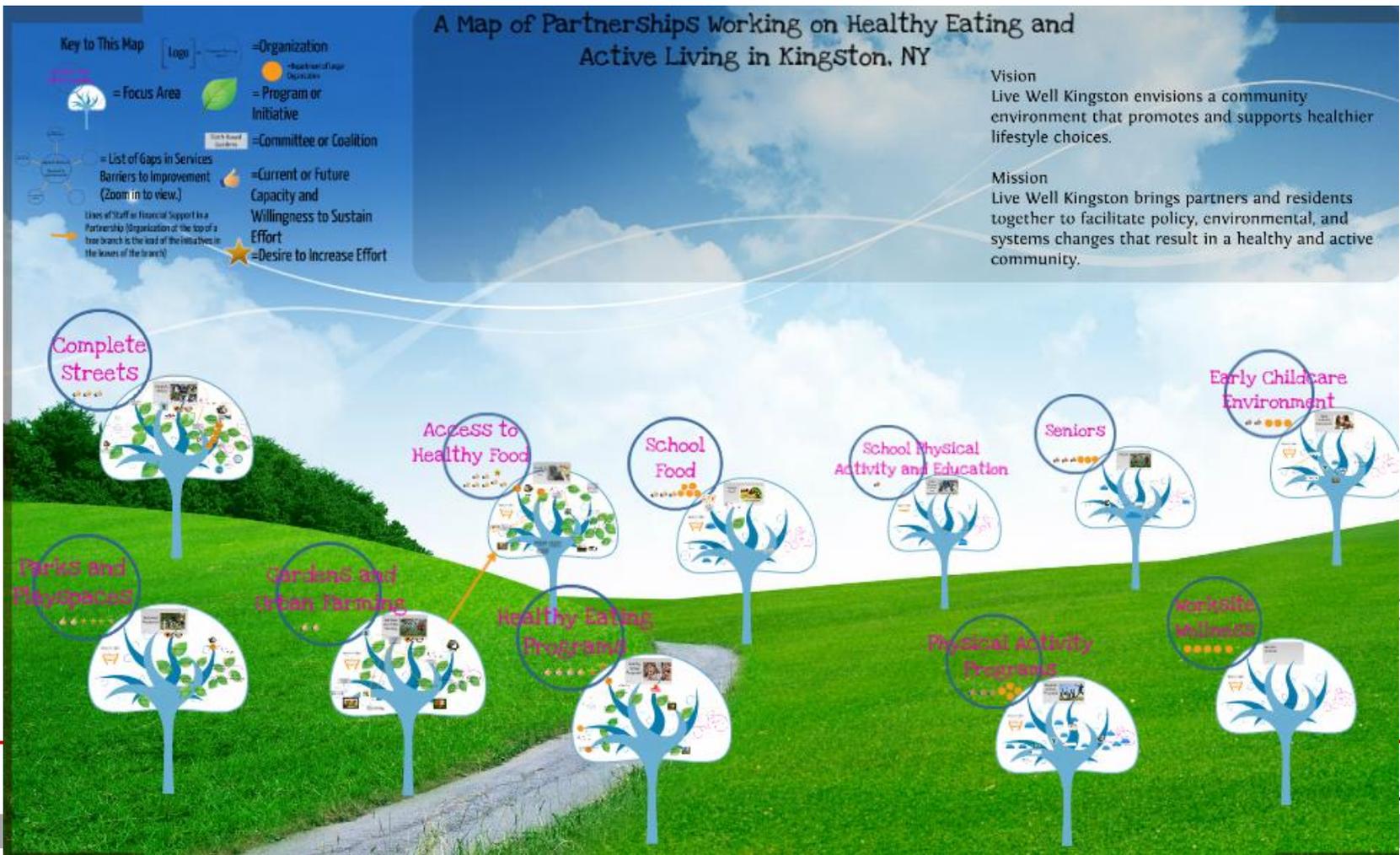


Social Resilience = Economic Resilience

Numerous new and ongoing community initiatives supporting health and local food production. *Many agents of change are helping to transform the city.*



Jobs Food security

Social Empowerment and Wellness



Burgevin Floriculture

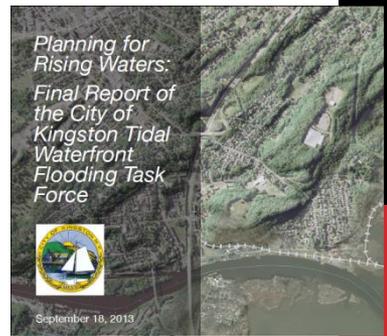
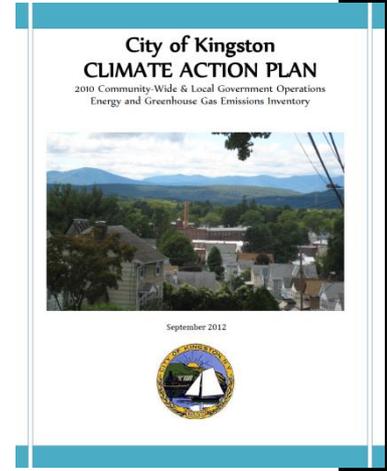
Buzzanco's Farm

1-87, IBM and "urbanization in Kingston"

KINGSTON LAND TRUST

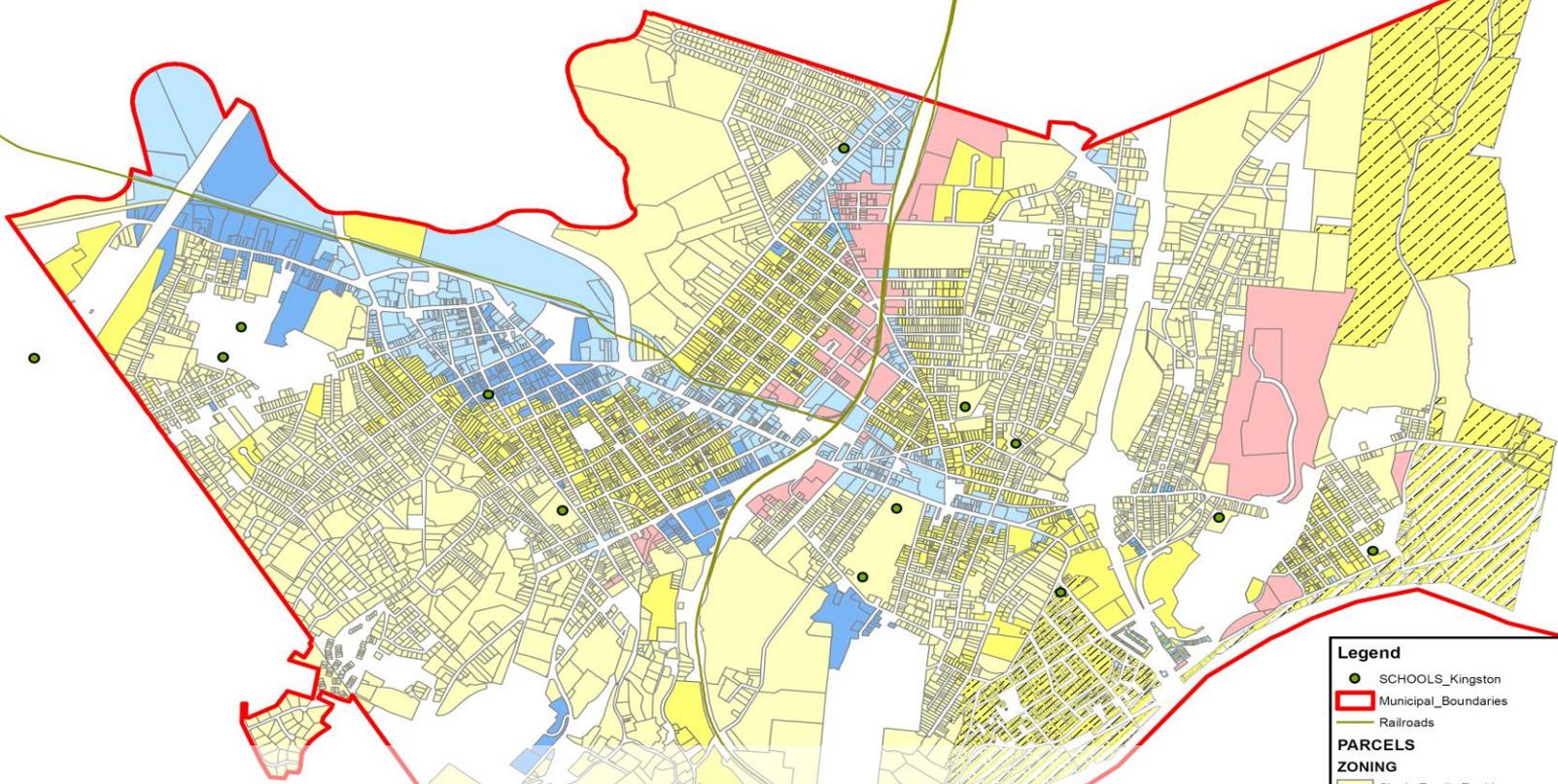
An Opportune Moment

We have the chance to support the update to Kingston's Comprehensive Plan, which is currently underway, and recommend changes to the zoning ordinance and related city ordinances that would remove the current barriers to urban agriculture.



Kingston Urban Agriculture Project – Timeline

Phase 1 – Zoning Analysis



The focus of Phase 1 was an analysis of Kingston's zoning and a review of best practices to provide recommendations for Kingston's new Comprehensive Plan and zoning.

Legend

- SCHOOLS_Kingston
- ▭ Municipal_Boundaries
- Railroads

PARCELS

ZONING

- Single Family Residence
- Two-Family Residence
- Three-Family Residence
- Four-Family Residence
- Multi-Family Residence
- Rondout Creek Hudson Riverfront District
- Riverfront District - Traditional Neighborhood Design Overlay
- Residential Limited Commercial Mixed Use
- Rondout District
- Shopping Center
- General and Central Commercial District
- Convenience Business
- Office District
- Manufacturing

Phase 1 – Recommendations

Commitment

- Support of the Comprehensive Plan Committee and Planning Department and Common Council resolution to adopt and integrate the proposed recommendations into comprehensive planning, zoning and related ordinances, and City programs.

Comprehensive Plan Integration

- Addition of recommended urban agriculture objectives in this report to “Kingston 2025” Comprehensive Plan.

Phase 1 – Recommendations

(continued)

Zoning and Related Ordinance Changes

- Revise zoning to allow urban farming in more districts, including rooftops
- Streamline the permitting process for urban farmers
- Consider allowing chickens, bees, and explore possibilities for other animals
- Allow broader range of accessory structures (coops, apiaries, hoopouses, greenhouses)
- Increase potential for composting (backyard and curbside)
- Create incentives for stormwater management
- Support remediation of contaminated soil
- Support access to land and water

Phase 1 – Recommendations

(continued)

Capacity Building

- Strengthen coordination and support proposed report, including City departments and the Conservation Advisory Council to communicate with the public and coordinate with supportive community organizations.

Partnerships with Supportive Organizations

- Partnerships with Kingston Urban Agriculture Committee, supportive community organizations, and local experts to leverage resources and expertise in support of policy implementation and project coordination.

Coordination of Information, Education, and Outreach

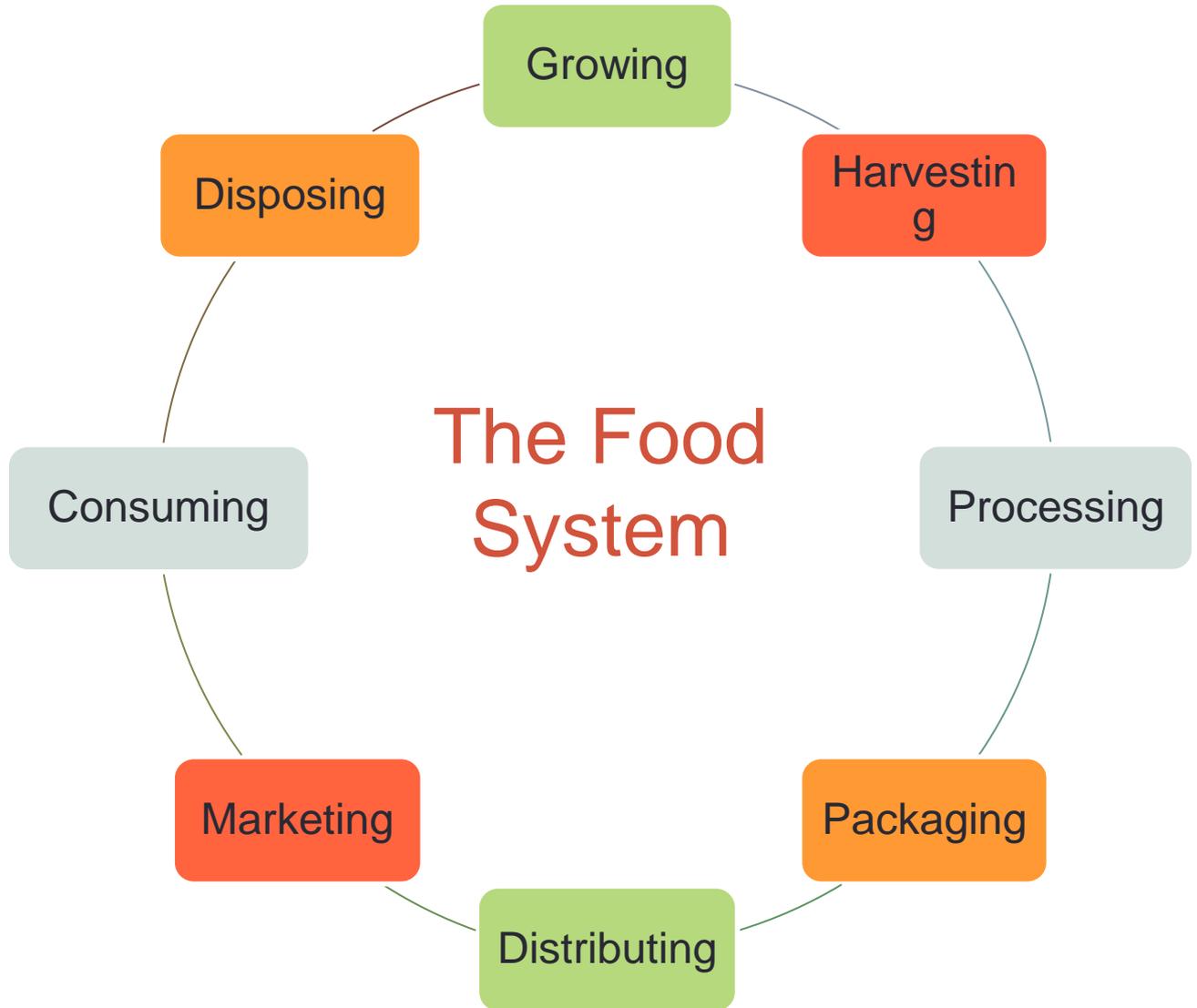
- Working with partners, use the information referenced in this report and best practices resources for information, education and outreach to support a UA program.

Phase 2 – Potential Focus Areas

Positive Policies to Support Local Food Systems Change

- Inclusion: Focus on access to food production for underserved people.
- Land access: connect vacant city-owned properties with farmers and backyard farming exchange opportunities; establish tenure regulations for public land based on best practices.
- Funding: support business planning and access to credit
- Education: work closely with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the new Farm Hub to support new urban farmers.
- Institutional buyers: work with schools, hospitals to provide legal and policy support for farm-to-table procurement.
- Restaurants and food establishments: provide supports for contract growing.
- Policy: work with newly forming Ulster County Food Policy Council to support urban agricultural policies and connections.
- Rural connections: support connections with surrounding farms.
- Environmental remediation: incorporate stormwater management and other beneficial “green infrastructure” techniques.

Phase 2 Focus: Food production infrastructure



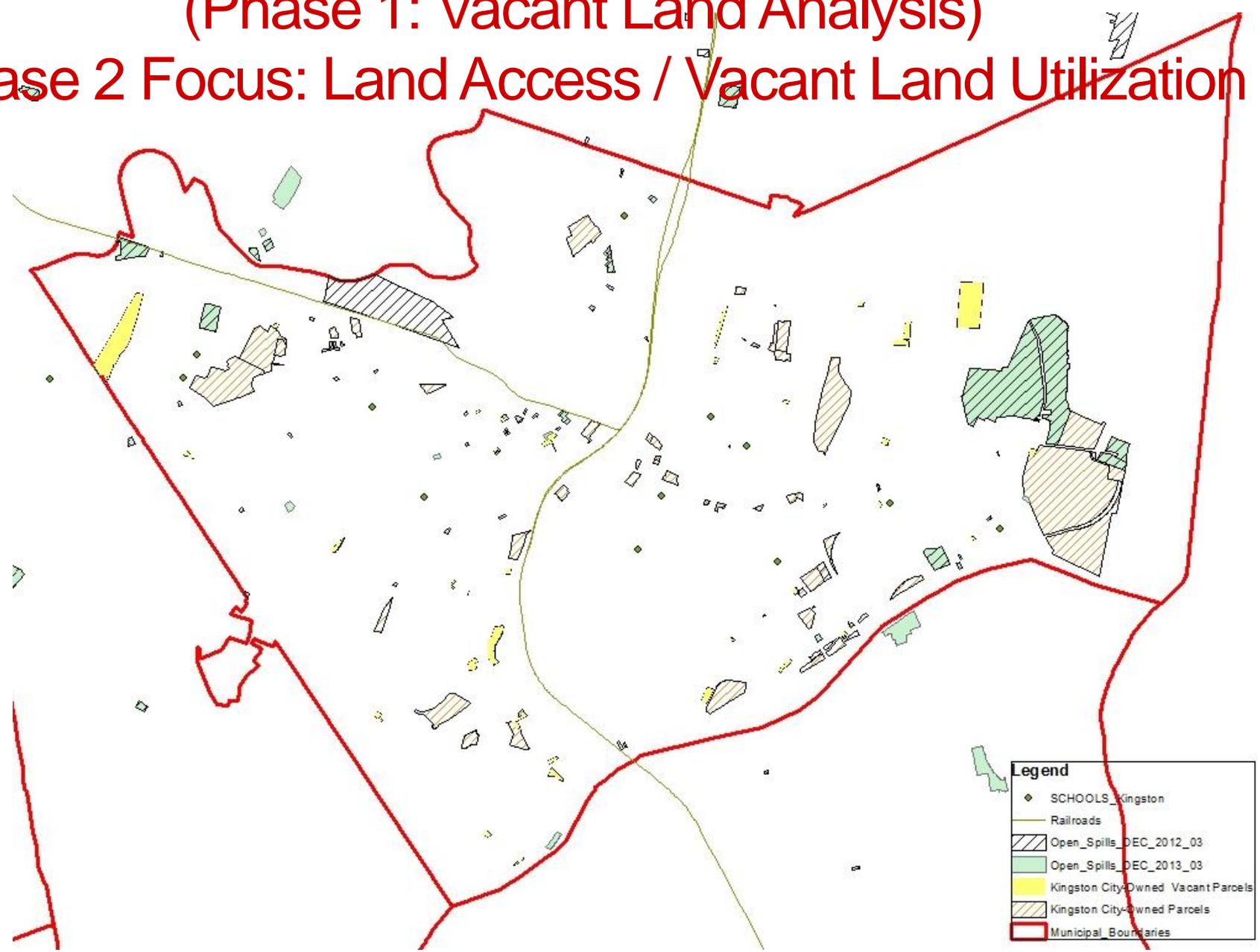
Phase 2 Focus: Food production infrastructure Supports for Urban Farmers



Kingston Urban Agriculture Project - Timeline

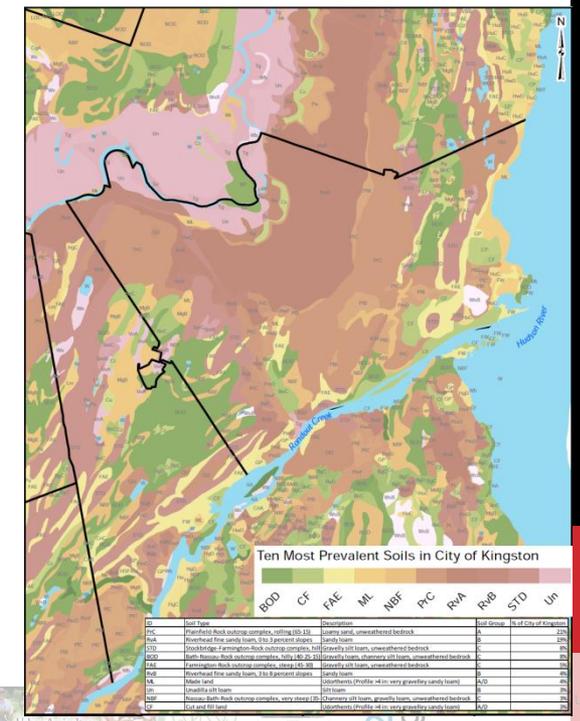
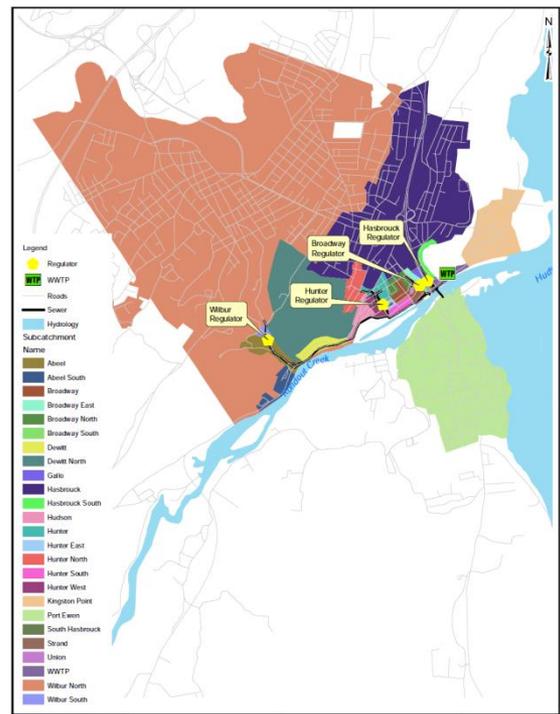
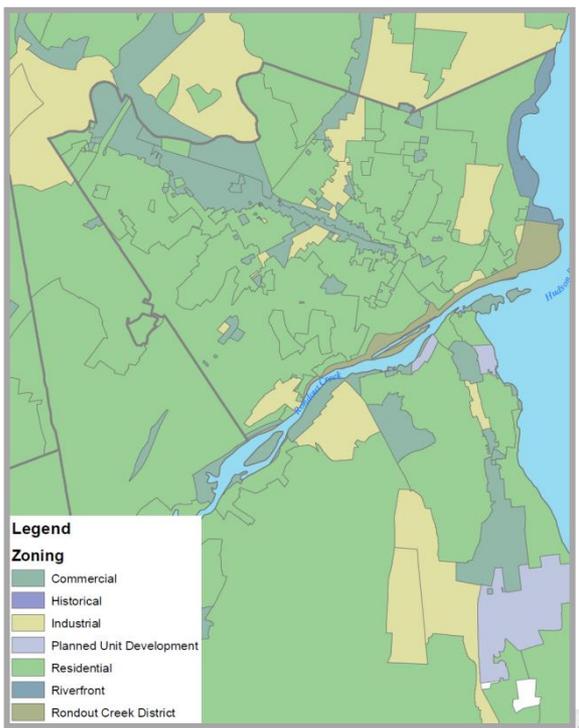
(Phase 1: Vacant Land Analysis)

Phase 2 Focus: Land Access / Vacant Land Utilization



Phase 2 Focus: Green Infrastructure

Zoning Incentives for Urban Ag + Stormwater



The promise of urban agriculture

With just 35* acres, Kingston could...



*There are just over 35 acres of vacant, city-owned land and over 800 acres, more than 1/3 of the entire city, of property in Kingston.

Imagine the Possibilities.
Jobs. Local Food. Better Health. A Better Environment.

Contact Info

Jennifer Schwartz Berky, Principal

HONE STRATEGIC, LLC

Urban Planning & Community Revitalization

35 Hone Street, Kingston, NY 12401

www.honstrategic.com, jsberky@honstrategic.com

845.389.2404

Jeffrey P. LeJava, Esq.

Senior Staff Attorney and Adjunct Professor of Law

Land Use Law Center, Pace University School of Law

78 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603

jlejava@law.pace.edu

914.422.4698

Rebecca Martin, Management Division

Larrecca Music Management

PO Box 1326

Kingston, NY 12402

rebecca@larreccamusic.com

Urban Agriculture State Support

Urban Agriculture

- Many definitions
- Public misconception
- Benefits
- Rural Perception

Government Support

- **Community Gardens programs/grants**
- **Cornell Small Farms Program**
- **SARE Grants Program**
- **Farm Service Agency-young farmer and rancher program-youth loans for farm enterprises**
- **Farm Credit Services-Loans**

Other Support

- Partnerships
- Private Foundations
- Medical Establishments

Margaret K. Kelly

Assistant Director - Division of Plant Industry

NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets

Margaret.Kelly@agriculture.ny.gov

518-457-5985

Climate Smart Communities Webinar

E-Mail Addresses



- Mark Lowery
mdlowery@gw.dec.state.ny.us
- Kim Farrow
kxfarrow@gw.dec.state.ny.us
- Climate Change Office
climatechange@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Climate Smart Communities Webinar

Website Address



<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/50845.html>