

Healthy Places by Design Community Forum Summary

Summary for:	Date: October 29, 2011	Time: 10 am – 12 pm	Location: Cold Spring Community Center
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COMMUNITY FORUM TITLE	Keeping Farms and Local Food in Our Future
FACILITATOR	The Rhode Island Agricultural Partnership
ATTENDEES	13 members of the community and surrounding communities

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PRESENTATION	Sheila Brush of The Rhode Island Agricultural Partnership explained Rhode Island’s definition of farm and described farm types. She also explained what is good news and bad news for farms today. Options for supporting farms and land from a community and municipal perspective were also presented. A link to the presentation will be available on the project website: http://northkingstown.org/healthy-places-design .
DISCUSSION	<p>What North Kingstown needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold storage for food pantry – will help access for fresh food beyond the traditional “shelf” items • Move pantry to end of town where it is needed most • Initiate youth programs at farms to inspire teens and “20-somthings” to farm • Identify community kitchens for processing • Start community gardens • Provide programs for new farmers to have access to farm equipment – “farm-share” • Start incubator farm programs to support new farmers

For more information about other ways you can be involved in the project, please contact Denise Kaplin, Healthy Places by Design YMCA Consultant, at dkaplin@gpymca.org. (401-295-6501) or Doug McLean, Town of North Kingstown, at dmclean@northkingstown.org. (401-294-3331).

The mission of the Healthy Places by Design Project is to strengthen land use, transportation and urban design policies and ordinances that guide the decision

making process for the built environment to be more supportive of health, particularly as it relates to physical activity and healthy eating.