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# County of Schenectady

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## **SCHENECTADY COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

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**Monday, April 1, 2024**

Public Hearing - 7:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Public Hearing Called to Order.
2. Roll Call
3. Reading of the Public Hearing Notice by the Clerk:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law of the State of New York, that one or more requests for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land within a certified agricultural district have been filed with the Schenectady County Legislature. A public hearing is hereby called, on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, in the County Office Building, 620 State Street, 6th Floor, Schenectady, NY 12305, for the purpose of hearing all interested persons on the recommendations of the Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board regarding applications to include certain parcels in the Schenectady County Agricultural District.

4. Appearance by the Public
5. Adjournment

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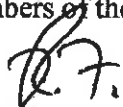
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**To:** Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Legislature

**From:** Rory Fluman, County Manager 

**CC:** Geoffrey T. Hall, Clerk of the Legislature  
Alissa Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Ray Gillen, Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning  
Stephen Feeney, Planner

**Date:** March 1, 2024

**Re:** Call for a Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Agricultural Districts

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Attached is a memorandum from Ray Gillen, Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning, and Stephen Feeney, Planner, requesting a call for a public hearing on four proposed applications, one in the Town of Glenville and three in the Town of Duanesburg.

The sole application in the Town of Glenville involves one 10-acre parcel on which the owner operates a small poultry and egg farm.

The first application in the Town of Duanesburg involves three parcels totaling 59-acres where the Saddlemire Family Farm raises beef cattle, chickens, and hogs. The second application in the town involves one 5-acre parcel where Greentea Properties, LLC grows medicinal herbs. The third application involves two parcels totaling 29.73 acres of land that the owner intends to farm next year.

The County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board has already reviewed the requests and recommended the lands' inclusion in the County's Agricultural District. Before these can be included, the County Legislature must set a public hearing in accordance with NYS Agricultural and Markets Law.

I recommend your approval.



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**Ray Gillen**  
*Commissioner*

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# Memo

**TO:** Rory Fluman  
**FROM:** Ray Gillen & Stephen Feeney  
**RE:** Annual 30-Day Agricultural District Review  
**DATE:** February 12, 2024

The County received four applications in 2023 under the annual 30-day review period (which takes place in December) for inclusion in the Schenectady County Agricultural District. There are three applications with property located in the Town of Duanesburg (Jennings, Perry, & Silva) and one application in Glenville (Davila). Attached is a summary report of the parcels from the County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

In Glenville, Christine Davilla owns one 10-acre parcel. She operates a small poultry/egg farm.

In Duanesburg, Gregory and Jacqueline Jennings own three parcels totaling 59 acres where they have beef cattle, chickens, and hogs. (Saddlemire Family Farm). The Perry application includes one 5-acre parcel where he grows medicinal herbs (Greentea Properties, LLC). The Silva application includes two agricultural parcels totaling 29.73 acres of land that is not currently actively farmed. He intends to start farming the property next year.

Attached is a location map for the applications and individual maps of the three properties in question.

The County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) reviewed the requests and recommended inclusion of the parcels in the County Agricultural District.

In accordance with NYS Agricultural and Markets Law, after receiving the recommendation of the AFPB, the County Legislature must hold a public hearing on the proposed Agricultural District. We are requesting that the Legislature set a public hearing to consider the recommendation from the AFPB to include the four applications (seven parcels) in the district.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Schenectady County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board  
Annual Thirty-day Review Applications (December 2023)**

Below is a chart showing the parcels associated with the four applications received in 2023 under the annual 30-day review period for inclusion in the Schenectady County Agricultural District.

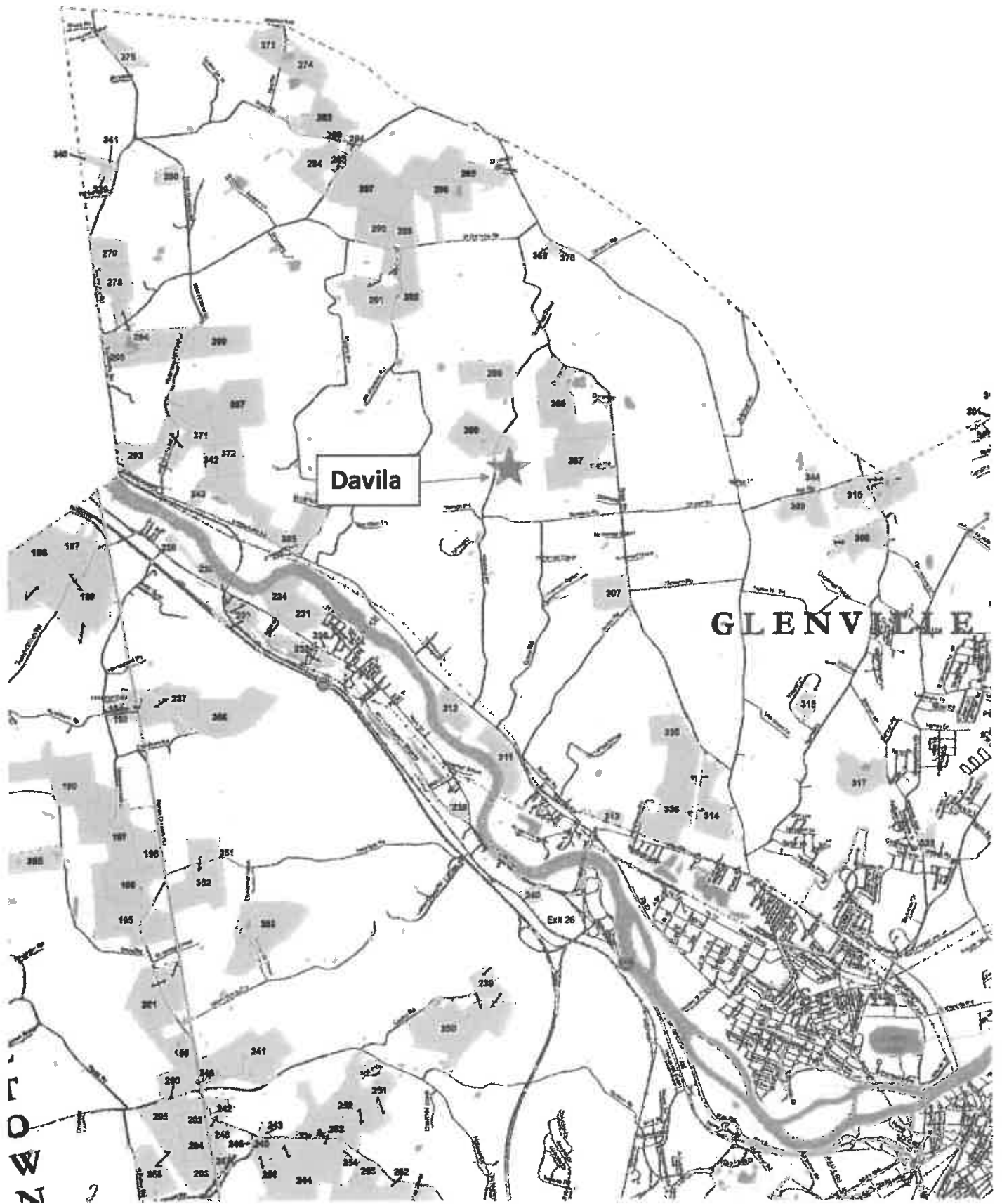
In Glenville, the Davila application involves one parcel totaling 10 acres where she operates a small poultry/egg farm.

In Duaneburg, the Jennings application includes three parcels totaling 59 acres where they intend to have beef cattle, chickens, and hogs. (Saddlemire Family Farm). The Perry application includes one 5-acre parcel where he grows medicinal herbs (Greentea Properties, LLC). The Silva application includes two agricultural parcels totaling 29.73 acres of land that is not currently actively farmed. He intends to start farming the property next year.

**Table 1. Schenectady Agricultural District 2023 Applications**

TOWN	TAX ID #	NAME LAST	NAME FIRST	STATUS	ACRES OWNED	ACRES RENTED
Glenville	7.-2-4	Davila	Christine	Farmer	10	0
Duaneburg	74.00-1-10, 74.00-1- 11.11, 74.00- 1-11.2	Jennings	Gregory & Jacqueline	Farmer	58.77	0
Duaneburg	55.00-4-30	Perry	Wayne	Farmer	5	0
Duaneburg	75.12-2- 10.12, 75.12- 2-11	Silva	Walter	Non- Farmer	29.73	0

The County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board recommended inclusion of the parcels in the County Agricultural District.





**Parcel# 7.-2-4**  
**Town of Glenville- 2226 Washout Rd**

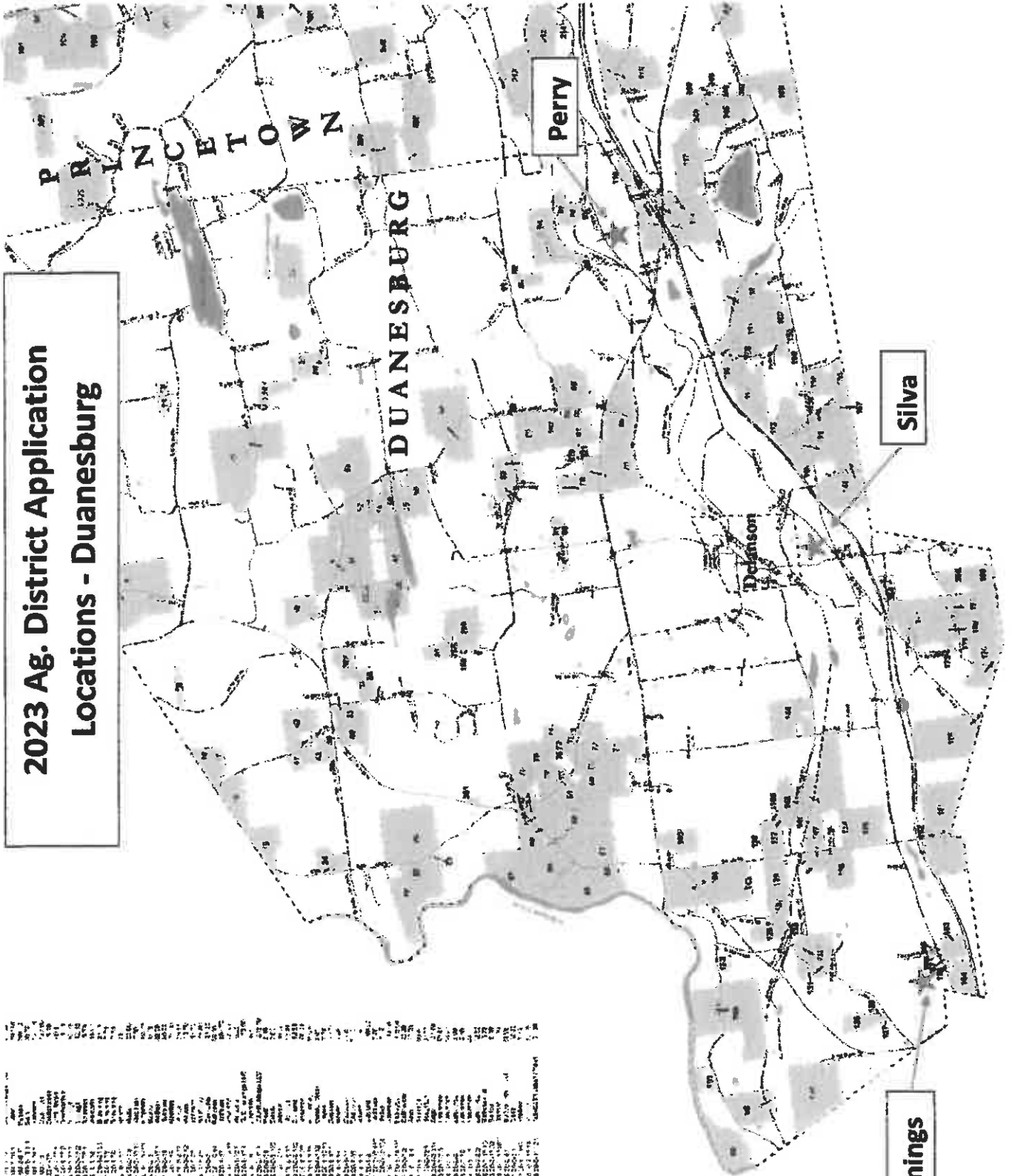
-  **New Agricultural District Parcels**
-  **Existing Agricultural District Parcels**



**Parcel# 55.00-4-30**  
**Town of Duaneburg- 1441 Van Patten Rd**

-  **New Agricultural District Parcels**
-  **Existing Agricultural District Parcels**

2023 Ag. District Application  
Locations - Duanesburg





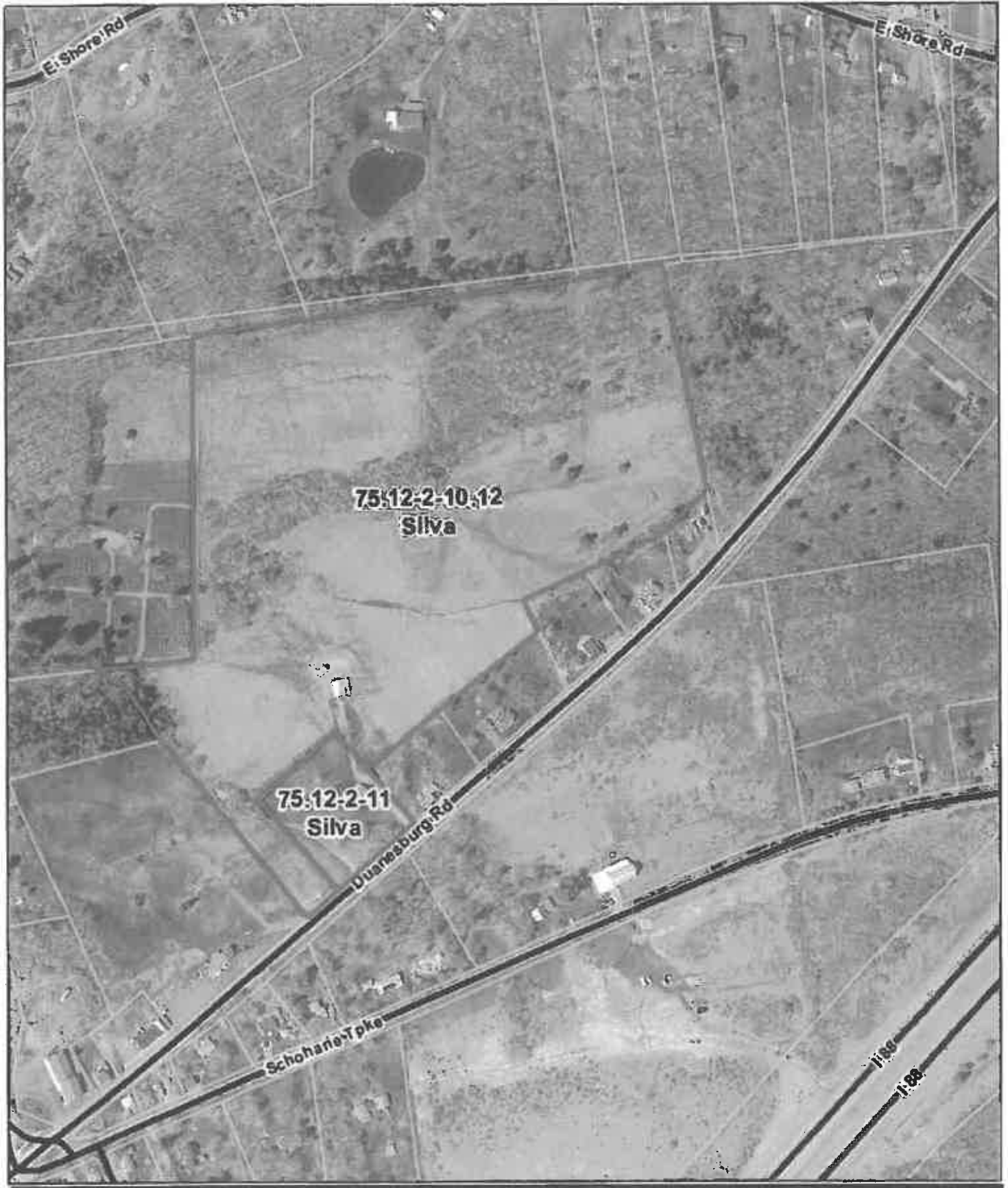


**Parcel# 74.00-1-10, 74.00-1-11.11 & 74.00-1-11.2  
Town of Duanesburg- 14526 Duanesburg Rd**



**New Agricultural District Parcels**

**Existing Agricultural District Parcels**



**Parcel# 75.12-2-10.12 & 75.12-2-11  
Town of Duaneburg- 9928 Duaneburg Rd**

-  **New Agricultural District Parcels**
-  **Existing Agricultural District Parcels**