

KATHY HOCHUL Governor RICHARD A. BALL Commissioner

July 22, 2022

Supervisor Doug Bowen Town of Ripley 14 North State Street Ripley, NY 14775

Supervisor Bowen,

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Agriculture and Markets has awarded the Town of Ripley \$25,000 to develop an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

Before state funds can be provided, a contract between the Department and the Town of Ripley must be approved. To initiate the contract process, please return the enclosed forms that have been sent to Justin Steinbach, principal contact for this grant.

Jeff Kehoe within the Agricultural Protection Unit will be your principal contact for both contract and plan development information. He may be reached by phone at 518-457-4626, or by email at ieffrey.kehoe@agriculture.ny.gov.

The Department looks forward to working with you in developing a successful Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.

Sincerely

Richard A. Ball Commissioner

CC:

Steve Kimball, Chair, Chautauqua County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board Mark Geise, Planner, Chautauqua County Planning Agency Emily Reynolds, Executive Director, Chautauqua County Cooperative Extension District Manager, Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District