COUNTY TIME FRAME FOR DISTRICT REVIEW
(Revised To Incorporate 2016 Amendments)

References:  
NYSDAM – NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets  
CLB – County Legislative Body  
AFPB – Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board  
ACA – Advisory Council on Agriculture

* Statutorily imposed deadline, but may occur before this date

Upon receipt of NYSDAM’s 300 day Notice, CLB prepares a review schedule including a date for public hearing.

Commence the 30 day public comment period by publication and posting of notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed district, in five conspicuous places within such district, by first class mail to affected municipalities, and on the county’s website homepage.

Plan is submitted to AFPB, who prepares written recommendations to CLB on potential effects of district and proposed modifications pursuant to Section 303-a(2).

Preparation and mailing of public hearing notice, and subsequent holding of public hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation within the proposed district, posted on the county’s website homepage, and by first class mail to affected municipalities, property owners subject to proposed modifications in the district, and the Commissioner.

Determination by CLB after considering all reports and recommendations by AFPB & from public to either continue district unchanged, with modification or to terminate at end of the 8 year review period. Notice of termination is to be filed with the county clerk and the Commissioner. CLB determination to continue or modify is to be submitted to the Commissioner along with district description that must include tax map I.D. #’s for all parcels within district with a map showing boundaries in relation to tax parcels. Determination must be completed on or before district anniversary date.
NYSDAM receives county adopted plan and determines completeness by determining that the area within the district is predominantly viable agricultural land and that the district, as proposed, is feasible and will assist in maintaining a viable agricultural industry. A copy of the district plan is submitted to ACA for review.

ACA is given 30 days to review the county adopted plan. After 30 days has passed, the Commissioner prepares a final letter of certification. Upon certification, the district is effective immediately.