

# What's in a Soil Group Worksheet (Agricultural Tax Assessment)?

## How Conservation Districts Help:

Soil and Water Conservation Districts are charters of the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. It is our job to work with everyone from individual farmers to federal organizations to implement projects concerning natural resource concerns and agronomic practices. Although the tools used to construct a SGW are all public information, due to the sensitive nature of the report New York State law mandates that Districts provide this service to its local landowners.

## How do we Assemble Soil Group Worksheets?

To begin, first we identify and outline the entire tax parcel. If it's a new parcel or has been recently merged or split, then we obtain the updated parcel map and information from the county's Real Property office.

Once the parcel's boundaries are known, we outline the different land uses into two or three categories: Agricultural Land, Farm Woodland and Non Agricultural Land. If you own and farm the parcel, you'll receive partial credit for the Farm Woodland in the exemption. If you rent the farmland out to someone, the Woodland is categorized as Non Ag Land, and you will not receive an agricultural adjustment for these areas. *"For exact definitions of land use types, please see the back of ADP-1 form".*

After the land use types are defined, we find out which types of soils are in the Agricultural Land and calculate the acreages for each soil type and group them together on the Soil Group Worksheet form (ADP-1).

This is what the assessor uses to adjust your taxes based upon the property's soil types.

## What We Need From You:

In addition to your basic contact information (Name, mailing address, and phone number, email), a few pieces of information about your parcel is needed. This information can be found on your Tax Bill, the letter from your assessor or online.

- TaxParcel ID Number:  
(ex 62115-00-123456)
- Tax Parcel Address
- Tax Parcel Acreage

## Other Property Questions

- Estimated acreage of woods, including hedgerows, drainage areas and riparian buffers.
- Number and types of buildings.
- Do you farm the land yourself or rent it out?
- Recent changes to the property; such as clearing of woods, merges/splits with other parcels, or change of ownership.

**WAYNE COUNTY, NY**  
**TOWN OF LYONS**  
Please make checks payable to:  
Town of Lyons  
43 Phelps Street  
Lyons, NY 14489  
946-6252 x10

**WAYNE COUNTY, NY**  
**TAXES DUE IN JANUARY 2018**  
Fiscal Year: 01/01/2018 - 12/31/2018  
Warrant Date: 12/31/2017  
SWIS Code: 542800  
Location: ROUTE 31  
Prop Class: 652  
Roll Sect 8  
State Aid: CNTY 23,104,338 TOWN 19,940  
Size: 134.02

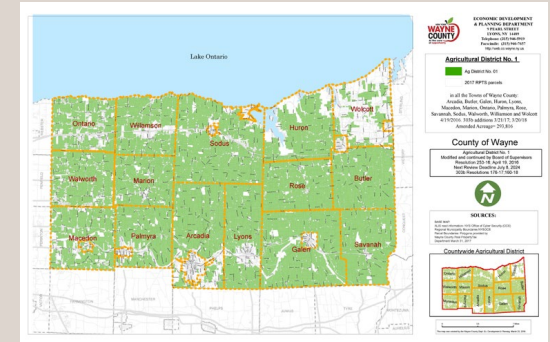
**COLLECTION INFORMATION**  
Make checks payable to:  
TOWN OF LYONS  
Pay by mail, otherwise at  
Lyons Town Hall  
43 Phelps Street  
Monday - Friday 9 to 4  
Closed: Jan 15, Feb 19, and March 30  
315-946-6252 x10

**PROPERTY TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS**  
The Assessor estimates the Full Market Value of this property as of July 1, 2018 was:  
The Total Assessed Value of this property is:  
The Uniform Percentage of value used to establish assessments was:

\$45,745.300
\$45,745.300
100.00%

**Tax ID Number:** 70111-00-05565  
**Parcel Location / Address:** ROUTE 31, LYONS, NY 14489  
**Parcel Acreage / Size:** 134.02

# Soil Group Worksheets for Agricultural Districts



## Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District

**\$30.00 Fee Per Parcel**

**315-946-7200**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our office is currently open in a limited capacity to the public. In an effort to follow safety protocols and maintain the health and safety of our employees, we prefer landowners and producers place requests via telephone or through an online application.

[www.waynecountyNYsoilandwater.org/soil-group/](http://www.waynecountyNYsoilandwater.org/soil-group/)

# Meet Our Soil Group District Team



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## Order your Assessment Online

Please order your Soil Group Worksheet by phone or via the website. Advance Payment is required. Due to ongoing Covid 19 restrictions we are allowing limited visitors to the office.

**[waynecountyNYsoilandwater.org/soil-group/](http://waynecountyNYsoilandwater.org/soil-group/)**

## Agriculture Assessment Program

The agricultural assessment program allows eligible farmland owners to receive real property assessments based on the value of their land for agricultural production rather than on its development value. Any assessed value which exceeds the equalized agricultural assessment on the land may qualify for a reduced tax assessment.