

VERMONT WORKING LANDS ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

Laughing Child Farm

Pawlet, VT



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Laughing Child Farm is a small farm in the Mettowee River Valley, one of Vermont's warmest places. Our part of the valley, called "Butternut Bend" has the right climate, the right soils, and has the right community that help us grow the best sweet potatoes.

Their sweet potatoes are certified organic, meaning they feed the soil and not the crop and their sweet potatoes are free of preservatives (which most sweet potatoes are dipped in) and are grown in clean, healthy soils. They rely on cover crops to build soil health and fertility and as an additional benefit their cover crops do the weeding and pest control for us. Their farm is off the market to developers-permanently. It can only be sold or leased to farmers and then, only at fair agricultural value. Farms like theirs keep Vermont's landscape open and affordable to future generations of farmers.



The funds will be used for a sweet potato curing and storage facility in order to cure, store, and wash organic sweet potatoes.

Total Working Lands Grant: \$20,000

Total Matching Funds: \$17,215