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Subject: Climate Action Master Plan chapter - a couple of Ag Comm additions

To the Planning Board,

Please see the email from Theresa Walker, chair of the Durham Agricultural Commission, below. These two additional lines can be readily inserted here. This page is the last page of the draft chapter.

Goal: Increase local food production (C)

Recommendations

Planning

1. Identify town owned land suitable for community gardens and food and fiber production
2. Improve equitable access to healthy, fresh, locally sourced and produced, culturally appropriate foods
3. Assess vulnerability to sea level rise and storm surge of prime farmland soils and soils of local and statewide importance
4. Include local farms and food producers in economic development planning
5. Ensure new conservation easements enable agricultural activity, where appropriate

Education and Outreach

1. Build awareness of the local food system in Durham and surrounding towns
2. Conduct education and outreach on food production, processing, preservation, and storage, seed saving, animal husbandry and processing, as well as processing and use of their biproducts
3. Provide outreach on the benefits of encouraging local food production of all food groups; fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy, protein (both animal and plant based) as well as animal feed and forage.

Regulation/Policy



1. Consider ways to reduce development on prime farmland soils
2. Consider regulations that would reduce or prohibit chemical fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides in agriculture, landscaping, and by individual property owners
3. As appropriate, support neighborhood scale, individual and cooperative gardens

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Hi Michael – The Ag Comm has a couple of suggested additions to the Climate Action Master Plan chapter:

Page 61, Goal: Increase local food production

Planning:

6. Review existing conservation easement language for Town owned properties to identify land that may be used for food production.
7. Enable the growing of food at a neighborhood and collaborative scale.

Thank you, Theresa