



These spectacular views looking west from the Southeast Field on the Holcomb Tree Trail are now permanently preserved thanks to the newly approved conservation easement.

Dear Friend of Holcomb Farm,

On October 17, 2022, the Friends of Holcomb Farm realized a goal pursued since our founding in 1993: the permanent preservation of 277 acres of Tudor and Laura Holcomb's farm. The Friends—you and me and all of Holcomb Farm's supporters over the last 29 years—working together with the Granby Board of Selectmen and the Granby Land Trust, developed the Holcomb Farm Long-Range Conservation and Sustainability Plan, which the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved that night.

Today, only a few weeks later, what strikes me most is that this is neither the end of our work, nor the beginning; it is but another milestone in the 266 years of the farm's history. There is so much more to share about this development, and we are already planning ways to celebrate and build on it, so stay tuned. Right now, though, this year's crop needs harvesting, invasives need tackling, trees and daffodils need planting, and food needs to get to people in need. Our work continues and we offer you the opportunity, as we do annually, to financially support all the work we do at Holcomb Farm.

Sincerely,

Bob Bystrowski



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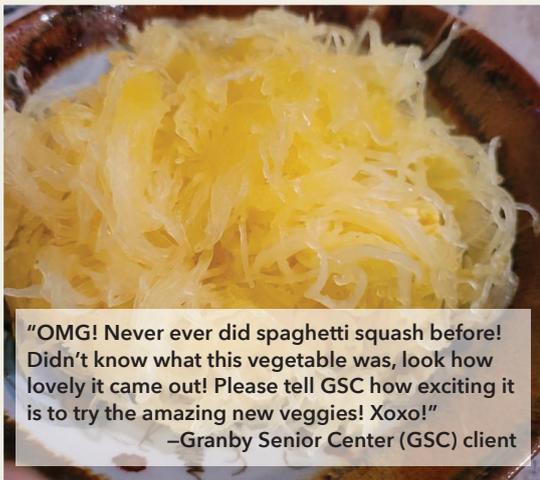




Our 2022 Farm Crew!



Farmer Joe O'Grady speaks at our Fresh Access brunch, a friend-raiser and fundraiser.



"OMG! Never ever did spaghetti squash before! Didn't know what this vegetable was, look how lovely it came out! Please tell GSC how exciting it is to try the amazing new veggies! Xoxo!"  
 —Granby Senior Center (GSC) client



We received a Garden Club of America commendation!



Eversource funded the removal of hazardous dead trees.



After a remarkably dry summer, enough rains came and, thanks to the expertise and passion of our Farm Crew, the 2022 harvest is big. That's a good thing, because the summer CSA shares sold out early, and now so too have the winter shares. Our retail Farm Store enjoyed increasing support from local customers, and our Fresh Access van advertised our good works as we delivered food to West Hartford and Hartford. The combination of financially sustainable farming business practices and smart use of grants has allowed us to upgrade our equipment to support environmentally sustainable farming practices: a principled circle of growth. Follow the CSA & Farm Store on Instagram: @holcombfarmcsa.



Thanks to your support, our Fresh Access program donated more than 31,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables with the help of community partners in Granby and the greater Hartford area. Our largest partner, Wheeler Clinic, served over 2,800 clients at five locations and extended their season with 20 Winter CSA shares. Granby Senior Center drive-thru distribution averaged 60 clients each week—double the number served pre-pandemic. Apples, peaches, and grapes, harvested by volunteers, were distributed by Wheeler Clinic, Hispanic Health Council, and Granby Senior Center. Waste Not Want Not Community Kitchen and Healing Meals continue to use our produce in the nutritious, free meals they prepare for others.



The Holcomb Tree Trail is now five years old and was honored with an award from the Garden Club of America. We received a Zone Civic Improvement Commendation, in celebration of the 200th birthday of famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, thanks to a nomination from Friends of Holcomb Farm members Put and Nannie Brown. This summer we also removed over a dozen large ash trees that had died and were shedding large branches near our trails. Eversource generously donated arborist services to cut down and chip these large, hazardous trees. The chips will be used by our farming operation. Learn more about the what's happening on the Tree Trail on Instagram: @friendsofholcombfarm.