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Amagansett Food Institute and Peconic Land Trust announce new lease for the Amagansett Farmers Market

AFI to bring a food market and educational programming to the Amagansett Farmers Market

JULY 6, 2015. AMAGANSETT, NEW YORK – The Amagansett Food Institute (AFI) today announced it signed a lease with the Peconic Land Trust to operate the Amagansett Farmers Market, located at 367 Main Street in Amagansett, with a planned opening on August 1, 2015.

AFI will operate the Market as a retail food destination, community hub and gathering place, presenting local produce and other products made by East End and New York State food producers.

In keeping with AFI's and the Trust's shared goals to support, promote, and advocate for the farmers, vintners, fishers and other food producers and providers on the East End of Long Island, AFI's offerings in the food market will feature predominantly local produce and locally prepared foods, including many of those from AFI member farms and our commercial incubator kitchen known as South Fork Kitchens.

The market will allow AFI to highlight and support local food providers, as well as bring food-based education to the community and visitors. AFI will offer educational programming, a series of events, and educational materials integrated throughout the market. The programming will be tailored towards reintroducing visitors to seasonality and to a more traditional relationship with food, while addressing issues such as food waste, food insecurity, health and nutrition, and sustainability.

The AFI educational center at the market will also operate as an information resource center where visitors can learn more about East End agricultural practices and operations.

Kathleen Masters, the Executive Director of the Amagansett Food Institute said, “We are thrilled to be able to showcase the best of East End produce and food products and look forward to working with the community to bring more awareness of local food and food related issues.”

Pam Greene, Vice President of the Peconic Land Trust said: “We look forward to working with Kathy and her team at the Amagansett Food Institute, as we continue to support our local farming community through diverse programming, including farmland protection and access to farmland for both new and established farm operations through both lease and sale.”

About the Amagansett Food Institute (AFI):

AFI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of farmers, food producers, and food consumers on the East End of Long Island. We strive to ensure that consumers enjoy healthy, local food, and that local producers are supported in a thriving regional food system.

AFI’s current programming includes a farm-to-pantry program, South Fork Kitchens—a commercial incubator kitchen and Café on the Stony Brook Southampton campus, East End CRAFT (Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training), and Policy Advocacy work.

Learn more about AFI and our programs at amagansettfoodinstitute.org

About the Peconic Land Trust

The Peconic Land Trust manages the Amagansett Farmers Market property, as well as the attendant farmland, on behalf of the owner.

Founded in 1983, Peconic Land Trust conserves 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 over 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.

For more information about the Peconic Land Trust visit www.peconiclandtrust.org or call 631.283.3195.