

Planning a Future for Farms in the Hudson Valley

1-Day Conference

November 4, 2006 8:30 – 3:00

Columbia-Greene Community College

Hudson, NY

What: A one-day conference focused on the role that towns can play in supporting local farm businesses and protecting farmland. The conference will seek to:

- Educate town and county officials about the planning tools that can be used to support farms;
- Motivate officials to make agriculture a higher priority in local planning; and
- Highlight success stories of local governments' actions in support of agriculture.



Why: Supportive local governments can help facilitate business opportunities for farmers, reduce the likelihood of farmer/neighbor conflicts, and take steps to retain the productive land upon which agriculture depends. This conference will provide communities with the education they need to take the necessary local action to support a future for the agricultural economy and the farm landscape.

Who: Town and county officials, planning board members, zoning board of appeals members, farmers, rural landowners, planners, and others from Hudson Valley communities.

Where: Columbia-Greene Community College, Hudson, NY

When: November, 4th, 2006 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Registration begins on October 1, 2006 by calling 518-581-0078

Brought to you by a Steering Committee including: American Farmland Trust, Columbia Hudson Partnership, Columbia Land Conservancy, Dutchess County Planning Department, Dutchess County Cooperative Extension, Dutchess Land Conservancy, Greene County Cooperative Extension, The Glynwood Center, Hudson-Mohawk RC&D, New York Planning Federation, Scenic Hudson, Inc., and Ulster County Planning Department

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