





Sustainable Agriculture

→ **Sustainable Food Systems**

- ✓ Environmentally
- ✓ Economically
- ✓ Socially

SUSTAINABLE

*Practices and systems
which will not adversely affect future productivity or societies*



PECVA and Agriculture

- ✓ Farmland conservation
- ✓ Buy Fresh Buy Local
- ✓ Exploring the Small Farm Dream
- ✓ Farm-to-Institution



Farm production
Processing-added value
inputs and infrastructure
Marketing
Food Systems
Rural Land use
Entrepreneurship



Facilitation, Education and Organization



Members and non-members
Large and small scale farmers
Beginning and established farmers

All types of farming operations and scales
land managers and management goals:

- ✓ Hobby
- ✓ Break-even [subsistence/homestead]
- ✓ Commercial

Partial Income
Full -income

Individuals and Small Groups

PARTNERS



Planners role ?

Plans that encourage agriculture: *large and small farms*

- Prime soils protection
- Minimize parcel fragmentation
 - cluster zoning for future farming
 - close to population concentrations: ratio?
- Water quality protection
- Distinguish between ag and ag related and non-ag activities
 - Ag support businesses, infrastructure,
Ag Processing, Ag Promotion
- Understand agriculture and build into the plan
- Roadways – equipment and livestock right of ways
- Maintain a reasonable, sensitive regulatory environment
based on scale and risk!



Plan to encourage agriculture livelihoods and landscapes

“Foodsheds”

Set goals: 10% of food supply to be local by 2015...20%?

10% of food dollars local by 2015.... 20%?

? % of ag fields and pastures still productive

Include all ag in economic policy and export strategy..

[.....*defining local*.....]