

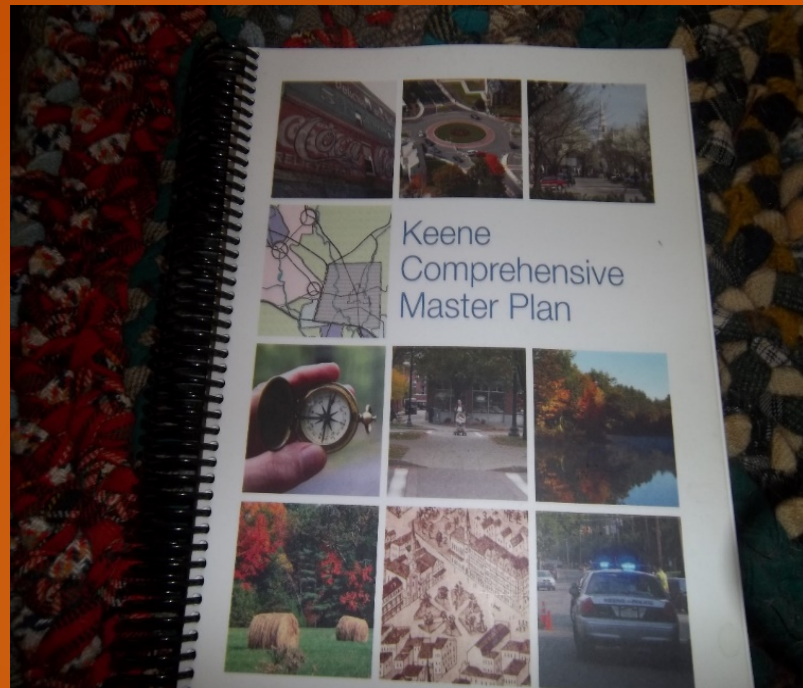
Agriculture in Cheshire County

A FOOD SECURITY VISION



WHY AN AGRICULTURE VISION?

RECONCILE KEENE AGRICULTURE
COMMISSION (2012) WITH CITY MASTER
PLAN (2010)



COUNTY SEAT IS CENTER OF
AGRICULTURE HUB



Cheshire County Agriculture



- 300 Year History
- Preserves New England Food Security From Potential Disruptions
 - Transportation, Terrorism, Climate Change et. al.
- Economic Localization
 - 8.8% community food supply sourced locally and greater than national/regional average
 - Resources Stay Within Community
 - Available to Help Vulnerable
- Business Opportunities' Generation

AGENDA



- HISTORIC RESOURCES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
- OPEN SPACES AND GREENWAY CONNECTIONS
- COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS STRATEGIES
- HUNGER AND FOOD SECURITY
- FUTURE LANDUSE POLICY

AGRICULTURE CULTURE



COMMUNITY ASPECTS OF AGRICULTURE

- SEASONAL FAIRS AND FESTIVALS
- TASTE OF KEENE/MONADNOCK MENUS



OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGRI-BUSINESSES

- GARDEN STORES
- AGRI-TOURISM
- FARMERS' MARKET
- CO-OP
- HANNAH GRIMES



EDUCATION CENTER FOR AGRO TRAINING

- ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY/KEENE STATE COLLEGE
- SYMONDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- STONEWALL FARM

OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY CONNECTIONS

- ENVIRONMENT STEWARDSHIP AND EDUCATION
- NATURAL RESOURCE MAINTENANCE
- BIO-DIVERSITY CORRIDORS



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS STRATEGIES



- Farmer's Market
- Community Gardens
- Project 2020
- Monadnock Menus



HUNGER AND FOOD SECURITY

- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- MONADNOCK GLEANERS
- FOOD STAMPS AT FARMERS' MARKET
- FARMS TO SCHOOLS



FUTURE LAND USE & POLICY



- AGRICULTURE COMPONENTS IN MULTIPLE CITY GOVERNMENT/NON-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
- AGRICULTURE LAND USE IS CONSISTENT WITH KEENE SOCIAL/COMMUNITY GOALS
- KEENE CITY POLICIES REQUIRE CONSISTENCY WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL AGRICULTURE VISION

AGRICULTURE COMMISSION ISSUES

PRIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- MAPPING COMMUNITY GARDENS
- FARMERS' MARKET LIAISON
- CHESHIRE FAIR LIAISON
- LAND USE MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
- SMALL SCALE FOOD LICENSING CLASSIFICATION
- SURFACE WATER ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

ONGOING INITIATIVES

- ZONING MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
- RESIDENTIAL CHICKEN REGULATIONS
- FARMERS' MARKET LIAISON

CONCLUSION



- AGRICULTURE IS A COMPONENT OF KEENE'S PAST AND FUTURE
- AGRICULTURE INVESTMENTS YIELD INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY SOCIAL, PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC HEALTH
- AGRICULTURE IS AN UNDER-APPRECIATED GROWTH INDUSTRY

NEXT STEPS

- BUILD UPON EXISTING FRAMEWORK TO FURTHER AGRICULTURE INDUSTRIES, FOOD SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
- SOLICIT INPUT FROM KEENE COMMUNITY FOR CRAFTING AGRICULTURE VISION
- INCORPORATE AGRICULTURE ISSUES & PRIORITIES INTO NEXT MASTER PLAN

