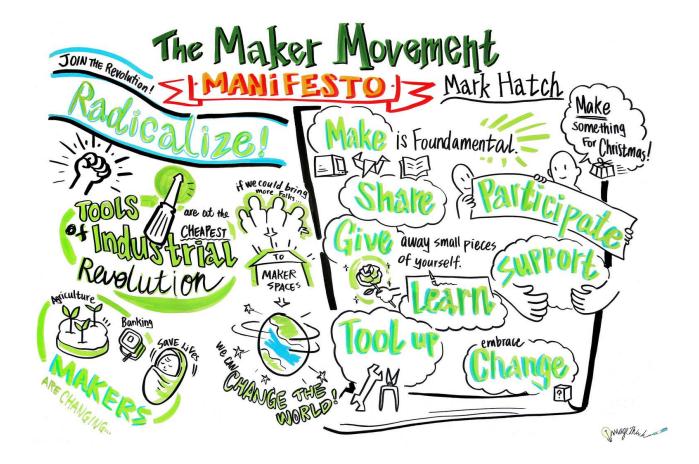
## Farmers as Makers

## Shall we build a MakerSpace in the Hilltowns?





Sustainable Hilltowns





## Defining a Makerspace



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
  - $\circ$  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!