

ADDRESSING THE PRESERVATION OF THE NORTH FORK'S RURAL WAY OF LIFE: SOUTHOLD TOWNSHIP – A PLAN THAT WORKS

Rural Incentive District

- One Of Many Voluntary Preservation Programs
- Supported By NY State AG & Markets
- Zoning And Land Equity Is Protected
- Commitment Is Made To Agriculture
- Eight Year Minimum Commitment For Enrollment
- Once Enrolled - No Need To Re-Enroll
- Can Continue In District Into Perpetuity
- Requires Written Notice Of Intentions To Exit District
- Town Is Offered First Option To Purchase
- If No Agreement Can Be Reached - Landowner Can Opt Out Of The Rural Incentive District
- Original Zoning Remains Intact

Southold Town Board Responsibility

- Mandate Monthly Planning & Preservation Monitoring Program
- Access All Available Preservation Funding Programs
- Aggressively Pursue Purchase Of Development Rights
- Establish Development Thresholds
- Aggressively Review Trends In Development
- Legislate Regulations When Threshold Is Reached

Rural Incentive Districts - Monitoring Program

- Committee Must Be Formed With Representation From: Planning Department, Preservation Department, Farming Industry, Town Board
- Subdivision & Preservation Applications Reviewed
- Trends In Preservation And Development Charted
- Monthly Report Presented To Town Board

The Southold Town Board Must Make Informed Decisions Not React To Misinformation And Hysteria