

PECONIC LAND TRUST



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PECONIC LAND TRUST ISSUES RFP FOR FARMLAND LEASE AT THE AMAGANSETT FARMERS MARKET SITE IN EAST HAMPTON TOWN

Interested parties are asked to submit a letter of interest by February 1, 2009.

January 9, 2009. Southampton, New York. John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust, announced the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the farmland adjacent to the Amagansett Farmers Market located on Main Street in the hamlet of in Amagansett. The farmland consists of 5.7 +/- acres of conserved farmland that the Trust anticipates leasing in early 2009 with the idea of integrating the produce into the Amagansett Farmers Market. The Trust is managing the property for the owner, Maggie de Cuevas. The Amagansett Farmers Market is currently leased to Eli Zabar. Mr. Zabar will be partnering with the Trust on the RFP evaluation and selection.

Interested parties are asked to submit a letter of interest to Pam Greene, Director of Stewardship by February 1, 2009. A formal proposal will be requested from those submissions following initial interviews. The formal proposal will require a business plan and land use plan for the farm, qualifications, and other information specific to the proposal.

The full RFP can be found on the Trust's website, www.PeconicLandTrust.org, or can be

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obtained from the Trust's offices in Southampton by calling 631.283.3195, emailing to PGreene@PeconicLandTrust.org, by fax at 631.283.0235 or by visiting the office (*Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm*) at 296 Hampton Road, Southampton, NY 11968.

RFP document includes: Property Description, Goals for the Farmland Production, Location Map, Aerial Photograph, Soil Test Results, Soils Map, Conservation Restrictions, Price/Terms of the Lease, and Lessee Selection Process and Criteria and Timeline.

About the Peconic Land Trust

The Peconic Land Trust was established in 1983 to conserve Long Island's working farms and natural lands. Since its inception, the nonprofit Trust has worked conscientiously with landowners, local government, partner organizations and communities to conserve nearly 9,000 acres of land on Long Island. The Trust's professional staff carries out the necessary research and planning to identify and implement alternatives to outright development. While working to conserve the productive farms, watersheds, woodlands, and beachfront of Long Island, the Trust is also protecting the unique rural heritage and natural resources of the region. The Trust has Stewardship Centers in Cutchogue and Amagansett and its Main Office is in Southampton. *A common misperception, however, is that the Peconic Land Trust is the recipient of the monies raised through the Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund (also referred to as the 2% land transfer tax or the Peconic Land Tax). This is NOT the case. The CPF tax is collected by Suffolk County and then redistributed to the five East End towns, the distribution of which is based on the location of the property from which the tax is acquired. For more information about the Peconic Land Trust visit www.peconiclandtrust.org or call 631.283.3195.*