



## **Agricultural Forum**

Tuesday, March 5, 2013; 6:00-9:00 PM

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center  
680 Hudson Road; Sudbury, MA

### **Agenda**

- 6:00 PM: Registration / Refreshments**
- Light Supper Buffet: A Sampling of Local Foods
  - Display Tables Open: Department of Agricultural Resources, Tufts New Entry
- 6:15 PM: Interactive Mapping and Challenges Exercise**
- 6:30 PM: Welcome and Ice Breaker**  
*Jamie Cruz, Town of Littleton Agricultural Commission*
- 6:40 PM: Agricultural Planning Project**  
*Julie Conroy, MAPC Senior Environmental Planner/MAGIC Coordinator*
- 6:50 PM: Keynote Address**  
*Jonathan Healy, U.S. Department of Agriculture, State Director for Rural Development/Hall Tavern Farm*  
*Introduction by Keith Bergman, Littleton Town Administrator/MAGIC Executive Chairman*
- 7:10 PM: Break**
- 7:20 PM: Challenges Exercise Summary/Breakout Introduction**  
*Brad Mitchell, Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation*
- 7:35 PM: Breakout Groups: Discussion of Challenges and Solutions**
- What barriers are farmers facing?
  - What obstacles do municipalities face in enhancing local agriculture?
  - What are the potential solutions and action items to addressing these challenges?
- 8:30 PM: Report Out and Discussion of Next Steps**  
*Designated Group Leaders*  
*Facilitated by MAPC*
- 9:00 PM: Raffle Awards / Adjourn**