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Wayne County Ag & Farmland Protection Survey

Seeking Public Input from Farmers, Landowners, Residents

Lyons, NY – April 13, 2023 – Wayne County Planning Department is in the process of updating the County’s Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, which occurs on a 10-year cycle. The plan is meant to engage farmers, landowners, governmental and organizational partners, as well as the general public in bringing the community together to build support for agricultural prosperity. The surveys encourage input from anyone who wants to share their views on the future of our local farms. There are two surveys to guide the updates the County Plan. One is a survey of farmers and farmland owners that will gather information about the challenges faced by farmers and identify ways that Wayne County can better support farming and agriculture-related businesses. The second is a public survey that will help Wayne County understand residents’ concerns and priorities when protecting farmland, maintaining rural character and encouraging farm-based businesses. Both surveys are available until the end of the month at <https://www.waynecountyagplan.com>.

Wayne County is home to almost 160,000 acres of agricultural land that is used by a wide variety of local farming operations. Ora Rothfuss, Agricultural Development Specialist for Wayne County Economic Development and Planning is managing the plan update. “Our county has a vibrant farming community,” Rothfuss stated. “These surveys will help us accurately portray the needs and desires of our residents and businesses.” For more information on Agricultural Development programs and opportunities in the county please contact the office at 315-946-5919.



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