

## **AE Agricultural Enterprise Zoning District**

In August, 2023, the Town Board amended the Zoning Code to create the AE Agricultural Enterprise District. The ordinance states the purpose as follows:

Section 1. Creating § 380- 145 AE Agricultural Enterprise District. A. Purpose. The Agriculture Enterprise District is intended to preserve and promote a full range of agricultural uses, secure land for livestock production and other agricultural uses that may be more intensive than crop production, strengthen agriculture's contribution to an area's economic base including new employment opportunities), support processing, value added, and other activities closely allied to the agricultural industry, and prevent conversion of land identified as a valuable agricultural resource to uses that are not consistent with agriculture. The district's uses and regulations are designed to implement Comprehensive Plan goals by encouraging livestock and other agricultural uses in areas where conditions are best suited to these agricultural pursuits and discouraging residential development to avoid potential land use conflict. The AE district is generally compatible with the " Prime Agriculture" and " Open Space" land use designations of the Comprehensive Plan. Due to the more intensive nature of uses allowed, the AE district is not intended to be applied near moderately- to densely populated areas, and it is not intended to accommodate residential uses as principle uses.

The full language of the Ordinance can be viewed in the [Town Code](#), under “New Laws”