

Agriculture Enhancement Plan Town of Canandaigua

Agriculture Team Meeting
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Key Project Components

- Priority agricultural areas
- Development pressure
- Economic/ fiscal conditions
- Environmental Protection/
Open Space



Priority Agricultural Areas

- Delineate conservation areas
 - Productive farmland
 - Greenway/ other conservation goals
 - Protected land
- Evaluate/ rate individual parcels and farms
 - Soil capability
 - Natural resource buffer
 - Development pressure
 - Other?
- Potential strategies
 - Zoning (incentive zoning/ TDR), cluster
 - Manage infrastructure extensions
 - PDR/ conservation easements



Development Pressure

- Document development trends and potential
 - Recent and proposed development projects
 - Sewer/ water extension areas
- Evaluate zoning
 - Provisions that may constrain farm practices or limit economic opportunities
 - Effectiveness of existing incentive zoning/ conservation subdivision regulations
- Build-out Analysis
- Potential strategies
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Economic/ Fiscal Conditions

- Markets, distribution, processing, services
 - Existing resources/ gaps
 - Partners
- Fiscal impacts
 - Tax revenue
 - Exemptions
 - Cost of services
- Land values/ Value of development rights
- Potential strategies
 - Agricultural support projects
 - Partner with County, State economic development agencies
 - Zoning changes



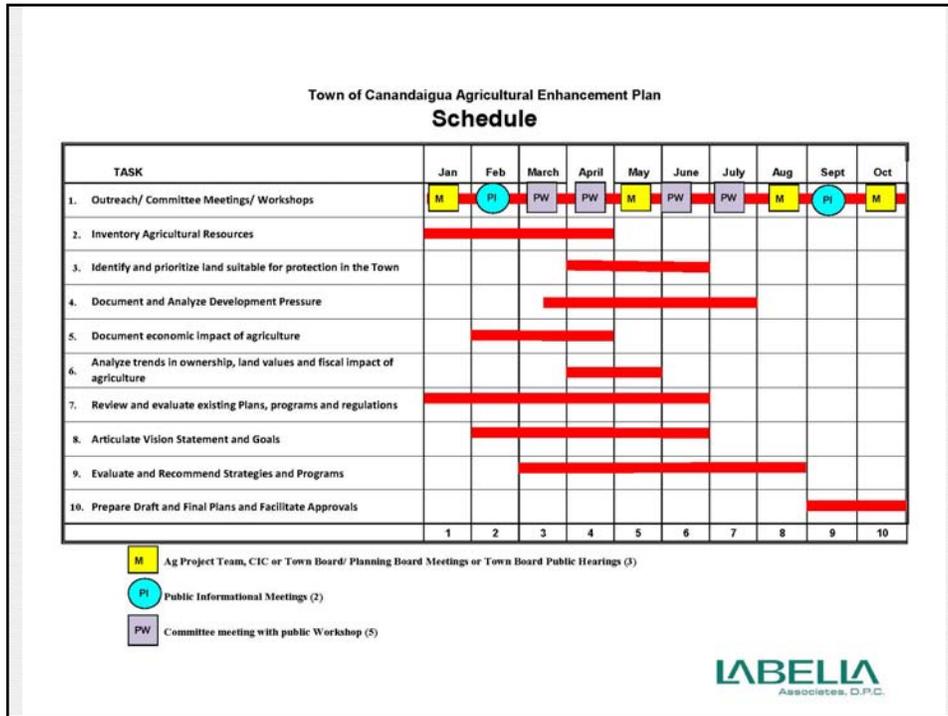
Environmental Protection/ Open Space

- Integrate farmland into Natural Resource Inventory
 - Coordinate with Natural Resource Inventory Team
 - Document benefits of agriculture to environmental protection
- Support Best Management Practices to protect water quality
 - Partner with Soil & Water Conservation District
- Acknowledge scenic/ open space benefits of farmland



Farmer/ Stakeholder Involvement

- Survey
 - Mail to landowners
 - Return via mail or online
- Public informational meetings
 - Initial meeting
 - Meeting to present draft Plan
- Public workshops
 - Invited experts/ resource people
 - Address key topics/ Coordinate
- Interviews
 - Agency reps and farmers
 - Who are key stakeholders?



Ag Team Issues and Priorities

- What do you hope to achieve with the Ag Enhancement Plan?
- What are the high priority issues?
- Are any approaches or strategies “off the table?”

