



Connecticut Climate Change

Suffield Strives to Preserve Half of Town Land, Receives 2006 CT Climate Change Leadership Award

Since 2001, the Town of Suffield has preserved over 700 acres of land providing an excellent example of how a town can creatively balance development and preservation of open space through education, incentives and regulation. The Town is dedicated to preserving 150-200 acres of land annually to help retain the carbon-absorption capacity of forest and agricultural land.

In 1999, the Town set a ten-year goal to preserve as open space and farmland 55% of residentially zoned land, or about one-half of the town. The Town has held informative educational workshops for local and regional property owners, including farmers, on land preservation options. Suffield's subdivision regulations require open space set asides and passive solar energy techniques for new subdivisions. The Town also organized a regional farmers' market to provide a location for farmers to sell their products and provide WIC and low-income seniors with State vouchers to purchase local produce. According to First Selectman Scott Lincenfelter, the Town of Suffield "recognizes how valuable our environment and natural resources are and continues to seek out new ways to protect them."

The Town of Suffield received the CT Climate Change Leadership Award in 2006 from the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change. The Town's commitment to preserve forest and agricultural lands will support local farmers, maintain landscapes, and result in long-term benefits to air quality and the global climate.



Suffield Farmers' Market.

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