

GUILFORD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

First Town Agricultural Commission in the State of Connecticut
Recipient of the 2006 Big E Pathfinder Award

OUR VISION

Guilford is a community that is educated about, understands, and supports agriculture.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Agricultural Commission is to support agriculture in Guilford through education, communication, conflict resolution, regulatory guidance, and promoting the economic viability of farming.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

To Provide Information

- Serve as a conduit between non-profit agencies and local farmers;
- Serve as an agricultural clearinghouse by creating an informational website and map of local farms;
- Chart land use in Guilford to support a balance between agriculture and preservation and other land uses.

To Promote Education

- Recommend necessary changes to language and practices across town departments and other boards and commissions as necessary regarding a local definition for agriculture, farming and farms;
- Educate town government about agricultural laws, such Right to Farm, and legal issues regarding farm machines;
- Provide information and guidance on agriculture-related zoning issues to town departments and other boards and commissions as necessary;
- Provide opportunities to support young farmers and new farmers, such as the Farmer-to-Farmer program, Landlink, and other mentoring programs;
- Support local, regional, and state vocational agriculture education programs.

To Enable Conflict Resolution

- Serve in an advisory and/or conflict resolution capacity to residents, established town committees and departments.

To Facilitate Economic Opportunities

- Identify innovative opportunities for farming additional lands in Guilford;
- Promote opportunities for residents and local businesses to support and value farming;
- Serve as a conduit between non-profit agencies, funders, and local farmers;
- Create a climate that supports the economic viability of farming as a career in Guilford.

For more information, please contact Leslie Kane at 453-8074
www.ci.guilford.ct.us