## "Very Timely"

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## **Relation to State Priorities**

- First grew out of concerns over implementation:
   NYSDAM's Ag and Farmland Protection Program
  - 53 counties, 77 towns awarded grants since 1994
- Other priorities: Ag Economic Development, Rural Revitalization, Open Space, Health and Nutrition ("pure and wholesome food"), State Energy Plan, etc.

## **Relation to CALS Priorities**

- Food & Energy Systems
  - "...strengthen and secure food and energy systems by developing innovative and sustainable ways to feed a growing populace and its growing demand for energy"
- Social Sciences
  - Building economic and community vitality has been a
    priority of the college for more than a century...addressing how
    people communicate, interact, learn, lead, and shape
    organizations and enterprises of all scales to improve the
    well-being of individuals, communities, and economies around
    the world.