

WCIDA Project Application Summary

Applicant Information:

September 8, 2022

Farmcraft Brewery, LLC
567 Route 20A
Strykersville, New York 14145

Request:

The Company requests abatement of sales tax on construction materials and non-production equipment, mortgage tax exemption and a 15-year PILOT agreement for temporary abatement of property tax using the Tourism Destination UTEP project schedule. Approximate value of these incentives is expected to be more than \$100,000; therefore, a public hearing was held on August 31st in the Town of Sheldon. A copy of the public hearing minutes is attached.

Company History:

Farmcraft Brewer will be a brewing facility, taproom, and event center located on a portion of the 300-acre 4th generation Meyer family farm in rural Sheldon, New York. Ashley C. Howe is the sole owner of the Brewery. With its location on Route 20A only 26 miles from Buffalo, 60 minutes from Rochester and easy access for visitors looking to experience a quality craft brewery the business will be marketed as a destination brewery and draw tourist in from outside the area.

Project Description:

Farmcraft has plans for the construction of a 9,600 sq. ft. 2 story wood framed barn style building. Farmcraft Brewery will feature an open format taproom with 30 ft. ceilings and seating for 125 guests, a 32 ft. long bar, a second story loft with leather couches and additional seating overlooking the taproom, 2 private meeting rooms, large retail space to display products, a food counter looking into the pizza kitchen, game lounge, expansive 3,600 sq. ft. concrete patio with a 29 ft. diameter stone fire pit, additional "silo" bar pouring drinks on the patio, a 3,700 sq. ft. production brewing space and barrel aging section.

Employment Impact:

Farmcraft Brewery expects to create 12 new jobs over the next 3 years.

IDA Matrix Criteria:

The project meets the criteria as a Tourism Destination UTEP Project. The project will be funded by private sector investment, create new jobs and employ local labor during the construction phase. The Business plans to market as a destination brewery with easy access for visitors looking to experience a quality craft brewery. The business is expected to draw tourist in from outside the area.

Attached Information:

Application and project costs provided by the project applicant to back up its request for WCIDA assistance.