

AGVOCATE



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LOCAL AGRICULTURE

Promoting Agricultural Viability Free Workshop

Monday, November 30, 2009 7 to 9 pm

Canterbury Town Hall

Is Your Town Farm Friendly? Are you an agricultural producer, agricultural based business, a municipal decision maker, or do you just have an interest in keeping Connecticut's working lands viable?

Join us on November 30 for a FREE workshop, sponsored by the AGvocate program, to learn about the tools your town can implement to promote farm viability. Learn about the experiences of other Connecticut towns as they:

- Implement Right-to-Farm Ordinances
- Establish Agriculture Commissions
- Update town regulations to be more farm-friendly
- Develop educational and outreach programs about Agriculture

Share Ideas, Gather Resources

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Town of Canterbury Community Center

1 Municipal Drive

Canterbury, CT

Free Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Workshop will run from 7 to 9 p.m.

Directions: The Canterbury Community Center at the Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive off RT 14 (Westminster Road), about 1 1/2 miles west of the RT 169 the intersection. www.canterbury-ct.org

To assure adequate materials, contact Jennifer Kaufman, AGvocate Program Coordinator, 860-450-6007 or AGvocate@yahoo.com to reserve your space.

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Workshop Agenda

- 6:30 p.m. Registration & Light Refreshments**
*Meet AGvocate pilot town representatives from:
Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Franklin, Sterling, Thompson*
- 7:00 p.m. AGvocate Pilot Program Overview**
*Jennifer Kaufman, AGvocate Program Coordinator
- And pilot town representatives*
- 7:20 p.m. Municipal Tools for Agriculture**
--Ben Bowell, American Farmland Trust
- 8:00 p.m. Refreshment Break**
- 8:15 p.m. Experiences & Resources**
--Joan Nichols, Connecticut Farm Bureau
- 8:40 p.m. Questions & Discussion**
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn**



About the AGvocate Program

In 2009, the Town of Thompson was awarded a CT Department of Agriculture "Farm Viability Grant," to establish an AGvocate Pilot Program in six towns.

Jennifer Kaufman, AGvocate, is working with municipal leaders, agricultural producers, and supportive citizens in the towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Franklin, Sterling, and Thompson to implement tools and create action plans to help promote farm viability in their towns.

AGvocate Steering Committee: Ben Bowell, American Farmland Trust • Lois Bruinooge, The Last Green Valley, Inc. • David Fuss, Town of Brooklyn • John Guskowski, Eastern CT Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. • Rick Hermonot, Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm • Jennifer Kaufman, AGvocate Program • Kevin Kennedy, Town of Thompson • Joyce Meader, UConn Cooperative Extension • Dawn Pindell, Windham County Farm Service Agency • Norma O'Leary, The Last Green Valley Natural Resources & Agriculture Committee • Elizabeth Rogers, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service