North County Land Trust is a partner in a new initiative promoting local agriculture in Central Massachusetts!

Central Mass Grown connects farmers and producers to stores and restaurants, and promotes the value of local food and products to consumers. Buying local is the best way to support small-scale agriculture and our region’s economy.

The Central Mass Grown Member Directory and Products Guide will promote farms and businesses in our region to local consumers, as well as visitors. This publication, along with other marketing materials such as the Central Mass Grown logo, will be used to identify members, and will encourage agro-tourism in Central Massachusetts, bringing outside money into our local economy. These economic benefits will spread to other businesses that cater to tourists visiting our region.

Our partnership in Central Mass Grown helps North County Land Trust perform our mission of conserving farms and working landscapes in our focus area.

Our Farmland Inventory project is collecting important information about farming in each town and city we serve, including the number of farms, farm acres in production and what is produced. As part of the Farmland Inventory, we are working with Agricultural Commissions to map the farms and farmland in their communities, identifying not only where the farms are now, but also where productive farm soils have been reforested. Farmland that has been reforested can be protected and later reclaimed for future agricultural uses.

The information gathered in our Farmland Inventory will help communities to understand and support their local agricultural economy. This information will also enable North County Land Trust to work more effectively with farm owners and communities to conserve farms and farmland in our region.

A supplemental Farm Survey for growers, as well as a Market Survey for purveyors, can be completed online at www.CentralMassGrown.org/we-need-your-help.


Please support NCLT’s Farmland Inventory Project!

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