When you conjure up a cherished memory, there’s a good chance food is involved. Spring means picking fresh strawberries, summer calls for corn on the cob, and it’s not autumn until you’ve carved a pumpkin. If you’re enjoying this produce in Columbia County, you likely had the opportunity to purchase it directly from a farmer. Maybe a farmer whose parents, and their parents before them, farmed the same plot of earth. Without taking action to protect farms like these their legacy could disappear.

- Rising land and housing costs make it nearly impossible for average wage workers to live in Columbia County and for farmers to keep farming.
- Many Columbia County towns do not have resources for planning and zoning. With increased development pressure, conservation-minded planning is more important than ever.
- A large portion of farmers are approaching retirement age but have not been able to find successors, and farming in a changing climate makes this way of life more difficult than ever.

We are so lucky to be living in this beautiful place, and thanks to CLC it keeps getting better and better.

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