

Small Farmer MakerSpaces: An inquiry

General Perceptions

1. How did you hear about this project?

- Newspaper article
- I attended a talk
- From family, friends or neighbors
- Social Media

Other (please specify)

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Participation in a community MakerSpace

2. Are you familiar with the Maker Movement?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

3. Do you think the creation of a do-it-yourself workshop space would boost productivity for small farmers?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

4. Have you attended any public presentations about building a small farmer Makerspace in the hilltowns?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

5. Would you personally participate in a community effort to construct a small farmer (or homesteader) MakerSpace in the hilltowns?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

6. Do you think there is a lack of funding and general support for small farmers in the hilltowns?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

7. Do you support efforts to pursue similar funding for community development projects such as business incubators, Main Street revitalization projects and streetscape design?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

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Designing a Space

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS CAREFULLY. After each statement, circle the answer that most reflects your opinion. Would you say that you agree a lot with the statement, agree a little, are neutral, disagree a little, or disagree a lot with each statement?

8. The design and use of a MakerSpace, or 21st century grange style place, for small farmers to meet, design and build would help boost the productivity of our region's small farms.

Strongly agree

Neutral

Strongly disagree

9. A MakerSpace in my community would be a valuable contribution to local economic development.

Strongly agree

Neutral

Strongly disagree

10. It is unclear whether farmers or homesteaders would actually use the space.

Strongly agree

Neutral

Strongly disagree

11. In the future, I would consider becoming part of a task force or committee to design a MakerSpace for my community.

Strongly agree

Neutral

Strongly disagree

12. I am interested in purchasing more products locally, especially food products produced by small farmers and artisans.

Strongly agree

Neutral

Strongly disagree

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Your thoughts

Sustainable Hilltowns, in collaboration with other organizations in the hilltown communities, is interested in identifying ways to bring greater prosperity to our region, and in ways that balance our history, sensitive ecosystems, and needs of our eclectic population.

13. We want to hear from you! Please share any additional thoughts about whether you think a community Makerspace would be useful for our community's residents, small farmers, or homesteaders.

14. As a hilltown resident, what do you think are our most pressing concerns?

15. Are there other important projects that you wish we would pursue?

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Demographic information

16. Please choose your gender.

17. Please indicate your age.

18. Please indicate your housing situation.

- I own the house I live in.
- I rent the house I live in.

19. I derive more than 50% of my earnings from farming.

- True
- False
- It depends.

20. I derive most of my earnings from employment in the hilltowns. (Includes self employment.)

- True
- False

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Thank you for your help!

We appreciate your willingness to provide feedback about our projects! If you would like to hear more, please feel free to join our Facebook group - Sustainable Hilltowns. You can also email april.roggio@gmail.com directly, with any additional suggestions.

21. If you wish to receive additional information about future events, progress on this project, or other community opportunities, fill in the details below.

Name

Address

Address 2

City/Town

State/Province

ZIP/Postal Code

Country

Email Address