

Conservation Commissions, Land Trusts and other environmental groups to promote environmental protection and stewardship in Connecticut. The Commission is developing an Open Space Action Plan and has organized a workshop for large landowners to explore options for their land.

Our Commission has sponsored the Ashford Farmers Market since 2007. We also applied for and got accepted into AGvocate Program, which led to creation of Ashford's Agriculture Commission.

The Conservation Commission is active with Windham County Conservation Consortium (WCCC), worked on the Natchaug River Basin Planning Group, and has cosponsored educational programming with the Babcock Library. The CC promoted the purchase of development rights to Knowlton Farm and Horse Listeners (formerly known as Crooke's Orchard). Both properties are now permanently protected. CC participates in Walktober, has sponsored hikes and film programs.



Knowlton Farm



Farmers Market and Conservation Commission



Homegrown Ashford Produce

All About Ashford is a service provided by the Babcock Library, 25 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford, CT 06278

Farmers Market

The Ashford Farmers Market started in 2006. The market runs from June to October from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Sundays. The Farmers Market is held at Pompey Hollow Park in Warrenville, across Route 44 from Knowlton Memorial Hall.

During the first month (June through July 4th) we are located in the parking lot next to the old Post Office on RT 44 across from the Town Hall. When the farmers have more produce, we move to Pompey Hollow Park, the wide grassy area in between the Senior Center and the Senior Housing.

The present market master is Beth Supina. She has been a vendor since the beginning of the program. During the first four years, Sherry Simpson and Art Talmadge were the market masters. They have continued as vendors at our market.

The market has a web site: www.ashfordfarmersmarket.com. In addition to fresh produce, we also sell

French bread and pastries, local beef, maple syrup, local honey, and flowers. We have herbal products including soaps and massage. During our year we have guest vendors selling crafts, local plants and hand painted murals.

The Farmers Market stays open during Family Day in September and we also have special events during the season. In the winter 2010-11 we held a Winter Market on Saturdays twice a month. We may repeat that in the future depending upon demand and supply.

To contact the Farmers Market please call Beth Supina at 860- 324-9587 or email: supinafamilyfarm@charter.net. You may also try contacting Loretta Wrobel at 860-429-2629, or email her at: birdeye123@earthlink.net

Conservation Commission

The Ashford Conservation Commission meets every 4th Monday at 7:30 at the town Administration Building in Warrenville. The Chair is Loretta Wrobel, and she, can be reached at birdeye123@earthlink.net, or by phone at 860-429-2629. We welcome all citizens at our meetings.

The Conservation Commission (CC) is an advisory group established 2006 per recommendation of the Ashford Plan of Conservation and Development (APOCD). This plan provides an inventory of natural resources to promote environmental protection and stewardship of the land. The Commission collaborates with other land use commissions to help maintain the natural resources of Ashford and preserve the rural character of the town. The CC supports the principles, values and recommendations put forth in the APOCD.

The Conservation Commission provides ongoing education to residents, and works closely with other