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AGRICULTURAL THREATS TO OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR HEALTH

**Farmers, Restaurateurs and Environmentalists Describe How
Changing Food Production Practices Can Reduce Damage**

Agriculture contributes 70 percent of the pollution that ends up in U.S. rivers and streams, which ends up in our watersheds and our oceans. Because dirty fossil fuels are required to manufacture synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, agriculture is among the chief culprits in worsening climate change, contributing approximately 20 percent of all man-made carbon emissions.

In response to this global problem, EcoLogic Development Fund, a local nonprofit organization, will host a panel discussion to explore ways to reduce agricultural damage to our planet and our health. Speakers will describe how sustainable agricultural practices are transforming the way people grow, buy and eat food.

What: "Creating Sustainable Food Production"
Panel discussion about environmentally sustainable food production and why it matters

Who: Jason Bond, Executive Chef, Beacon Hill Hotel & Bistro
Jason Clermont, Conservation Associate, New England Aquarium
Will Gilson, Chef, Garden at the Cellar
JJ Gonson, personal chef and local food advocate
Jennifer Hashley, Director of New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, Tufts University
John Lee, General Manager, Allandale Farm
Shaun Paul, Executive Director, EcoLogic Development Fund

When: Wednesday, October 28, 7 p.m.

Where: Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA
Mezzanine Room, Central Library
Enter at Boylston Street and proceed up stairs to the left, to the mezzanine level

Space is limited. RSVP to Eric Jacobson at ejacobson@ecologic.org. For further information about the event, please visit <http://www.ecologic.org/greenag>.

EcoLogic Development Fund advances conservation of threatened ecosystems in rural areas where poverty is extreme by promoting sustainable livelihoods that affirm local cultures and by strengthening community participation in natural resource management. For more information, please visit www.ecologic.org.

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