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VERMONTLANDLINK.ORG PRESERVING VERMONT’S WORKING LANDSCAPE AND AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE BY CONNECTING LANDOWNERS AND FARMERS

For many new farmers and those looking to expand operations, simply finding available land is a huge challenge. At the same time, more and more landowners want to make land available for farming. They want farmers to find them. That’s why the Vermont Farmland Access Network (VFAN) created Vermont Land Link, a free online clearinghouse connecting farmland seekers and property owners. The site was created to help farm seekers and farm property holders find each other.

Located at VermontLandLink.org, the site’s format is similar to “for sale by owner” sites. It also provides farmers and landowners access to educational information and services related to farmland tenure. For more information contact Ben Waterman, Land Access Coordinator at the Center for Sustainable Agriculture: tel. no. (802) 656-5459, e-mail ben.waterman@uvm.edu.

VermontLandLink is available for farm-seekers and landowners statewide, and is made possible by the sponsorship of the Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC). LEDC is a private not-for-profit corporation sponsored by Lamoille County businesses and municipalities as well as the State of Vermont. Its mission is to strengthen the county’s economy through the creation and expansions of jobs and businesses with a focus on agricultural, tourism and web-based businesses.

About the Vermont Farmland Access Network (VFAN): VFAN organizations and agencies include the Intervale Center, Land for Good, the Rutland Area Farm & Food Link, UVM Extension, the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont New Farmer Project, a program of the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture. Members are agricultural service providers dedicated to keeping Vermont’s farmland affordable, accessible and productive. In order to enable successful and sustainable farmland tenure arrangements, these service providers offer personalized support to Vermont Land Link participants.

Established in 1994, the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture provides timely information to Vermont communities and the UVM campus. The Center cultivates partnerships, supports innovative research and practices, and informs policy to advance sustainable food and farming systems. For more information, contact Linda Berlin at the Center: 656-0669 or linda.berlin@uvm.edu.

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