

Biodynamic Farmer Sought

Lakeside School, located on the 200-year old Black Kettle Farm in Essex, NY, is seeking to sub-let farmland to a farmer dedicated to biodynamic farming practices and interested in establishing an affiliation with the school as farm educator. Modest cottage housing is included on the farm. A trial period of mutually decided length is suggested for both the applicant and Lakeside School prior to crafting a long-term agreement.

Black Kettle Farm is a 230-acre organic Wild Farm nestled between Lake Champlain and the Adirondack Mountains. It includes more than 100 acres of tillable farmland, large barn, equipment sheds, tool/garden shed and root cellar, stream and pond, established apple trees and vineyard, fenced-in pastures, and modest greenhouse. Possibilities for farming include expanding the trees and berries, and small-scale production of chickens, goats, sheep, and dairy/beef cattle. Nearby are several year-round CSAs, an active community center, farmers' markets, and thriving villages.

Lakeside School leases the farm from the Eddy Foundation, a local non-profit conservation organization. The school offers a unique Waldorf early childhood program for three- to six-year olds, with the vision to grow the program each year.

Children follow the seasonal cycles of the year and daily rhythms of work, rest and play. Daily participation in the care of farm animals and chores about Black Kettle Farm provide a connection to their food source and a gratitude for the land. A strong connection to nature is encouraged through exploration outdoors each day.

The greater community around the farm is mindful of their connection to food, the land and each other. Black Kettle Farm offers space for gatherings, educational programs, meetings, and workshops. The farmer will have the opportunity to develop events held on the farm in conjunction with the school and independently.



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