Food Solutions New England meets Wildlands & Woodlands
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New England Food Vision
Core Values

- Healthy food for all (i.e., right to food)
- Sustainable farming and fishing
- Thriving communities

(released 2014)
Wildlands & Woodlands Vision

Purpose

• conserve 70% of New England as forests
• develop new ways to collaborate to double the pace of conservation
• sustain the forested and natural landscapes that in turn sustain us
Local Food and Farming in New England

A New England Food Vision

The Wildlands and Woodlands vision calls for 70 percent of New England to remain in forest and as much as 15 percent of the landscape (6 million acres) to revert to farmland – triple what we have now. Like forests, accessible and healthy food is vital to the social, economic, and environmental health of New England. A New England Food Vision, released by Food Solutions New England and co-authored by W&W author Brian Donahue, outlines a future in which New England supports a high quality of life for its residents through fair, local, and sustainable food systems and builds upon the support of farmland in the W&W vision.

"A strong, productive local food system is critically important for the success of the W&W vision, which calls for the protection of land vital to the region's traditional land-based economy, and environmental and social health," said Donahue. "By taking a more sustainable approach to food production, we can help conserve New England's valuable natural resources while encouraging a healthy regional population for today and many generations to come."
Regional Conservation Partnerships
Some useful efforts at scenario planning or road mapping.

From *Changes to the Land: Four Scenarios for the Future of the Massachusetts Landscape*

http://harvardforest.fas.harvard.edu/changes-to-the-land#sthash.C4x6czsc.dpuf
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