

Local Kitchen

66-68 Boston Rd.

Westford, MA 01886

Our conceptual plan represents creating a well-designed farm to table restaurant, including a function hall. The property located at 66-68 Boston Rd. in Westford, MA will consist of 60 percent farming which will include a newly planted high density apple orchard, pear and peach trees. There will be an area dedicated for growing produce for use in the restaurant during summer months and a green house on property to enhance the menu for the colder months. Back up products will be procured from local farms. The farming portion of this property will be handled by Jamie Cruz of Springdale Farm located in Littleton MA., Please see her bio in the enclosed packet.

Our sole goal is to create an absolutely spectacular restaurant/farm in the Town of Westford, reviving the current derelict property to a new and attractive feature for the Town. The property will have around 150 parking spaces with dedicated handicapped parking. It will also feature a row of blue spruce to block the parking area from Boston Road. The Town of Westford has an approximate work force of 12,000 people by day and more in the near future. There is constant demand for a quality restaurant and meeting establishment that the current restaurants in the area do not offer. We plan to accommodate around 180 plus clients for the restaurant and function hall that can be utilized for meetings and small celebrations.

Our immediate priorities for the property are as follows:

1. Upon completion of purchase and sale contract we will remove all unwanted material on property, such as old and unusable green houses, vehicles, oil tanks, and propane tanks.
2. We will also remove of all unwanted surplus loam, fertilizer, mulch and any related material.
3. The current structure on the farm will be removed and all usable building materials will be reclaimed and used in the new establishment blending the old with the new.
4. We will then proceed to remove all unusable fruit trees in order to make way for the new high density orchards we will plant.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

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Jamie is a fourth generation berry and vegetable grower from Littleton, Massachusetts; just a short ride outside of Boston. Jamie concentrates on crop and greenhouse production which is just a portion of the diversified New England farm. Jamie farms with her mother Paula; who concentrates on beef cattle and livestock production. Between the land that they own in Littleton and the land they are leasing across town and into the nearby town of Groton, they are farming a total of about 300 acres. The farm produces specialty crops, ranging from small fruit to zucchini and practices a lot of season-extension growing, producing leafy greens throughout the winter months in unheated high tunnels. The livestock includes Black Angus cattle, hogs, poultry, lambs and goats. The livestock are raised from start to finish and are slaughtered at a nearby USDA facility; one of only two in Massachusetts. All the products grown and raised at Springdell Farm are sold through the roadside farm stand which is conveniently located on a major highway, through various farm share programs, through local schools and to nearby farm-to-fork restaurants. The farm accesses labor through the H2A program each year and has retail staff that that has played a role in the operation since they were kids. Although a lot of the family has gone onto other careers, they all still play a part in the farm operation whether it be in the shop, working on equipment, helping out at open house events or coming to help harvest strawberries on early June mornings.

Besides marketing what is produced, the farm has open houses where the community has access to events like the annual sheep shearing occasion, summer farm parties, sunset picnics around the bonfires and Halloween parties all which give the community a closer look into working farms and an appreciation for their local farming community.

Farm Bureau has played a significant role in Jamie's agricultural career and has worked in leadership positions on many levels. She was elected by the MFBBF President, Richard Bonanno as State Chair of Young Farmer & Rancher Committee back in 2011 and served for four years. That same year, she was appointed to the Middlesex County Farm Bureau Board of Directors where she still serves as a YF&R Representative. In 2014, the MFBBF delegates voted her in as a Director at Large where she will serve a two year term on the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Board of Directors. In December of 2014, American Farm Bureau President, Bob Stallman appointed Jamie to the AFBF Young Farmer & Rancher Committee where she will serve a two year term representing the Northeast.

Springdell Farm

1987 – 2009

Farm kid, born and raised

2010 – Present

Co-Owner, Crop Production Manager, Retail Manager

Middlesex County Farm Bureau Federation

October 2011 - Present

Elected to the County Farm Bureau Board of Directors as a YF&R representative under President Donna Kramer. Has served as a Voting Delegate for three years.

- 2015 John Ogonowski Award recipient

Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation

December 2011 – December 2014

First elected to the Board of Directors as the State Chair of the Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee in 2011 and served four years.

- Worked diligently to gain more interest from young farmers into our YF&R program
- Brought YF&R Discussion Meet competitions back to MFBF annual meetings
- Worked with County Boards to promote the YF&R program to their membership

December 2014 – Present

Elected as a Director at Large to the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Board of Directors

- Organized a Young Farmer Reception to be held at the New England Vegetable & Berry Growers conference in December 2015; sponsored by Massachusetts and New Hampshire Farm Bureau to promote interest into the YF&R programs within New England.

American Farm Bureau Federation

March 2015 – Present

Elected to the American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer & Rancher Committee by AFBF President, Bob Stallman

- Serves on the Promotions Sub-Committee
- Represents the Northeast region
- Concentrates on Immigration Reform

U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance

October 2013

Panelist on the Food Dialogues: Boston

- Represented Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation
- Represented local, diversified agriculture

United States Department of Agriculture

March 2015

Panelist at the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum held in Washington D.C. with Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Krysta Harden.

- New Opportunities: Tomorrow's Opportunities – choosing agriculture as a career

American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture

- Donor and supporter

Town of Littleton

2006 – Present

Elected by the Board of Selectmen to the Agricultural Commission and voted by the commission to Chair in 2006.

- Worked to restructure the commission to better suit the Town of Littleton
- Formed a Right to Farm Bylaw

2014 – Present

Nominated by the Agricultural Commission to represent the Agricultural Commission on the newly formed Agricultural Zoning Bylaw Working Group. Appointed to the sub-committee by the Board of Selectmen.

- Working with Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Agricultural Commission to determine good practices for town owned agricultural properties.

Other Affiliations

- Member, New England Apple Council

- Member, New England Vegetable & Berry Growers Association
- Member, Northeast Les Dames d'Escoffier International

New England Food Vision

Represented Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation in the early stages of discussion and planning.

Beef Checkoff

Works closely with the Northeast Beef Promotion Board each year to host groups of students and producers at the farm stand after they have toured the cattle operation; where attendees have the opportunity to learn more about the marketing of beef and consumer education on livestock production.

Consumer Education

Hosts a "kid" camp at the farm year-round which gives kids the opportunity to learn about agriculture. Kids are able to have a hands on experience in the greenhouses, in the fields and in the livestock pens. The group meets two to three times a month and concentrates on learning how food gets to their plates including:

- Lettuce harvest
- Strawberry harvest
- Onion planting
- Pork cuts
- Animal husbandry
- Seeding
- Selling produce
- Packing CSA shares
- Cooking

Hosts groups on a regular basis that want to have a hands on experience learning about agriculture.