

Town of Canandaigua

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Farmland Owner
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Re: Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program and application information for Town of
Canandaigua Farmers and Landowners

Dear Landowner,

As you are likely aware, the Town of Canandaigua has a strong appreciation for the promotion and protection of agriculture in our community. The Town has worked very closely with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (Ag & Markets) to adopt a Town of Canandaigua Agricultural Enhancement Plan and has formed an Agricultural Advisory Committee. The Town also recently adopted an Open Space, Conservation and Scenic Views Master Plan and has worked tirelessly to permanently protect thousands of acres of farmland and open spaces across the Town.

In preparation for Ag & Markets' 2020 Farmland Protection Implementation Grant Program, the Town is pleased to once again announce the opening of the grant application window for those interested in considering a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) conservation easement for their farmland.

As in the past, the Town of Canandaigua will be working together with interested property owners this year to prepare application packages for submission to Ag & Markets next year. The Town's application window opens on May 1, 2019 and closes on July 31, 2019.

We would like to invite you to consider applying for a PDR through the Town. Please see the enclosed PDR Fact Sheet and PDR Application for more information about this program. If you have any questions about the program, your eligibility to apply, or the application process, please contact Sarah Reynolds at SReynolds@TownOfCanandaigua.org or 585-394-1120 x2232. You may also contact me directly at DFinch@TownOfCanandaigua.org or 585-394-1120 x2234.

Sincerely,

Doug Finch, Town Manager
Town of Canandaigua