

Friday, January 23, 2009

7:00 am	Refreshments, Display set up around Worcester Room and Registration	
8:30 am – 9:15 am	Opening Remarks: Douglas W. Petersen, Commissioner, MA Department of Agricultural Resources Representative Michael Rodrigues, Westport, MA Representative Denis Guyer, Dalton, MA	Worcester/Springfield
9:45 am – 12:15 pm	Workshops	
	1. Public Relations: Raising the Visibility of Agriculture in the Community <i>Diane BaedekerPetit, USDA, NRCS Public Affairs Officer</i> <i>Tracy Anderson, Organizer, CLASH, Cape Land and Sea Harvest</i>	Springfield
	2. Inventories of Agricultural Land, Farms & Farmers at the Local Level <i>Jon Jaffe and Rick Hermonot, First Pioneer Farm Credit</i> <i>June House, Rehoboth AgCom</i> <i>Clem Clay, Trust for Public Lands</i> Katherine Beauchamp, Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod <i>Tom Stone, Woods Hole Research Center</i>	Boston
	3. Massachusetts Buy Local Programs and MA Farm-to-School Project <i>Kelly Coleman, CISA, Be a Local Hero-Buy Locally Grown Campaign</i> <i>Sarah Cogswell, SEMAP, Buy Fresh Buy Local SE Massachusetts</i> <i>Barbara Zheutlin, Berkshire Grown</i> <i>Jim O'Brien, Essex Co. and Merrimack Valley, Buy Fresh Campaign</i> <i>Jessie Gunnard, Buy Fresh Buy Local Cape Cod</i> <i>Kelly Erwin and Anne Cody, MA Farm-to-School Project</i> <i>Melissa Rabbit DeFeo, Island Grown Initiative</i>	New Hampshire
	4. Farmer Preservation, Farm Transfer-How to keep farmers on the land <i>Kathryn Ruhf, Land for Good</i> <i>Katie Cavanagh, Farms Forever, SEMAP</i>	New York
	5. Understanding Laws and Regulations Affecting Agriculture: Zoning, Health, RTF and Chapter 61 & Working with Town Boards <i>Bob Ritchie, General Counsel, MDAR</i> <i>Frank DiLuna, ESQ, Murtha Cullina, LLP</i>	Vermont
	6. Understanding Wetlands Laws and Agriculture & Working with Your Conservation Commission <i>Dan Lenthall, District Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service</i> <i>Laurell Farinon, Conservation Agent, Rochester, MA</i>	Maine
	7. Funding AgCom Efforts <i>Paul LeBeau, Town Administrator, Holliston, MA</i> <i>Mary Greendale, Grant Writer specializing in agriculture</i>	Cambridge
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch & Guest Speaker: Kathryn Ruhf, Land for Good	Worcester/Springfield
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Workshops	
	1. Farmland Protection Tools <i>Cris Coffin, New England Director, American Farmland Trust</i> <i>Ben Bowell, New England Field Representative, American Farmland Trust</i>	Springfield
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4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Social	
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner & Guest Speaker: Daniel Ross, Executive Director, Nuestras Raices	Springfield

Saturday, January 24, 2009

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast	Boston
9:30 am – 12:00	Workshops	
	1. Future of AgComs: Should We Organize Statewide? Discussion	Springfield
	<i>Alexandra Dawson, MA Association of Conservation Commissions Environmental Lawyer and MACC Board member Mary Greendale, facilitator, Public Affairs/Communications Specialist</i>	
	2. Farmland Protection Tools	Boston
	<i>Rich Hubbard, Ex. Dir., Franklin Land Trust Ben Bowell, New England Field Representative, American Farmland Trust</i>	
	3. Conflict Management and Resolution	Cambridge
	<i>Mette Kreuzmann, Program Manager, MA Office of Dispute Resolution Cary Quigley, Agricultural Mediator, MA Office of Dispute Resolution Middlefield farmer Courtney Breese, Program Coordinator, MA Office of Dispute Resolution</i>	
12:00 Noon	Adjourn	