## Ago Food TechPark

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An Innovative Community Partnership to Foster Biotechnology and Related Development in the Finger Lakes







### The Ag & Food Tech Park MISSION

 To serve as a financially self-sustaining entity to foster the creation, retention, and expansion of agriculture, food, and biotechnology research enterprises for the benefit of both the state and local economies.

 To strengthen the Experiment Station by fostering partnerships between the Station and firms seeking commercial applications of research discoveries related to agriculture, food sciences, and biotechnology

### GOALS The Ag & Food Tech Park

 To help improve the overall economy of the City of Geneva, Ontario County, the Finger Lakes, and New York State.

 To enable the Geneva Station to continue to attract and retain the brightest scientists and provide a stimulating and creative research environment.

 To help ensure the long-term viability of the Geneva Station as a world leader in research related to agriculture, food science, and biotechnology.

### PROMISE

 To help grow and retain the biotechnology brain trust in New York State by expanding on the critical mass of high tech scientists.

To draw on industry interest in and involvement with the cutting-edge research
occurring at the Geneva Station in the fields of entomology, plant pathology,
horticultural sciences, and food science and technology.

To help entrepreneurs and start-up companies; small, growth businesses; and

larger, multi-national companies.

 To provide an amenities package that may include facilities ranging from conventional office and administrative support space to computer stations, generic and specialized laboratories, controlled environmental storage facilities, growth chambers, greenhouse space, and access to an excellent research library and land for field research plots.

### PARTNERS

Geneva Experiment Station—Cornell University.

City of Geneva and Geneva Industrial Development Agency.

County of Ontario Industrial Development Agency.

Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce and Geneva Growth, Inc.

• Empire State Development Corporation.

SUNY—State University Construction Fund (SUCF).

Representatives from the New York State Assembly and Senate.

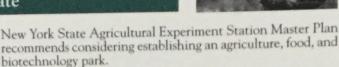
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### The Ag & Food Tech Park

#### Progress to Date



City of Geneva Master Plan endorses the idea of an agriculture, food, and biotechnology park and recommends expanding the NYS Economic Development Zone of the City of Geneva to include 70 acres of land designated for the park.

A Project Feasibility Report, a Preliminary Environmental Analysis, and an Amenities Package were completed regarding the agriculture, food, and biotechnology park project.

A Market Study and a Project Business Plan confirm feasibility of the agriculture, food, and biotechnology park.

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State legislation must be approved to convey land with a long-term lease from the state to a non-profit entity to develop and manage the Park.

The Next Steps

- Create a local development management entity.
- Secure project financing (federal, state, local).
- · Launch business attraction program.
- Secure letters from potential tenants committing to park.
- · Adopt zoning and development guidelines.
- Establish tenant admission/exit policies.
- Expand NYS Economic Development Zone (EDZ) to include the park.
- Break ground for Phase I development.

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#### PROJECT FUNDING

\$2,420,000
880,000
150,000
\$3,450,000
\$1,127,500

### Potential Sources of Phase I Funding Federal Economic Development Administration \$1,500,000

United States Department of Agriculture
New York State/Other
Community Partners
Total

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400,000 1,400,000 150,000

\$4,032,500

\$3,450,000

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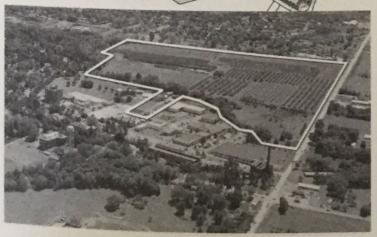


To establish a 70-acre research park adjacent to the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station for start-up and established companies to carry out research in agriculture, food, and biotechnology that complements the research and extension programs of the Geneva Experiment

Station.

Concept drawing of proposed Ag & Food Tech Park.

Existing main campus at Geneva.



Aerial view of main campus at Geneva and adjacent area earmarked for the Ag & Food Tech Park.

### PROPOSED FACILITIES

- Incubator research building for entrepreneurs/start-up companies and diversifying companies.
- Multi-tenant flex space for mid-sized research and development companies.
- · Build-to-suit sites for large, mature companies.
- Greenhouse for use by all companies.
- · Access to land for field research trials.

### The Ag & Food Tech Park TARGETED COMPANIES

- Entrepreneurs interested in starting small food processing facilities.
- · Small biotechnology companies.
- Life science companies developing bio-based and innovative pest control products.
- Companies whose products enhance food quality and health.
- Companies that produce Integrated Pest Management (IPM) products.
- Commercial laboratories that assist agricultural and food companies.



Researchers at Geneva play an integral role in keeping the multibillion dollar food and agriculture segment of the New York economy profitable and competitive. In conducting agricultural research and transferring results to end users, they tackle diverse and complex problems using traditional technology and emerging biotechnology.

### ADVANTAGE

- The Geneva Experiment Station is a worldclass research institution that was established in 1882. The annual budget is \$20 million. Employees number 300.
- Geneva is centrally located in the Finger Lakes Region, about an hour from Rochester, Syracuse, and Ithaca, and directly south of the NYS Thruway.
- Geneva is centrally located for much of the state's \$3 billion fruit and vegetable industry.
- Ontario County is one of the fastest growing counties in NYS.
- More than 100 manufacturing firms contribute to the vibrant economy in Ontario County, which has a mix of rural and suburban landscapes.



- The City of Geneva's downtown business district is enjoying a renaissance propelled by a forward-thinking partnership among the city, the county, the state, and local businesses and educational institutions.
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges add depth to Geneva's academic community.

#### NYS Governor George E. Pataki on Biotechnology

"We will create new technology enterprise zones in central business areas throughout the state. These zones will act as a powerful economic magnet, encouraging innovation in the heart of our communities and igniting a spark of high tech economic activity in areas that have fallen behind."

Governor George E. Pataki, State of the State Address, "The Future Begins in New York," January 5, 2000

"This [Main Street] Program will complement the aggressive new initiatives we will announce to attract more biotechnology investment in New York."

Governor George E. Pataki, State of the State Address, "The Future Begins in New York," January 5, 2000

"As part of that effort, we will provide the Main Streets of New York with the infrastructure they need to thrive in the future as they did in the past. Many of our smaller cities were centers for high tech at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Now we must help these communities to become the high-tech incubators of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

Governor George E. Pataki, State of the State Address, "The Future Begins in New York,"

January 5, 2000

"We will establish a \$10 million Biotechnology Industry Growth Fund

we will establish a \$10 million Biotechnology Industry Growth Fund that would build upon our efforts to develop New York's research infrastructure by providing start-up companies with a source of needed capital to bring innovations that emerge from the laboratory to the marketplace—turning ideas into high wage jobs. The Biotechnology Industry Growth Fund would give New York an edge over other states in the increasingly competitive race to attract and retain high skill, high wage biotechnology jobs."

Governor George E. Pataki, University of Rochester, January 10, 2000



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