

# Accelerating Farmland Access in Vermont

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## SCOPE

To provide Vermont farmers with land assessment, land access, business planning and succession planning support in coordinated, proactive ways to accelerate access to land and the growth of viable new farm businesses.

**PRIMARY BENEFICIARIES:** • New and beginning farmers • Retiring farmers

## OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES

- Develop and implement land access programming that links new and retiring farmers
- Provide business assistance that improves the management capacity of new farmers
- Improve land access opportunities for new farmers
- Increase access to financing, including new tools, for new farmers
- Help retiring farmers connect with potential successors and support the transfer process

## ACTIVITIES

- Develop a structure for increased collaboration between partner organizations to increase efficiency and impact of technical assistance for land conservation and farm business planning
- Provide new farmers with targeted land access and business planning support
- Prepare new farmers to access capital and develop alternative financing mechanisms
- Work with retiring farmers to find farm successors
- Provide transition planning to retiring farmers



**PARTNERS:** Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Vermont Land Trust, Intervale Center

**IN COLLABORATION WITH:** University of Vermont Extension, Land For Good, Northeast Organic Farmers Association of Vermont