

## **Topic: Sustaining Productive Landscapes – Farms & Food Infrastructure**

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### **Main Points:**

Sustaining apple growing – Hard Cider?

Value added options

ASU wine issue can be a partners

- Farmers Market needs a new site : ` 500 spaces – could this old high school site be a dual-use Rec. Center & farmers Market? of share with a church?

Local foods in schools – K-12 and ASU

### **Action Steps:**

- Develop community infrastructure & individual local farms simultaneously and complementarily
- Buy Watauga First initiatives
- Land tenure/Farm Preservation – can land conservancies leverage funding to buy development rights at market values to provide cash to farmers while sustaining farms and working landscapes?
- County level GMO action?
- Public Policy
  - Ask county commissioners and town council to declare Watauga Farming eek in conjunction with Farm-City: “celebrate it or Lose it”
  - Debi Golembieski is working on a Local Foods/Healthy Fast Food restaurant and will be seeking investors soon!