

## Farmland Protection Program Grant Recipients

### Western New York

#### **Town of Amherst (Erie County)..... \$549,708**

The Town will partner with the Western New York Land Conservancy to protect Monkelbaan Farm, founded in 1946, a 72-acre property leased to farmer for crop production. The farm has 79 percent prime and 20 percent statewide important soils, adjoins a contiguous block of ten protected farms, and has 500 feet of frontage along Ransom Creek. The Town will contribute \$175,428 towards this project.

#### **Town of Fayette (Seneca County)..... \$451,808**

The Town will protect Martin Farm, founded in 1991, a 261-acre dairy operation with 40 percent prime and 60 percent statewide important soils, as well as 1,800 feet of frontage along a tributary into Seneca Lake. The landowners are highly motivated to permanently protect their property as development pressure forced them to move away from the Lebanon-Lancaster area of Pennsylvania.

#### **Town of Macedon (Wayne County)..... \$367,212**

The Town will protect the Jordan/Nolan property, in operation since the late 1970s, a 194-acre property leased to a local cash crop operation, which grows corn and soybeans. The property is made up of 82 percent prime and 17 percent statewide important soils and it has 1,500 feet of frontage along a tributary into Red Creek. The protection of this farmland will help ensure sustainability of a 1,200-acre farm operation that leases it.

#### **Town of Ontario (Wayne County)..... \$601,460**

The Town will partner with the Genesee Land Trust to protect Albright Farms, founded in 1843, a 92-acre orchard and row crop operation with 56 percent prime soils and 39 percent statewide important soils. The farm adjoins two other properties protected by this landowner, and adjoins a protected old growth forest that is one of the three most important privately owned old growth forests in New York outside of the Adirondacks.

#### **Town of Walworth (Wayne County)..... \$408,155**

The Town will protect DeMinck Farms, founded in 1941, a 235-acre dairy operation with 73 percent prime and 11 percent statewide important soils, as well as 2,000 feet of frontage along a tributary to Bear Creek. Once the land is protected, the landowners plan to work with Wayne County to find suitable buyer, preferably a beginning farmer.

#### **\*Town of Williamson (Wayne County).....\$420,507**

The Town will partner with the Genesee Land Trust to protect Mason Farms, founded in 1810, a 250-acre fruit and vegetable farm with 58 percent prime soils, as well as 9,000 feet of frontage along Salmon Creek.

#### **Livingston County..... \$2,287,152**

The County will partner with the Genesee Valley Conservancy to protect two farms. Sunny Knoll Farm, founded in 1977, is a 469-acre cash crop farm with 92 percent prime and 6 percent statewide important soils. The farm also has a grain mill that cleans and bags soy beans and red kidney beans. Triple H Farms, founded in 1959, is a 1,178-acre grain and vegetable co-op operation with 95 percent prime soils. The farm is adjacent to two protected properties and has more than three miles of frontage along the Genesee River, another mile of frontage along Beards Creek, and it adjoins Fall Brook, an easement protected property containing a gorge and waterfall that is listed as one of 600 National Natural Landmarks by the National Park Service.

#### **Yates County ..... \$1,886,209**

The County will partner with Finger Lakes Land Trust to protect two farms. Gillette Farm, founded in 1922, is 233-acre cash crop, growing corn, wheat and grapes on 96 percent statewide important soils with one-of-a-kind views of Keuka, Seneca and Cayuga Lakes. Wilson Farms, founded in 1983 is a 159-acre property leased to cash crop farm that grows corn, soybeans, wheat and oats, and is being transitioned to organic. The

farm has 37 percent prime and 60 percent statewide important soils and extensive views of Seneca Lake, which is only a quarter of a mile away.

**Central New York**

**Town of Dryden (Tompkins County) ..... \$451,808**

The Town will protect Wideawake Dairy, founded in 1924, a 374-acre dairy farm with 77 percent statewide important soils and frontage along Virgil Creek, a trout stream.

**Town of Ithaca (Tompkins County) ..... \$205,224**

The Town will protect Indian Creek Farm, founded in 1998, a 42-acre u-pick fruit and vegetable farm with a nursery and cider press. The farm has 18 percent prime and 65 percent statewide important soils, adjoins a deed-restricted winery and has 1,900 feet of forested riparian corridor along Indian Creek. The Town will contribute \$66,708 toward this project.

**Cayuga County ..... \$2,322,152**

The County will partner with the New York Agricultural Land Trust to protect two farms. Green Valley Farms, founded in 1985, is a 760-acre cash crop operation with a soybean roasting enterprise that has 88 percent prime and 10 percent statewide important soils. The farm adjoins two previously protected farms and another farm under contract to be protected, as well as having 11,000 feet of stream frontage. Allen Farms (South), founded in the mid-1800s, is a 527-acre dairy operation with 84 percent prime soils and the majority of which lies within the upper Yawger Creek watershed. The farm has an additional 780 acres under contract to be protected.

**Onondaga County ..... \$2,322,152**

The County will partner with the New York Agricultural Land Trust to protect two farms. Burgett Farms is a 194-acre dairy operation with 87 percent prime soils and 1,500 feet along a tributary into the West Branch Tioughnioga River. Hourigan Farms is a 1,258-acre dairy operation with 51 percent prime and 31 percent statewide important soils with a mile of frontage along West Branch Carpenter’s Brook. The Landowners will donate a perpetual conservation easement on 392 acres of this farm and also own 946 acres, which they previously protected by perpetual conservation easements.

**\*Schuyler County.....\$440,700**

The County will partner with the Finger Lakes Land Trust to protect Argetsinger Farm, founded in 1883, a 70-acre vineyard with 30 percent prime and 16 percent statewide important soils, as well as frontage along Tug Hollow Creek.

**Eastern New York**

**\*Town of Hoosick (Rensselaer County) ..... \$222,716**

The Town will partner with the Agricultural Stewardship Association to protect Philpott Farm, a 156-acre farm that produces hay for local dairy and horse operations with 56 percent prime and 16 percent statewide important soils, and half a mile of frontage along the Hoosic River. Once this project is completed, a block of nearly 1,500 acres of farmland will be permanently protected. The Agricultural Stewardship Association will contribute \$10,000 towards this project.

**Town of Kingsbury (Washington County).....\$470,211**

The Town will partner with the Agricultural Stewardship Association to protect Deep Roots Holsteins Farm, founded in 1998, a 343-acre dairy farm with a roadside stand that offers sweet corn, pumpkins, cornstalks and gourds. The farm has 15 percent prime and 60 percent statewide important soils, and 6,000 feet of frontage along three branches of an unnamed creek that flows through the farm.

**Town of Saratoga (Saratoga County).....\$2,052,255**

The Town will partner with Saratoga County to protect Hoogeveen Dairy Farm, founded in the late 1800s, a 404-acre dairy operation with 27 percent prime and 32 percent statewide important soils, as well as frontage

along Mill Creek, a tributary into Saratoga Lake. Saratoga County will contribute \$350,000 towards this project.

**Clinton County ..... \$579,270**

The County will partner with the Adirondack Land Trust to protect B&R Dairy. Founded in 1980, it is a 243-acre farm that raises dairy heifers and has 64 percent prime and 34 percent statewide important soils. The farm also adjoins another farm currently under contract to be protected, a portion of the Monty Bay Wildlife Management Area and has some frontage on Lake Champlain.

**Rensselaer County..... \$579,559**

The County will partner with Agricultural Stewardship Association to protect Buckland Farms, founded in 1963, a 436-acre dairy and grain operation that has 29 percent prime and 34 percent statewide important soils. The farm has approximately 9,000 feet of frontage along the Hoosic River and contains a 30-acre wetland conservation easement area. The Agricultural Stewardship Association will contribute \$62,424 towards this project.

**Washington County ..... \$627,502**

The County will partner with Agricultural Stewardship Association to protect Hand Melon Farm, founded in 1908, a 418-acre u-pick fruit and vegetable operation with horse boarding, that has 28 percent prime and 2 percent statewide important soils. The farm has approximately 1.7 miles of frontage along Fryer Brook, a trout stream. The Agricultural Stewardship Association will contribute \$15,000 towards this project.

**Hudson Valley**

**Town of Warwick (Orange County).....\$1,758,143**

The Town will protect Bollenbach Farms, a 224-acre farm that produces hay as specialty horse feed and has 84 percent statewide important soils. The farm adjoins another farm that is in the process of being protected and has frontage along an unnamed tributary into Quaker Creek.

**Dutchess County..... \$1,939,688**

The County will partner with the Dutchess Land Conservancy to protect Fishkill Farms, founded in 1914, a 272-acre u-pick orchard with berries, irrigated vegetables, free range chickens and a retail farm market and greenhouse. The farm has 27 percent prime and 57 percent statewide important soils, as well as more than 2,000 feet of frontage along Wicopee Creek and four rare, calcareous fens on and adjoining the farm. The farm also lies within an area designated for protection under the federal Highlands Conservation Act of 2004, reducing development in the viewshed of the Appalachian Trail, which is only 500 feet from the farm.

**Long Island**

**Town of Southold (Suffolk County)..... \$530,459**

The Town will protect Maaratooka North Farm, founded in 1941, an 18-acre greenhouse and nursery operation with 100 percent prime soils and adjoining two other protected farms. The Town will contribute \$875,000 towards this project.

**Suffolk County..... \$1,703,820**

The County will protect DeLalio Sod Farms, founded around 1970, a 58-acre property leased to a sod farm with 100 percent prime soils. The farm is part of larger block of protected farms that collectively help to buffer a sole-source aquifer. The County will contribute \$2,299,000 towards this project.

**New York State – Total Funding**

**Total Round 12 New York State Farmland Protection Funding..... \$23,177,870**

To help protect 8,940 acres of active farmland on 27 farms in 16 counties across New York State

\* Denotes first time Farmland Protection Award recipient