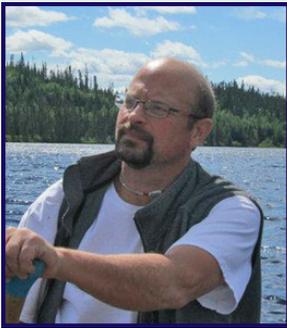




Food for Thought: How Local Farming and Land Conservation Contribute to a Regional Vision



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A dramatic shift has taken place in New England's agricultural landscape and its role in the regional economy. A century ago, farming was still a significant part of New England's economic sector. Today, just five percent of the region – about two million acres – remains in active farmland, producing only a fraction of the food we consume.

As development pressures drive up land costs, farmers are increasingly priced out. The same fertile, well-located land that sustains agriculture is also prime for building – putting the future of local farming at risk.

This panel will examine the realities facing New England farmers and explore how land conservation can help sustain them – while imagining a future in which the region produces far more of its own food.

Monday, March 16, 3 PM

Clements Hall, Colby-Sawyer College

Free to Attend. Limited Seats. RSVP Required.