

Hurricane Valley Farm Background

- Historically utilized as a horse farm
- Iconic barn, fields, and fences along Rt. 100
- Integral piece of the historical character of West Falmouth
- Community benefits maximized if maintained as open space/agricultural site vs. housing subdivision



FLT Timeline

- Worked with Town and public to discuss future vision of the HVF (2014)
- Raised significant capital to purchase HVF with support from Town and community 2014/2015
- Extinguished 17-house sub-division 2015/2016
- Future goals are to maintain:
 - open space that is natural
 - agricultural character & uses
 - continue access for recreation along trail system
 - venue for community connection to agriculture, public education programs & community events



Establishing Future Use

- FLT conducted a Request for Proposal process to identify potential uses and users.
- Committee with FLT/Town representatives reviewed applicants and believes Cultivating Community provides the best alignment and opportunity for success given its mission & track record.
- FLT supports changes to accommodate proposed uses of this property so as maximize benefits.



Cultivating Community's Mission & History

- Supporting people in growing healthy food.
- Supporting people in getting and eating healthy food—whether they choose to grow it or not.
- Have been doing this successfully—with people across generations, ethnicities, and backgrounds—since 2001.



Some Current Programs Advancing the Mission

- Helping refugees and immigrants incubate farm-based enterprises.
- Managing community garden spaces and programs (e.g., for the City of Portland and Avesta Housing).
- Cultivating civic engagement and youth leadership through agriculture.
- Creating affordable access to healthy foods through a mobile farmer's market and neighborhood farm stands.
- Hosting farm-to-table (or table @ farm) events for people to connect with healthy, local foods and to build support for healthy, farm economies.





Theologian, native of Sudan, and NASAP graduate John Yanga in his field at Packard Littlefield Farm, Lisbon, ME.



Volunteers using permaculture techniques to establish community garden beds on Portland's Eastern Prom.



A table set for a Twilight Dinner at the William H. Jordan Farm in Cape Elizabeth, ME.



Youth Grower and Alumni Mentor Kim Henry (now an undergraduate at the University of Vermont) harvests basil at the Boyd Street Urban Farm, Portland, ME.

CC's Proposal to the Falmouth Land Trust

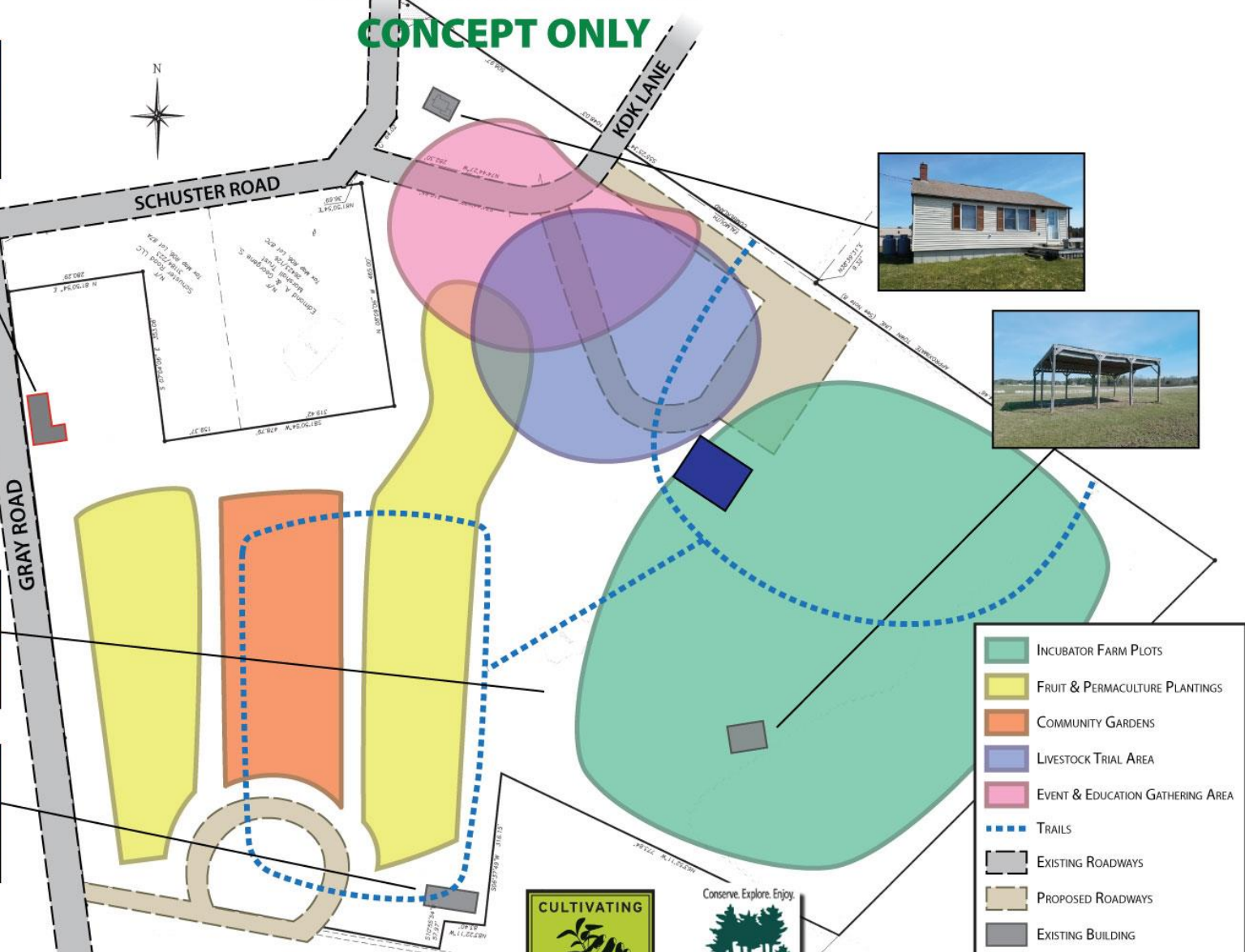
- An array of activities related to agriculture and agricultural education (a condensed version of the proposal is in the Council packet)
- A commitment to be in service to people of Falmouth and the region.
- A plan for a Participatory Design Process to surface additional desires and concerns.
- Advancing the Town's and FLT's commitment to agriculture, open space, wildlife habitat, scenic lands, & public recreation.



HURRICANE VALLEY WHOLE COMMUNITY FARM AND EDUCATION CENTER

EXISTING & ANTICIPATED USES

CONCEPT ONLY



- INCUBATOR FARM PLOTS
- FRUIT & PERMACULTURE PLANTINGS
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- LIVESTOCK TRIAL AREA
- EVENT & EDUCATION GATHERING AREA
- TRAILS
- EXISTING ROADWAYS
- PROPOSED ROADWAYS
- EXISTING BUILDING
- BARN: FARM STAND/STORAGE
- VEGETABLE WASH & PACK STATION (FUTURE KITCHEN & EDUCATION CENTER)



From Vision to Reality

- Placement of uses (except where structures already exist) is for conceptualizing only.
- A formal site plan subject to review would follow the Participatory Design Process.
- Questions for Cultivating Community and the Falmouth Land Trust?
- Next steps?

