New Ruralism - Innovation, Made Local
No, not New Urbanism
New Ruralism

• Gated communities?

• There just for the benefit of cities?

• Community gardens and green spaces?
Chapter Presidents Council

Divisions Council
Healthy Community Values Focus
Criteria

• Appropriately fits rural communities/areas with low population density.
• Not dependent on the existence of professional town staff.
• Locally-driven and locally supported.
• Fosters:
  • Healthy, thriving communities
  • Improvement in quality of life, livable wage jobs, meeting basic household needs, and/or long-term community sustainability
  • Growth in the local and regional economy rather than leakage of wealth outside the region
Women’s Rural Entrepreneurial Network

http://wrenworks.org/
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ENERGY RAISERS

http://www.plymouthenergy.org/
SECURING FRESH, LOCAL FOOD FOR NEW YORK CITY AND THE HUDSON VALLEY
A Foodshed Conservation Plan for the Region

March 2017

State of Agriculture in Dutchess County 2017

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Farms
Snapshot of Our Agriculture

In 2015, the 8-year review of Agricultural Districts was completed and approved by New York State.
The number of acres in Agricultural Districts has grown from 164,180 acres to 196,164 acres; a 19% growth over the last 8 years.
All 4 statistics showed significant growth in acreage, comprising 39% of Dutchess County's total land base.

In the last 15 years, the value of the agricultural products sold has increased 50%. Livestock sales have grown by $13 million and crop sales have grown by $5 million during the same timeframe.

It is important to note that more than 40% of our farmland is not owned by farmers, but is leased to or by small to medium farmers, making it possible to sustain our strong agricultural foundation.

Top Commodities and Highlights

Dutchess County’s top commodities by acres are hay, beef cattle, horses, and corn.

Top commodities by sales value are horses, grains, hay, nursery/greenhouse, and vegetables/fruits.

Top inventory numbers are meat chicks, cattle, laying hens, horses, and goats.

Dutchess County has among the highest rankings in New York State:
• 1st in inventory number and sales value in horses, 10th in the US
• 1st in inventory number of goats
• 4th in sales value of our sheep and goats, and related products
• 4th in inventory of broiler and meat-type chickens
• 12th in sales value of our Christmas trees
• 25th in sales value of nursery and greenhouse products
• 57th in sales value of fruits and berries.
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NewAllen Alliance
Allen County, Indiana

NewAllen Alliance Priorities

#1
Cultivate an Environment for Sustainable Economic Growth

#2
Foster Community Vitality Through Quality of Place Investment

#3
Build a Strong Foundation to Support Livability

We have compiled a list of local and regional resources for everyone from the next generation homeowner to the growing business. It is our goal for everyone to enjoy all the benefits that are available. These resources are designed to help maintain and grow our communities.

- Agribusiness Development
- Agricultural Conservation Easements
- Broadband Access
- Coworking Spaces
- EID-BID info
- Farmers Markets
- Gateways
- Heritage Tourism
- Investment Cooperatives
- Main Street
- Tax Abatement
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

https://NewAllenAlliance.net
Question 1:

What great locally-grown initiatives have you seen in small towns that you believe are transferable and long term?
Question 2:

For the pilot project in Northern New England, New Ruralism was defined by using the criteria on the handout. Thinking about the examples you just discussed, do you have suggestions for revisions to the criteria?
Question 3:

Thinking about the examples you discussed again, what were the key ingredients to success?
Question 4:

We are hoping New Ruralism is going to be something we can teach, i.e., using case studies, key ingredients and examples of lessons learned. How would you propose teaching the principles and methods of New Ruralism as you understand it?
Question 5:

*Congress for New Urbanism defines New Urbanism as a planning and development approach focused on human-scaled urban design: walkable blocks and streets, housing and shopping in close proximity, and accessible public spaces.*

Can you help us with suggestions for a sentence that captures the main points from the criteria that define New Ruralism? It should be both a counterpoint to New Urbanism and to those who use the term in reference to the services rural areas provide to urban areas, or a response to urban sprawl.
Question 6

Add your name and contact information to this sheet if you are willing to help us gather information on potential case studies in your community, circle your name if you are willing to make this presentation at a state or regional conference.
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Case Studies:  http://nnecapa.org/resources/newruralism/