

Farmers as Makers

Shall we build a MakerSpace in the Hilltowns?



**Sustainable
Hilltowns**

The Maker Movement

JOIN THE Revolution!

MANIFESTO

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Radicalize!

TOOLS of Industrial Revolution are at the **CHEAPEST**

Agriculture
Banking
SAVE LIVES
MAKERS ARE CHANGING...

if we could bring more folks...



WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!

Make is Fundamental.

Make something for Christmas!

Share

Participate

Give away small pieces of yourself.

SUPPORT

LEARN

Tool up

embrace **Change**



Defining a Makerspace



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I go to whichever MakerSpace has what
I need for my practice, tools & expertise,
but most of all a MakerSpace has a
community, a peer network of
digital makers ”

Arts students on why they go to MakerSpace

Why here? Why this?



Crosspollination!



What could we do?

Processing

- Canning and preserving
- Cooking and sharing

Value added production

- dairy products - cheeses, yogurts, etc.
- extracts and herbals
- tea

Building

- Homesteading
 - devices for building
 - tools
 - renewable energy equipment
- Agricultural devices
 - Hives and beekeeping
 - Mapling
 - Small animal keeping and processing
 - Small scale grain production

Ways to move forward...

What are our next steps?

- Complete the upcoming survey
- Provide feedback
 - ...to me directly or
 - via the survey
 - or through some sort of web portal.
- Find collaborators and funding, if necessary.

Other possibilities

- Further funding through Northeast SARE or other small grant programs to investigate questions of significance or provide funding for planning and project design (i.e. Hamlet Harvest: It takes a village to feed a village!)
- Albany County Microenterprise program
- New York State Enhancements program (NYSDOT)
- Historical registry programs: see attached spreadsheet of buildings in R'ville listed in the NYS CRIS system
- New York State Main Street Program

Thank you!