

PECONIC LAND TRUST



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PECONIC LAND TRUST ISSUES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FARMLAND LEASE AT HAYGROUND FARM

FEBRUARY 3, 2014. SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK. John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust, announced the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease 2- acres of farmland with access to a farm stand at Hayground Farms, located on Montauk Highway in Bridgehampton. Hayground Farms was acquired by the Trust in June 2013 and is being incorporated into the Trust's Farms for the Future Initiative. The current leasing opportunity is part of the Trust's continued efforts to make farmland available to farmers for food production on Long Island.

The land to be leased is 2 tillable acres of prime agricultural soils (Bridgehampton silt loam) located on the property's northwest corner with road frontage on Montauk Highway. A majority of the 24-acre farmland parcel will be farmed by an established local farmer. The property's northern boundary includes a graveled pullout that was used for many years as a retail farm stand. The farm stand is expected to be shared by both farmers. Ideal applicants must be farming at least 10 acres in the Town of

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Southampton in order to share the farm stand, as per the Southampton Town requirements.

For more information, including conservation restrictions, price/term of lease, lessee selection criteria, and proposal requirements, visit the Peconic Land Trust at <http://www.peconiclandtrust.org/lease> or contact Project Manager Luke McKay at 631.283.3195 or email to lmckay@peconiclandtrust.org. Proposals are due by February 15, 2014.

About the Peconic Land Trust

The Trust is continuing to celebrate its 30th Anniversary having been established in August 1983 to conserve Long Island's working farms, natural lands, and heritage. Since its inception, the nonprofit Trust has worked conscientiously with landowners, communities, municipalities, partner organizations, and donors, to conserve approximately 11,000 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, Bridgehampton (Bridge Gardens), Southold (Agricultural Center at Charnews Farm and Shellfisher Preserve) and Amagansett (Quail Hill Farm) and its Main Office is in Southampton. For more information about the Peconic Land Trust visit www.peconiclandtrust.org or call 631.283.3195.

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