

## Who is Orange County Voice?

Orange County Voice is a large and growing grassroots organization that is speaking out for Orange County's rural community. OCV is committed to proactively lead on behalf of our rural community, and to enable development that embraces our rural character and features its role in assuring the environmental, social and fiscal sustainability of Orange County as a whole.

- We represent the interests and priorities of the rural community and consist of members from the entire county and surrounding area. Our members include citizens, students, farms, businesses and others.
- We believe that rural Orange County has a diverse and developing rural community that is built upon a heritage of natural resources and rural way of life that compliments the nearby towns and University. Rural areas are not "undeveloped land" for urban sprawl and inevitable urban development.
- We provide education and fact-based advocacy to build public awareness about the importance of the rural community, particularly its role in providing high quality food and water, recreation, and a natural habitat for many forms of life.
- We are a proactive resource for community-sponsored change at the local, state and federal level. We will publically and proactively lead for the rural community and assure that priorities and interests of the rural community are effectively represented by the media, elected officials, and other decision-makers.
- We are a socially, economically and racially diverse organization that offers community connection and social interaction in a non-partisan, non-denominational manner.