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**NYS Announces Funding from Agriculture and Markets for Farmland Protection Projects**

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has announced the availability of funding for farmland protection grants. Preliminary applications to the Ulster County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) from individual farmers must be received by Friday, July 18, 2008 no later than 4:00pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County located at 10 Westbrook Lane in Kingston, NY 12401 (please send to the attention of AFPB).

Applications can be downloaded online at:  
<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/ulster/Agriculture/Agriculture.htm> or requested by calling Teresa Rusinek at 845-340-3990. Municipal proposals must be endorsed by the Ulster County AFPB. Draft proposals for endorsement by the AFPB should be submitted by September 3, 2008 no later than 4:00pm. Municipalities considering a municipal farmland protection program should contact Dennis Doyle at Ulster County Planning by calling 845-340-3340.

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