

## 2021 NH Food System Statewide Gathering March 12, 2021

# Increasing Farmland Conservation, Access, & Farm Viability WATCH THE ROUNDTABLE HERE

#### **FACILITATORS**

Amanda Littleton, <u>Cheshire County Conservation District</u> Charlene Andersen, <u>NH Community Loan Fund</u>

#### **DESIRED OUTCOMES**

- A shared understanding of integrated models in action that support farmland conservation, stewardship, access, and viability
- Build awareness of resources and programs currently existing in NH
- A shared understanding of unmet needs in the farming and conservation communities
- A shared understanding of funding needs for programs

#### **CALL TO ACTION**

This topic isn't just for farmers. It's for everyone! Donate, if you can, or spread the word about supporting and growing innovative land conservation models in New Hampshire. Direct NH landowners to resources and tools to help manage and assess the conservation, access, or farm viability of their land.

TIME STAMP	AGENDA
0:00-6:00	<ul> <li>WELCOME</li> <li>Brief introduction of presenters</li> <li>Context and objectives for the roundtable</li> <li>Attendees enter name, affiliation, and location in the chat</li> <li>Poll of attendees— community member, supporter of land trust, farmer, landowner, ag service provider?</li> </ul>
6:04	HARVESTING THE MOMENTUM  ■ Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELT)  □ Jeremy Lougee, Conservation Project Manager and Farmland Coordinator, SELT  □ SELT x Farm Future Fund Video, "Clyde Farm Finds a New Home"  ■ WATCH IT HERE
24:10	<ul> <li><u>Farm Future Fund</u></li> <li>Amanda Littleton, Cheshire County Conservation District</li> </ul>
34:18	Agrarian Trust     Ian McSweeney, Director, Agrarian Trust



51:50	Discussion and Q&A     *see questions and responses below
	<ul> <li>CLOSING REFLECTION ACTIVITY, QUESTIONS, &amp; NEXT STEPS</li> <li>What do you want to learn more about? What do you see as remaining unmet needs? What resources do you want to share with the group?         <ul> <li>*see responses below</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### **DONATE & SHARE**

The following organizations keep innovative land conservation models supported and growing in New Hampshire. Donate, if you can, or share to help spread the word!

NH Land Trust Coalition

NH Charitable Foundation

NH Community Loan Fund

The Local Crowd Monadnock

Land For Good

Agrarian Trust

NH Agrarian Commons Farm Fundraiser

NH Farm Future Fund

### **RESOURCES & TOOLS**

A list of land trusts in the region, USDA NRCS in the region, conservation district information, and more resources for NH landowners.

- NH Land Trust Coalition
- NH Association of Conservation Districts
  - o To connect with local programming and USDA NRCS Farm Bill programs
- Land For Good
  - Works to put more farmers on land and keep working lands working a resource for farmers seeking land, landowners and communities
- Natural Resource Conservation Service of NH
  - Provides farmers with financial and technical assistance on the ground, both relating to the environment and operations.
- USDA Rural Development
  - Assisting NH communities through its housing, business, and community programs.
     Offers loans, grants and loan guarantees.