

have you wondered about what it means to conserve farmland?

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DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE MANY WAYS THAT FARMLAND IS CONSERVED? HAVE YOU BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT WHY PEOPLE CONSERVE THEIR FARMS? OR WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE TAX INCENTIVES AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS?

IF SO, JOIN SARATOGA PLAN AND THE SARATOGA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR A

WORKSHOP ON FARMLAND CONSERVATION OPTIONS

Participants will learn about conservation easements, funding programs for purchase of development rights, and the land conservation process.

WORKSHOPS ARE SCHEDULED FOR:

Monday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.
Northumberland Town Hall
17 Catherine Street, Gansevoort

Thursday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.
Stillwater Town Hall
881 Hudson Avenue, Stillwater

Monday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.
Milton Town Hall
503 Geysers Road, Ballston Spa

Thursday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.
Charlton Town Hall
758 Charlton Road, Charlton



TO REGISTER FOR A WORKSHOP, CALL 587-5554.



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If you want to learn more about Saratoga PLAN's services for conserving farmland and woodlands, check out:

1. WWW.SARATOGAPLAN.ORG. Saratoga PLAN's website lists a wealth of resources to help you get started and to sign up to receive occasional news and notices. The "CONSERVE" section of the website contains sources of reference information on land conservation. Check out "Questions and Answers for Landowners Considering Land Conservation" and "Using Conservation Easements to Conserve Agricultural Lands."
2. [FARMLAND CONSERVATION WORKSHOPS](#). Saratoga PLAN, the Saratoga County Planning Department, and ASA have teamed up to offer workshops this year on farmland conservation options, leasing farmland, and estate planning. Please join us to learn how land conservation fit into your plans for your land's future, your retirement, or your estate.

Upcoming Workshops in 2016:

March 21, 6:30pm	Northumberland Town Hall	Conservation Options for Farmland
March 24, 6:30pm	Stillwater Town Hall	Conservation Options for Farmland
March 28, 6:30pm	Milton Town Hall	Conservation Options for Farmland
March 31, 6:30pm	Charlton Town Hall	Conservation Options for farmland
Summer	Date, Time and Place TBD	Farmland Leases
Fall	Date, Time and Place TBD	Estate Planning and Land Conservation

Stay tuned to PLAN's "EVENTS" section on the website for the complete schedule of workshops throughout the year. Call 587-5554 to register for workshops.

3. WWW.HUDSONVALLEYFARMLANDFINDER.ORG. If you are a farmland owner seeking a farmer to use your fields or purchase your farm, or a farmer looking for land to rent or purchase, this new website offers listings to help you find each other. We can also assist you through the leasing process, with templates and ideas of what you might want to cover in an agreement.
4. [AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES](#). Learn more about farming and how agriculture is boosting the economic, environmental, and public health of Saratoga County through farm tours, events, and educational programs: *Sundae on the Farm* (June 12), *Clifton Park Farm Fest* (Sept. 17). Enjoy and support the fruits of our labors at Saratoga PLAN's *Feast of the Fields* (Sept.15).
5. [FARMLAND PROTECTION PLANS AND PROGRAMS](#). Saratoga PLAN assists communities in Saratoga County with developing and implementing agricultural and farmland protection plans. PLAN facilitates by serving on planning committees, applying for funding and grants, managing land conservation projects, holding and/or monitoring conservation easements, or administering municipal transfer of development rights programs for towns.
6. [LANDOWNER CONSULTATIONS](#). Professional, experienced Saratoga PLAN staff offer free, confidential consultations to help landowners explore and accomplish their individual goals for their land and family. Call 587-5554 to arrange an appointment.

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