

Fulton County, New York

Agricultural Development and Farmland Protection Plan

I - Introduction

In September of 2000, the Fulton County Board of Supervisors submitted an application to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets requesting a \$40,000 State grant to pay for 50% of the projected cost to prepare an Agricultural Plan for Fulton County.

In November 2000, Fulton County was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the New York State Department of Agriculture to prepare this Plan.

In December of 2000, Fulton County distributed a Request for Proposal to various firms seeking cost proposals to prepare the Agricultural Plan. Three (3) proposals were received. On March 12, 2001, the Fulton County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #93 awarding a contract to Shepstone Management Company of Honesdale, Pennsylvania to prepare an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan for Fulton County.

Over the past fifteen (15) months, Shepstone Management Company has been working with Fulton County's agricultural community, governmental agencies, elected officials, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, and others to prepare this Agricultural Plan. This Plan is an expression of the communities' beliefs on how to strengthen the role of agriculture in Fulton County's economy.

Special recognition goes to the members of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors for their foresight in having an Agricultural Plan prepared. The following is a list of those members of the 2002 Fulton County Board of Supervisors:

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The preparation of the Plan would not have been possible without the input, guidance and direction provided by Fulton County's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board whose members are listed below:

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