



Developing an Energy, Food, and Community Positive Agriculture Neighborhood







"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect." – Aldo Leopold



Heal the Earth Through Community

TransFarmations, Inc. is a New Hampshire corporation with a forward-thinking group of collaborators comprised of engineers, a landscape architect, a marketer, a land ownership/ tenure/ stewardship/ and conservation practitioner, a feng shui consultant, a trail designer, a construction supervisor, and farmers

We preserve open space and farmland, create diversified housing, build netpositive housing, and consult on various projects building regenerative farms and communities, we can not only become sustainable—we can start to heal the planet



Strategic individualized consulting, advising, and management service to bring about sustainable agriculture enterprises, land security for local farms, resilient agrarian communities, land-based legacy, and a deep stewardship of the earth

Direct services provided to farmers, landowners, land trusts, nonprofits and aligned organizations, communities, and state and federal entities in New Hampshire, New England, and around the United States



FARM CRISIS...

Farmers are aging... For every farmer under 25, there are five above 75 years old

Land values keep going up... rising over 400 percent in 15 years in some areas, disconnected from sustainable agriculture or soil building, carbon sequestration and other values

Farmland ownership continues to consolidate... 41 percent of farmland is held by largest 8 percent of farms, 98% of farmland is owned by white people, and majority of farmland is owned by non-farmers

37 mid-size farms a day closed between 2012 and 2017

Farmers have among the highest suicide rates of all professions

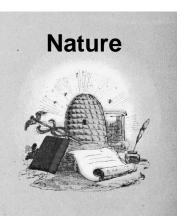
People have lost connection to soil, each other, food, and community

INSPIRATIONS...

Cooperatives: an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily toward common economic, social, and, cultural aspirations through a jointly-owned democratically-controlled enterprise

Community Land Trusts: a nonprofit organization with historic roots in indigenous cultures, pre-colonial Africa, and ancient Chinese economic systems to 'restore' the land control, access, value, use, and equity to a community of local stakeholders

Conservation Land Trust: a nonprofit organization focused on conserving land containing sensitive natural areas, farmland, ranchland, water sources, cultural resources, or notable landmarks

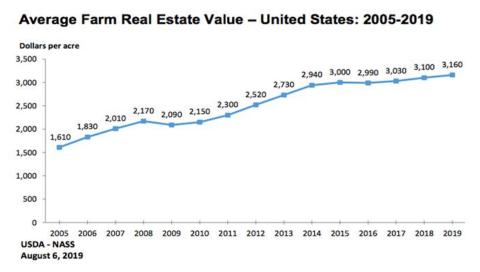


Community Supported Agriculture: a socioeconomic model of agriculture that connects the producer and consumers within the food system more closely by allowing the consumer to subscribe to the harvest of a certain farm or group of farms and for both parties to share risk

Agricultural land Market Value does not align with Sustainable Production Value

Regenerative Management and Ecological Stewardship requires additional investment to bring about Soil and Ecosystem Health and Carbon Sequestration needed to mitigate Climate Crisis

The price of farmland increased almost 2 percent in 2018 to a national average of \$3,140 an acre, with average prices as high as \$8,080 in Iowa, \$9,000 in California and \$12,700 in New Jersey... Rhode Island, has the country's most expensive farmland at \$13,800 an acre



International investment and ownership in farmland doubled between 2004 and 2014, with more than 25,000,000 acres now owned by international investors



Farm Concept Plan
Story Hill
Dunbarton, NH







We must prioritize our connection to soil, food, each, and community. With gross inequality and injustice inbedded in land, each other, and food system we must transform our connection to the soil, food, and each other through new forms of community that meet current needs.

"The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life." – Wendell Berry



An Evolution of Projects

The Path to Communities of Net Positive Homes, Resiliency and Regenerative Farming



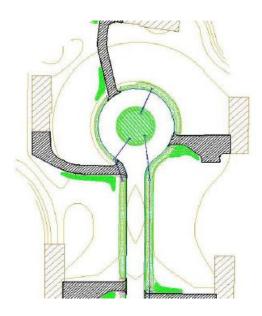


















Intentions for the Jacobson Farm property









Carbon Storing Farming and Housing...

























Net Positive Homes...









Resiliency...









Diversified Housing...



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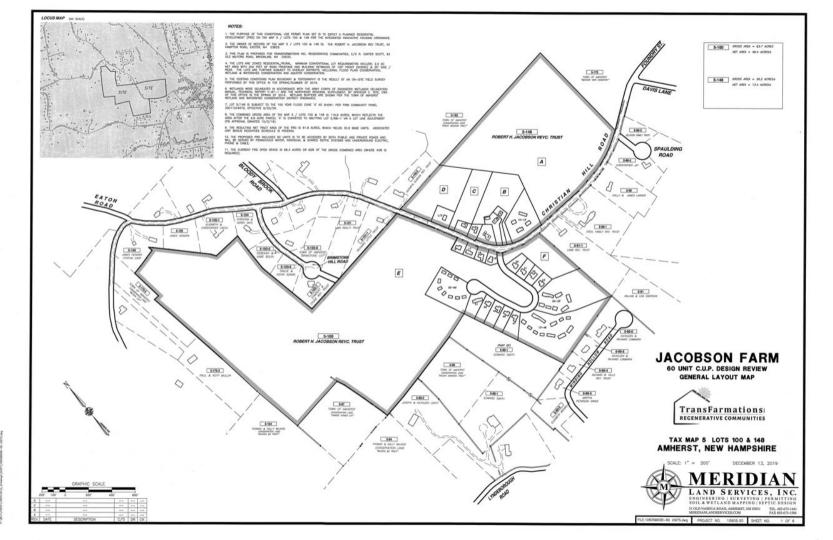


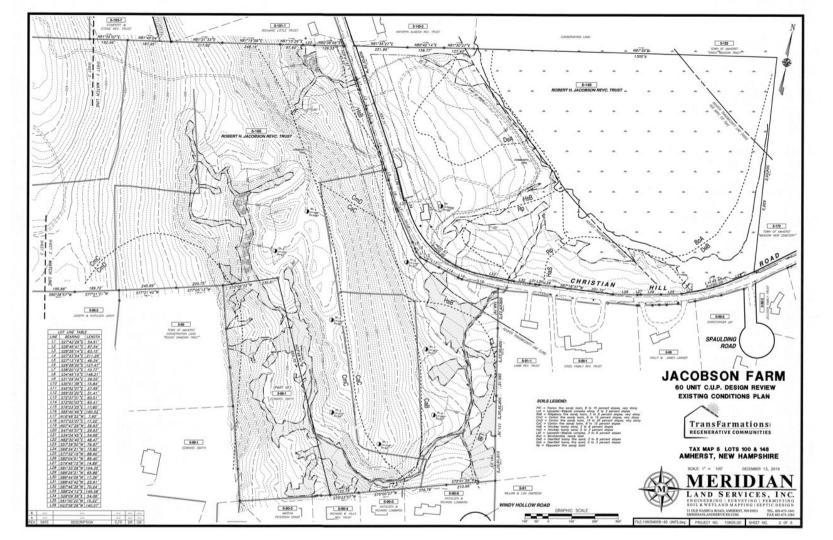














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