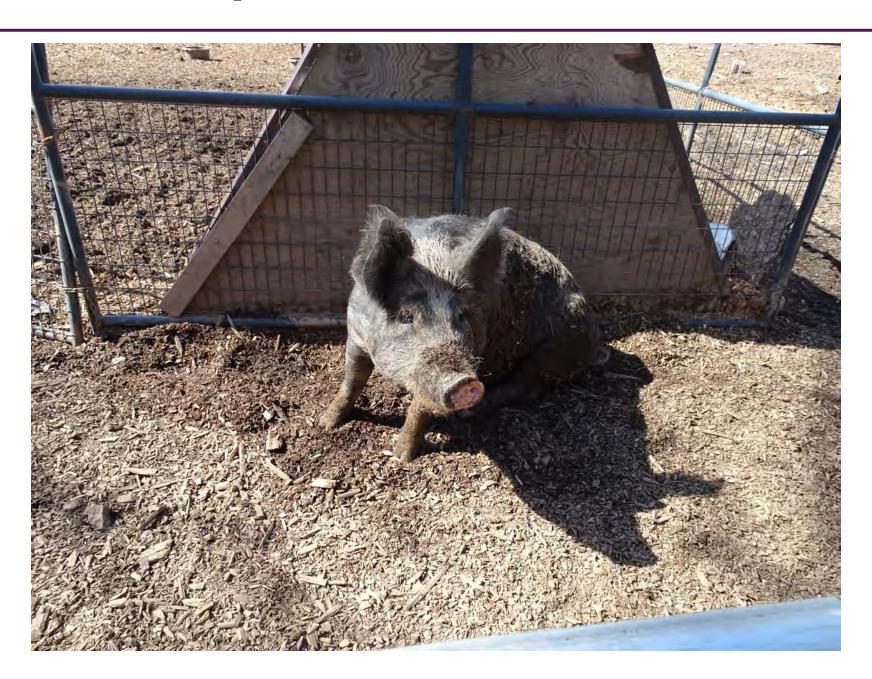






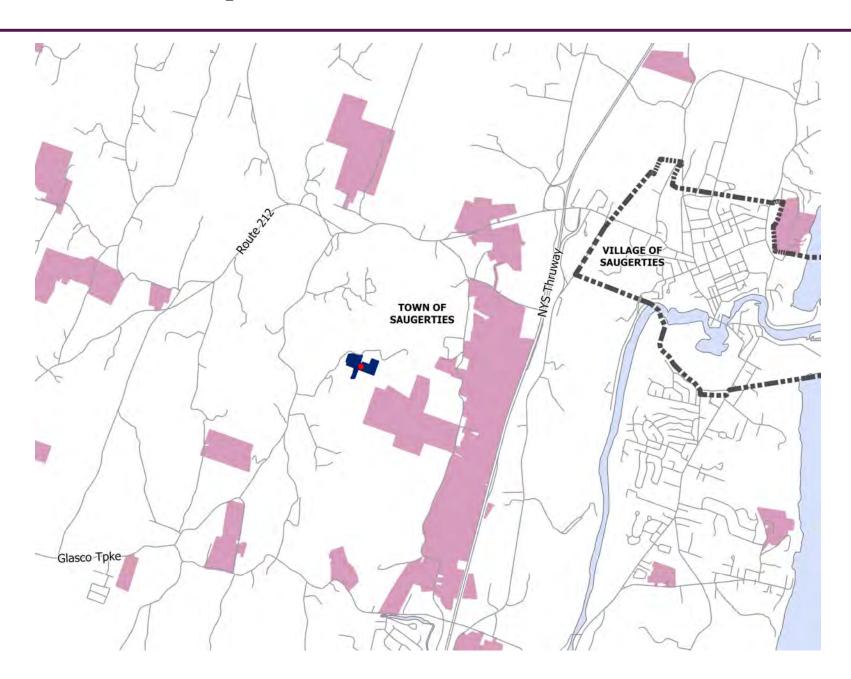








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 - Livestock and animal specialties allowed by right
 - Crops including roadside farm stands allowed by right, but not including horticulture specialties
 - Horticulture specialties require site plan review
- Prime and Important Soils
 - AcB Arnot channery silt loam







Relationship with 100 Miles North (environmental design firm)

- Permaculture (planned)
- Silvopasture (planned)

Collaboration with **Catskill Fungi**

- Mushrooms
 - Environmental conditions besides tree cover:
 - Polyspores
 - Natural Spring
 - Possible Seepage Spring or Woodland Seep
 - Hair Cap Moss growing directly on the ground (particular area of property)











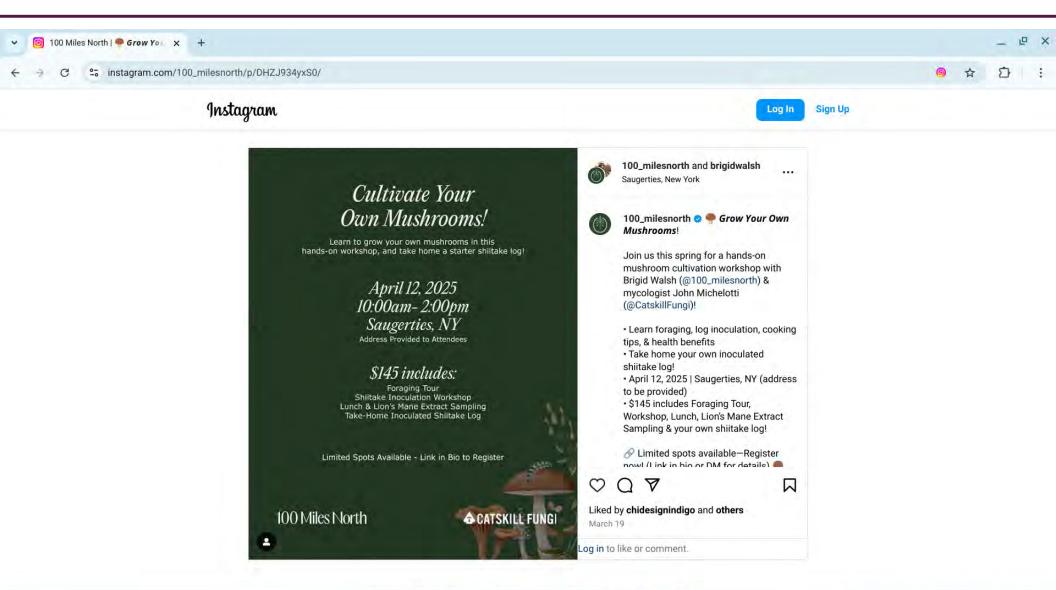


Photograph of Polypores to show environmental conditions











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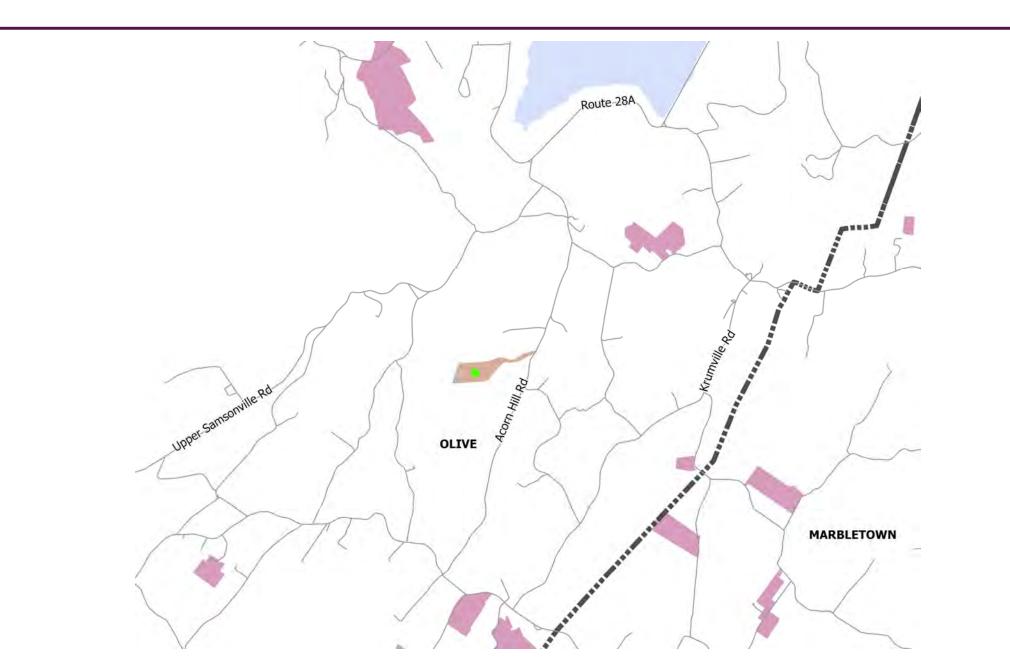






Himberger – Town of Saugerties 4 parcels – 13 acres

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Elmendorf Acres

- Maple sap
- Garlic (planned)
- https://www.youtube.com/@ElmendorfAcres















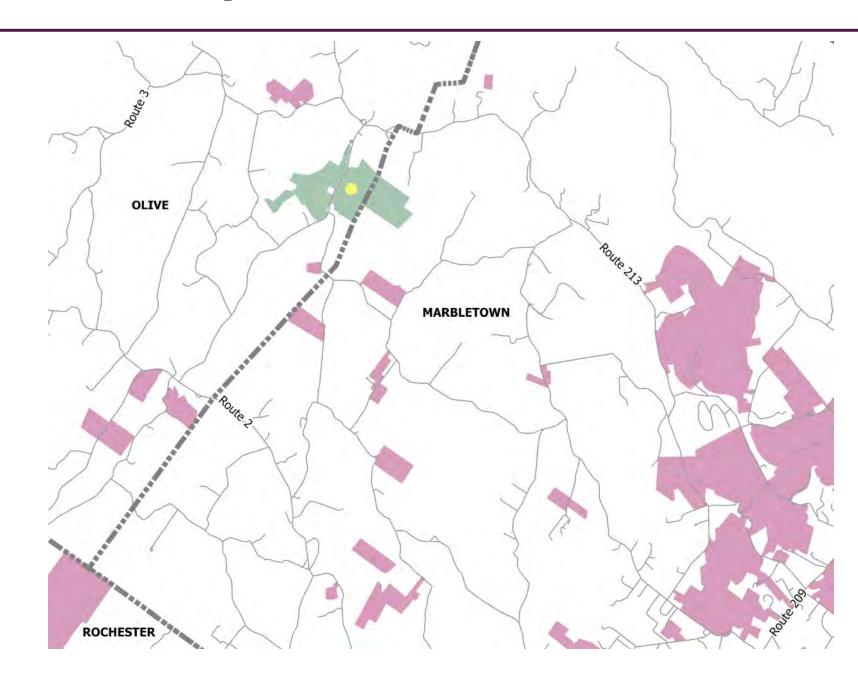


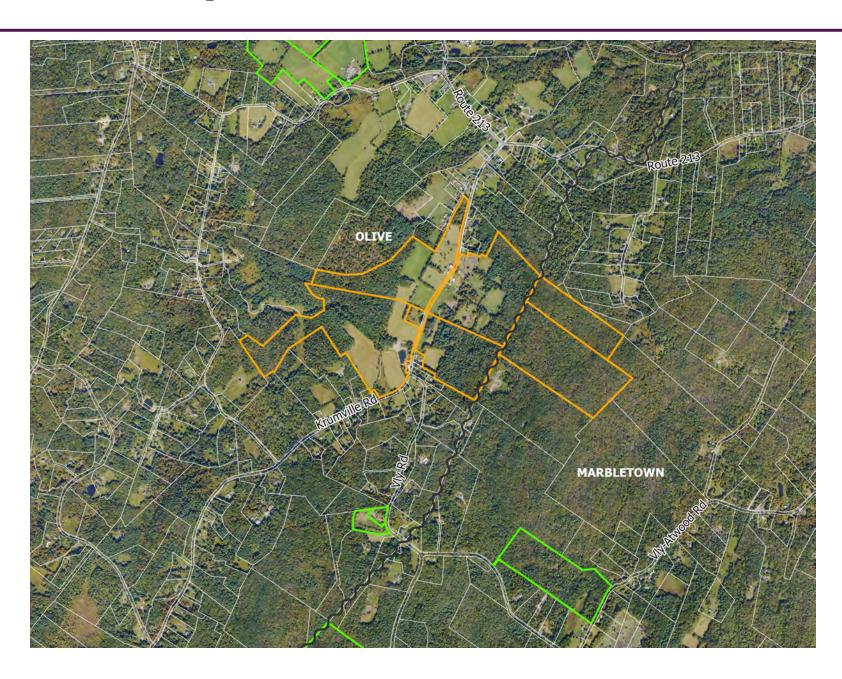
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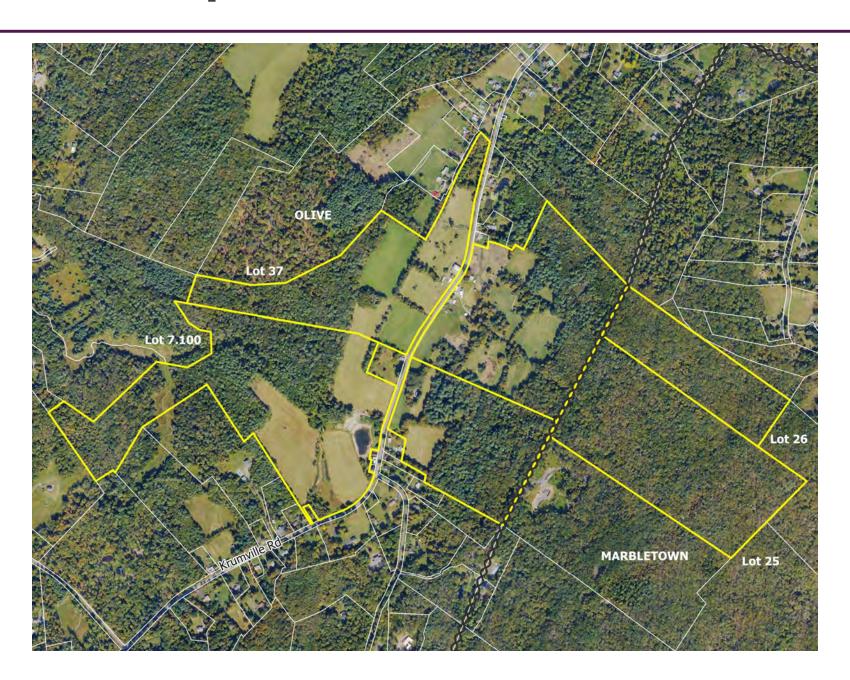


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- RR-3A -- Residential Rural Zoning District
 - Farms are permitted principal uses
- Prime and Important Soils
 - OIC Oquaga and Lordstown channery silt loam
- Hamlet of Olivebridge







Ingram Family Farm

"We are a small family run farm offering beef, pork, chicken, pastured eggs from happy hens, and seasonal vegetables on our farm stand."

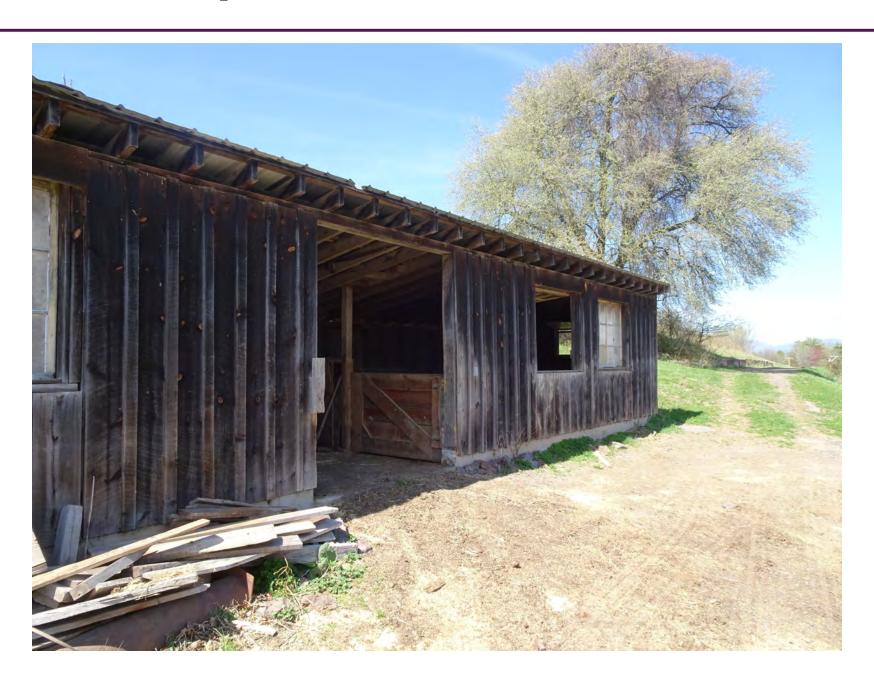
- Intro from Facebook page
- Haying multiple hayfields in production
- Additionally, raise horses and collect maple sap
- Affiliation with <u>Hudson Valley Draft Horse Association</u>















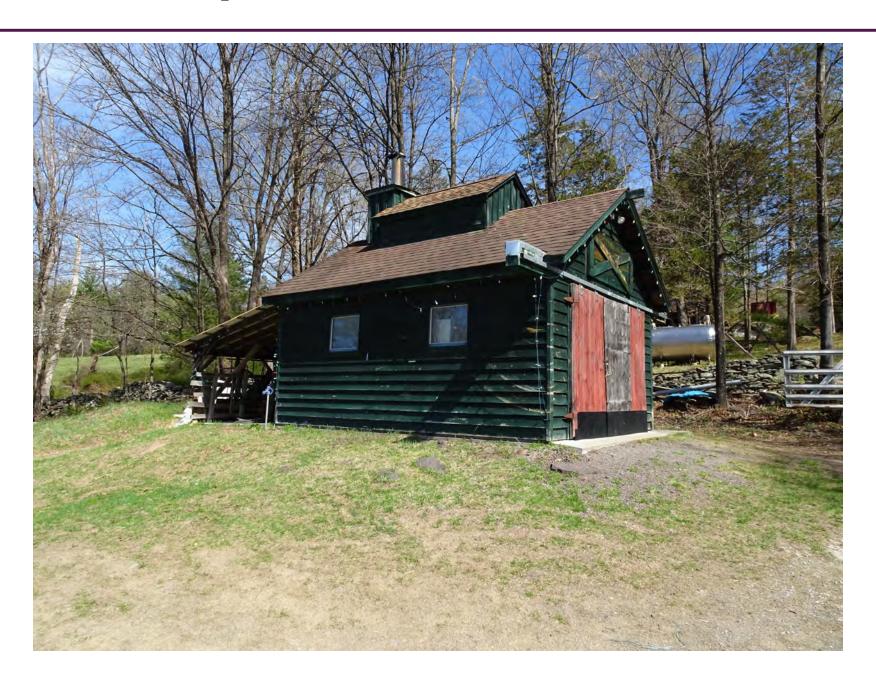


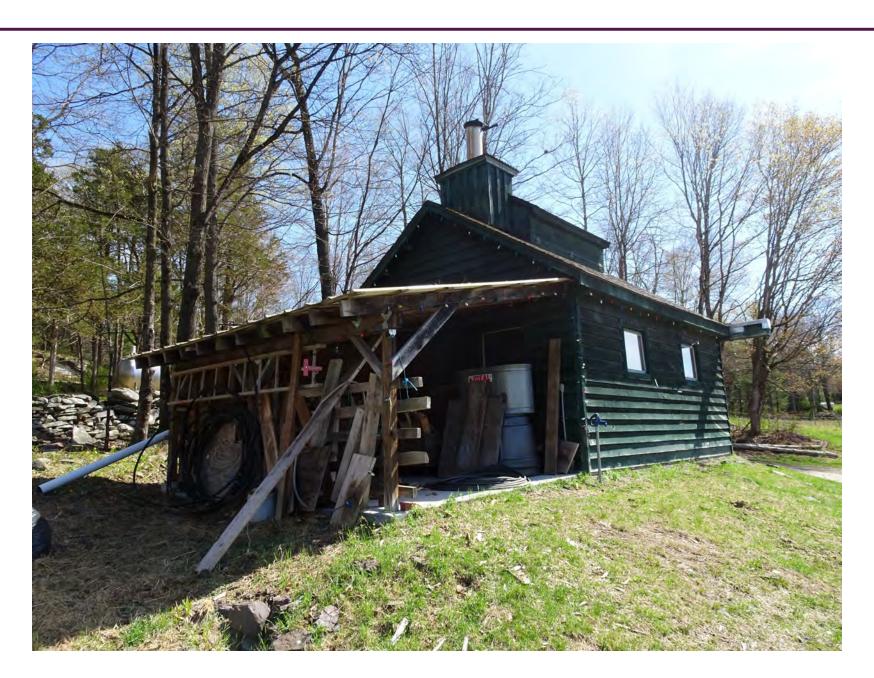










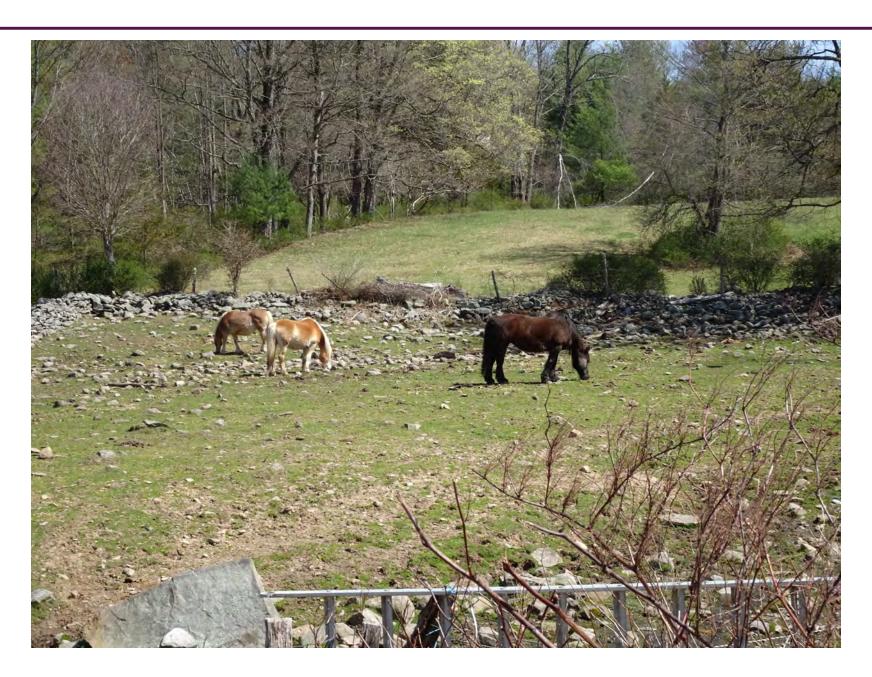








Pasture on Lot 37





Hayfield on Lot 7.100



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- RE-1A -- Residential Exurban Zoning District (Olive)
 - Farms are permitted principal uses
- A-3 -- Agricultural-3 Zoning District (Marbletown)
 - Crop and animal production are permitted uses upon zoning permit and plot plan approval from code enforcement officer
 - Commercial poultry and egg production requires a special permit from the town planning board
 - § 200-38. Agriculture (supplementary regulations)
- Receives agricultural tax assessment in both towns
- Prime and Important Soils
 - BgC Bath gravelly silt loam
 - LnB Lordstown channery silt loam
 - MdB Mardin gravelly silt loam
 - OdA Odessa silt loam
- Hamlet of Olivebridge

RECOMMENDATION?