



RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION TO FLESH OUT PROPOSAL THAT THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CELEBRATE AGRICULTURE IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS

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CONCEPTUAL:

Phyllis Faber: who conceived of this "vision" for the NPS, a co-founder of the well-known, highly respected Marin Agricultural Land Trust. Phyllis' email address is: pmfaber@comcast.net. Among others, she has discussed her vision with Michael Pollen, as well as Golden Gate National Recreation Area Superintendent Brian O'Neill.

CULTURAL LANDSCAPES:

Dr. Laura Watt, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Planning, Sonoma State University. She is updating her Fall, 2001 University of California, Berkeley doctoral thesis, *Managing Cultural Landscapes: Reconciling Local Preservation and Institutional Ideology in the National Park Service* for publication by the U.C. Press. Her case study focused on the landscape at Pont Reyes. Her email address is laura.watt@sonoma.edu.

Dr. Arnold Alanen, Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Wisconsin. Dr. Alanen has consulted on preservation of cultural landscape in several national parks and, among other publications, is co-editor of *Preserving Cultural Landscapes in America*, (2000), a collection of essays. His email address is: aralanen@wisc.edu.

Resources within the National Park Service:

- The Conservation Study Institute, located at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park, Woodstock VT, has issued several publications on national park stewardship. Rolf Diamant, Superintendent.
- Brian O'Neill, GGNRA Superintendent. Brian is head of a federal agency team working to improve cooperation between federal agencies. Brian told Phyllis that he will suggest her vision of the NPS celebrating agriculture in the parks as a cooperative project for the Departments of of Agriculture and Interior.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE – WORKING LANDSCAPES:

Resources within the Marin County, California, agricultural community which can be tapped for information and advice on all aspects of sustainable agriculture:

- Stacy Carlson, Marin County Commissioner of Agriculture. He is well-informed and eloquent on the relationship between the ranches on the Point Reyes National Seashore and the remainder of agriculture in Marin County, and on the commitment of the local agricultural community to engaging in sustainable agriculture.
- The Marin County Agriculture Extension Agent, Ellen Rilla, and her staff have been outstanding in their support of local agriculture. They have advised and assisted with everything from qualifying for organic certification to obtaining grants for erosion control to establishment of a ranchers' association and farmers' markets. They have identified local endangered species plants and animals that benefit from grazing.
- Members and staff of Marin based agricultural support groups, e.g., Marin Organic, Marin Farmers Market.

Agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area that use appropriately managed grazing as a cost effective, environmentally sensitive and culturally appropriate means to reduce the fire fuel load on lands in the rural/urban interface while encouraging biodiversity:

- East Bay Regional Park District: The Park District has taken a leadership role in using grazing to reduce the fire fuel load.
- The San Francisco Public Utility Commission: San Francisco's water regularly wins water taste tests.
- East Bay Municipal Utility District.

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