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Commentary on Qroe Farm Preservation Development™ Projects

Hayden Millpond, Hollis, NH - 40 acres, single family residential with 85% in permanent integrated greenbelt

" Best plan I have ever seen brought forward; it contains everything the Board has been asking developers to do for years, but only saw through smoke and mirrors"
- Chair, Planning Board.

"New Concept Wows Planning Board" - *Hollis Times, February 25, 1998*

Pardon Hill, Dartmouth, MA - 177 acres, single family residential and agricultural, with 84% in permanent integrated greenbelt and permanently dedicated and financially underwritten farming,

" Finest planned project we have seen. Please do more in our town." - *Planning Board Member*

"Especially good job of fitting the road to the ground and to the nature of its surroundings"
- *Planning Director*

"(A) relative dearth of open, undeveloped space and a steadily growing population pose some real challenges for developers, conservationists, and farmers alike. More often than no one of these forms of land use - agriculture, preservation or residential development – is necessarily sacrificed in favor of the other. Conventional wisdom dictates that there is no way that these competing aims can ever be reconciled; a symbiotic relationship between farming, developers, and conservationists has long been treated as logistically impossible. Robert Baldwin, whose Qroe (Farm) Corporation has been working for many years on finding a more viable solution to this problem, has invented an innovative land-use model that just may be the silver bullet that everyone has been waiting for," - *The South Coast Insider, October 1998*

Oxiby Farm, Montville, CT - 250 acres, Single Family Residential with 86% in permanent integrated greenbelt

"These people (Qroe) represent the very best in open space planning."
- *Planning Board Director*

"What characterizes Qroe's approach, and what is unique in Town Planner Marcia Vlaun's experience with subdivisions is the amount of shared open space integral to the development. 'It totally protects the lake,' said Vlaun. There are also extensive wetlands. A conventional subdivision would have clobbered it. They've created a trail system, an open space system that just naturally follows the wetlands." - *The New London Day, January 11, 2001*

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"The Qroe Farm technique is a good idea that can especially help the farmer on the urban fringe."

-Executive Director, State Land Trust

"The Qroe Farm will allow me to continue farming on my farm. It will solve almost all of my problems and my son will be able to farm our family farm for the rest of his life."

-Dairy Farmer

"The Qroe Farm concept will allow the average person to buy a house in exclusive areas of this County."

-Director, County Agricultural Land Preservation Program

"You have (with the Qroe Farm plan) breathed new life into us. We feel ten years younger. We wake up at night and pinch ourselves. For the first time in years, we are excited about our future as farmers. Qroe has given us hope and answers that work."

-Dairy Farmer

"We do not have the luxury of unlimited State funds. Other ideas should be used to preserve the farms. The Qroe Farm idea is one of those ideas that can help preserve the farm. We are happy that there are people out there that can do sensitive limited development."

-State PDR Program Manager

"I think the Qroe Farm idea will be very helpful in saving farms."

-Manager, State Land Trust

"This plan is the first practical solution to maintaining the farm communities in the face of economic and population pressures which are forcing farms to discontinue operation."

-Former State Governor

"I want to do this! We are on the same wavelength. Let's get going!"

-Vegetable Farmer

"An excellent job in the best interests of the Town's future. Let us hope that we are as lucky the next time."

-Regional Planning & Development Commission

"(My university) is very interested in working with Qroe to further advance this concept."

-Dean, School of Architecture and Planning

"We could have used the Qroe Farm concept when we were developing the Comprehensive Plan for the State for the Year 2020. The Qroe Farm program addresses all of the problems that we had with the 2020 Plan and does so better than anything we came up with in eighteen months of study."

-Chairman, State 2020 Plan Commission

"Out of all the farm programs that might have been conceived in the past few years to help the farmers, this Qroe farm plan is the best one I have seen because it addresses everything and it does not have to rely on tax dollars."

-President, County Farm Bureau

"We did our homework and we asked you some tough, in depth questions about the Qroe Farm plan. This is well thought out and addresses all of the major problems of farm preservation."

-Deputy Director, State Office of Planning

"Your (Qroe Farm) program renews our hope. It is our only salvation. Thank God for your ideas."

-Farm Owner

"The Qroe Farm plan is part of the wave of the future. This plan preserves conservation land and farmland with private subsidies. States are looking for innovative ways to preserve farmland with minimal use of tax dollars."

-Commissioner, State Environmental Department

"I think the local planning board and my neighbors would be very happy with a Qroe type development on my land."

-Farmer

"This is an important and exciting program for (the state). If I were the state's Secretary of Agriculture now, Qroe would be under a (major) contract with us to apply your techniques and use them to strengthen the faltering agricultural economy here."

-Agricultural Specialist, Former State Secretary of Agriculture

"Finally, someone has figured out how to make conservation pay for itself."

-Chairman, State-wide Land Trust

"You are way ahead of all of us."

-Professor of Forestry, Former State Secretary of Natural Resources