

PECONIC LAND TRUST



****Media Advisory****

PECONIC LAND TRUST JOINS WITH LONG ISLAND FARM BUREAU AND J. KINGS TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE GRAPES AND GREENS FACILITY IN CALVERTON

*As of January 1, 2013, the facility is accepting leases from
agricultural producers for 30,000 sf cold storage and processing.*

*All growers are invited to an information meeting on the new facility on
February 27 at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Riverhead at 3:00 pm.*

FEBRUARY 15, 2013. SOUTHAMPTON, NY. The Peconic Land Trust in partnership with the Long Island Farm Bureau and J. Kings is pleased to announce that subsidized leases are now available for 30,000 sf of cold storage and processing at the Grapes and Greens facility, operated by J. Kings, in Calverton, New York, for Long Island growers. This opportunity was made possible in part by a \$500,000 grant from New York's Empire State Development Corporation to the Long Island Farm Bureau Member Service Corporation in 2012. The Grant funds will be used to defray the cost for leases to the facility for Long Island farms and wineries.

As part of the partnership, the Peconic Land Trust is providing assistance to farm and wine operations on leasing options. A meeting for growers interested in learning more about the Grapes and Greens facility will be on Wednesday, February 27 at 3:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 423 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, NY. For more information regarding the February 27 meeting, or with questions about the facility,

growers can contact Kim Quarty or Dan Heston at the Peconic Land Trust at 631.283.3195.

About Grapes and Greens Facility

Grapes & Greens is an agricultural enterprise terminal centrally located for the East End farming community and vineyards. Grapes & Greens works with Long Island farms and wineries to help store and process their product, ensuring the highest quality and safety while helping to grow the market for locally grown produce and wines.

About Long Island Farm Bureau

Long Island Farm Bureau is a county Farm Bureau in New York State, and is affiliated by agreement with New York Farm Bureau. Long Island Farm Bureau is a membership association comprised of farmers, fishermen, landscapers and agribusinesspeople whose mission is to serve and protect agriculture here on Long Island.

About J. Kings

In business for nearly 40 years, J. Kings is the largest independent food distributor on Long Island. Our focus at Grapes and Greens will be to increase demand for local products to the New York marketplace through aggressive marketing campaign and create a central gathering port for distribution.

About the Peconic Land Trust

2013 is the 30th Anniversary year for the Peconic Land Trust, which 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, donors, local government, partner organizations, and communities to conserve over 10,000 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.

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