



Sustainability at Wright-Locke Farm

In honor of Earth Day yesterday, today's newsletter highlights some of the Farm's efforts to become a more sustainable place and community resource.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



4/27 Spring Work Day

Every Spring, we need many hands to help clean up after the long winter. We'll be focusing on cleaning out the Farm Stand this Saturday! It's a great day to get outside, get your hands dirty, and bring a friend or meet some new people.

Bring work gloves if you have them, clothes you are okay with getting dirty, and your own water/snacks.

[Sign-Up Here](#)

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Program Highlights

In the spirit of Earth Day, here are some upcoming programs that promote positive connections with our environment.



May 7th, 8-10am: **Birding**

Join us for a guided walk through the farm property and into the woods with Ben Flemer to look for migrating spring birds. Ben is the Bird Banding Station Manager at Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats Center. He'll teach the basics of birdwatching and help us to identify some common species. [Register Here](#)

May 10 - 12th: **Plant Sale & Spring Fling Weekend**

We're celebrating the beginning of a new season with our annual [Spring Fling Weekend](#) and [Plant Sale](#). Join us for fun activities and to buy seedlings for your home gardens all Mothers' Day Weekend long!

May 11th, 9:30am: **Gardening Techniques for**

account required for this event, but make sure you have filled out our [volunteer form](#) before arriving)

Volunteering at WLF

Wright-Locke Farm has a robust and engaged volunteer community.

Our awesome volunteers are crucial to our operations and are an important piece of our [mission](#).

Interested in volunteering? [Click here](#) to learn more about the types of opportunities available and how to sign-up!

Farm Blog



[Looking Forward to Sustainability](#)

We wanted to take this opportunity to repost Executive Director, Archie McIntyre's blog post about his resolutions to make impactful changes in his everyday life to be more sustainable.

Sustainability Tips



There are so many little things that we can all start to work into our daily lives to create big, positive change.

We wanted to share some suggestions and ideas that we've been trying out ourselves. Check out this section weekly for sustainability tips.

TIP: *Create an "Emergency Road Kit"*

By this, we mean create a system that keeps you prepared for spur of the moment grocery shopping trips, or events where food is being served with plasticware. Create your own "reusable Swiss army knife" of sorts by keeping a couple items on hand just in case. Keep this "kit" in your car or

Better Harvests and a Better Planet

In conjunction with our seedling sale, we are offering a gardening workshop on Saturday. Learn strategies to build organic matter, increase topsoil depth, improve the soil's water holding capacity, increase resilience to drought and weather extremes, as well as keep pests and disease in check by working alongside biodiversity. [More Info](#)

May 11th, 11am:

All Seasons Barn Update & Site Walk

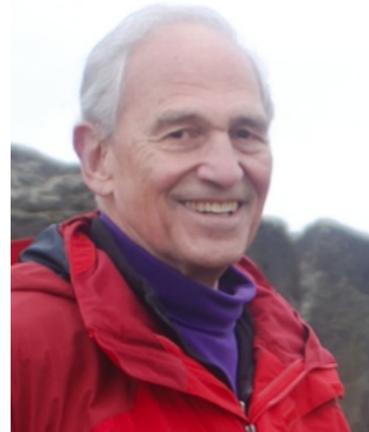
As we near closer to our fundraising goal, we've been working to finalize the plans for the All Seasons Barn. Our recent developments include significant measures to make the building more sustainable. Join us Saturday morning for a site walk and to see the latest developments. Bring questions and ideas.

May 22nd, 7:30pm: 2019

Speaker Series Kickoff

Climate Change in New England: Becoming a Resilient Part of the Solution

Join us for a presentation with Dr. William Moomaw, Emeritus Professor of International Environmental Policy at The Fletcher School at Tufts, as he gives us a better picture of the implications and solutions of climate change in New England and what individuals, families, and communities can do to help mitigate these effects.



[More Info & RSVP Here.](#)

Sustainability and the All Seasons Barn



As we continue our fundraising campaign to build a new, year-round facility for the Farm, we've been hard at work finalizing the designs so that we are ready to build as soon as we hit our goal. An important part of the design process has been the environmental and energy considerations of this project.

The construction of the All Seasons Barn provides a unique opportunity to teach through doing - to demonstrate environmental responsibility through the very design of the building. This design will include geothermal heat, an extremely efficient building envelope, triple-glazed windows, and smart rainwater recycling systems among other elements.

Please join us for a **Design Update & Site Walk** on Saturday, May 11th at 11am at the Farm. Bring any questions and ideas you might have! This event is free.

[Learn more about the All Seasons Barn Project](#)

[Donate to the All Seasons Barn](#)

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at Wright-Locke Farm!

As an organic-certified, community farm, we are always trying to find ways to do better for our land, near- and long-term.

This year, we are tackling reducing waste at the farm. Remembering the three R's - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle - will help us waste less and enjoy more!

REDUCE: We are working to reduce single-use plastics at the farm. Why?

- We are talking about plastic water bottles, drinking cups, and forks (and knives and spoons).
- Many of these plastics are hard to recycle and they often get tossed in the regular trash.

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1. larger reusable shopping bags
 2. smaller produce bags that you've acquired (for fruit and veg etc.)
 3. Tupperware containers (for deli/takeout options)
 4. reusable utensils
 5. an extra water bottle/drinking vessel

The real trick is to make sure you get in the habit of repacking these items after you use them!

 Share your own tips!
 Send them along to
kkneeland@wlfarm.org

Ring in a new sustainability chapter at WLF!



Volunteer, August Westner's "raspberry roundup" bell is made entirely from repurposed metal trash recovered from discarded items at the Transfer Station. The bell will serve quite nicely to call visitors in at the end of raspberry picking hours. August epitomizes sustainability in his repurposing of old materials. The Farm is grateful for August's thoughtful and timely donation. This beautiful bell symbolizes sustainability.

Support the All Seasons Barn



DONATE HERE

We are currently raising money to build a year-round facility at the Farm called the *All Seasons Barn*. Building this multi-purpose barn is a crucial step in ensuring the future of Wright-Locke Farm. The All

- Plastics that have food waste on them cannot be recycled.

What does that mean for you?

- Enjoy reusable cups & mugs in the Farm Stand -- or bring your own mug from home!
- Look for new food-waste composting bins -- for food waste and compostable-food wrappings (pizza boxes!)

How can you help?

- Please don't bring any single-use plastics to the farm (bottles or plates or forks)
- Any single use items should be BPI-certified compostable
- Don't know where to put your trash? Ask a staff member!

REUSE: A great way to reduce waste is to use reusable products -- everyday!

- Bring your own cup or mug to the Farm Stand
- Pack your picnic or snacks in a reusable bag
- Love straws? Get a reusable one and bring with you everywhere!

RECYCLE: When all else fails, use items that can be easily recycled -- and please read signs carefully!

- Clean paper or cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Glass

Sustainability Around Us



Here are a couple of things going on in the surrounding area regarding sustainability.

EcoWeek in Arlington

April 22nd - 28th

Learn, celebrate and take action during this week of ecological inspiration, with something for everyone. Events are free and open to the public. [Learn More Here](#)

EV Ride in Winchester Center

Saturday April 27th, 1-3pm

Test drive a variety of electric vehicles and learn more about EV ownership.

Climate Change and Regional Resilience

Tuesday, May 7th, 7-8:30pm

@ the Jenks Community Center in Winchester

Learn about collaborative opportunities at the State, Regional and Local levels to improve climate-preparedness with Undersecretary Kathleen Theoharides, Senator Jason Lewis, and Representative Michael Day.

Support your Farm

Seasons Barn will allow us to operate all year-long and will expand and enhance our popular programming.

[Learn more about the All Seasons Barn Project here.](#)

You can donate online or send a check to the Wright-Locke Land Trust at P.O. Box 813, Winchester, MA 01890

