

***Florida Farm Bureau
and Community
Supported Agriculture***

***Can They Complement
each Other?***





Community Supported Agriculture

- Idea from the mid-1980's
- Individuals pledge support to the farm
 - **A true community farm**
 - **Shared risks and benefits (“Shareholders”)**
 - **A connection to the farm**
- Direct sales to the community
 - **Better prices**
 - **Increased financial security**



Florida Farm Bureau Federation

- Sunshine State's largest agricultural organization with over 140,000 member families
- Offices/Local Boards in 60 counties
 - **True grassroots organization**
 - **Policy originates at the local level**
- Agricultural advisory committees focus on specific policy needs/concerns
- *"The Voice of Agriculture in Florida"*



Corridors

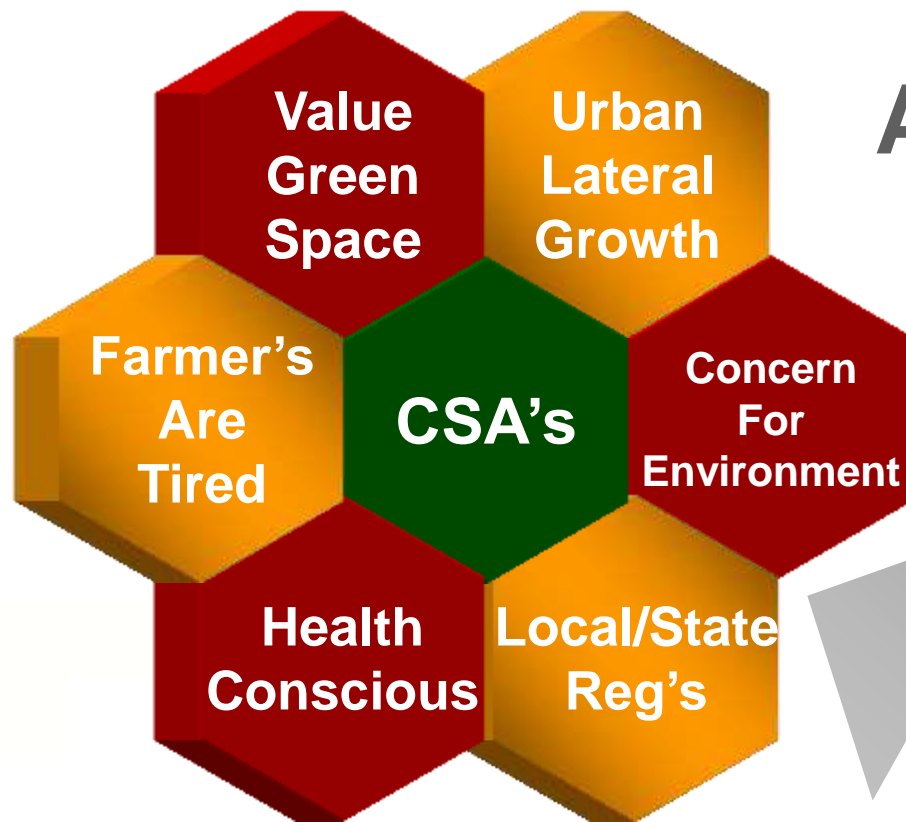
Centers

**Urban Vision
And Planning**

Conservation

Countryside

Source: www.myregion.org



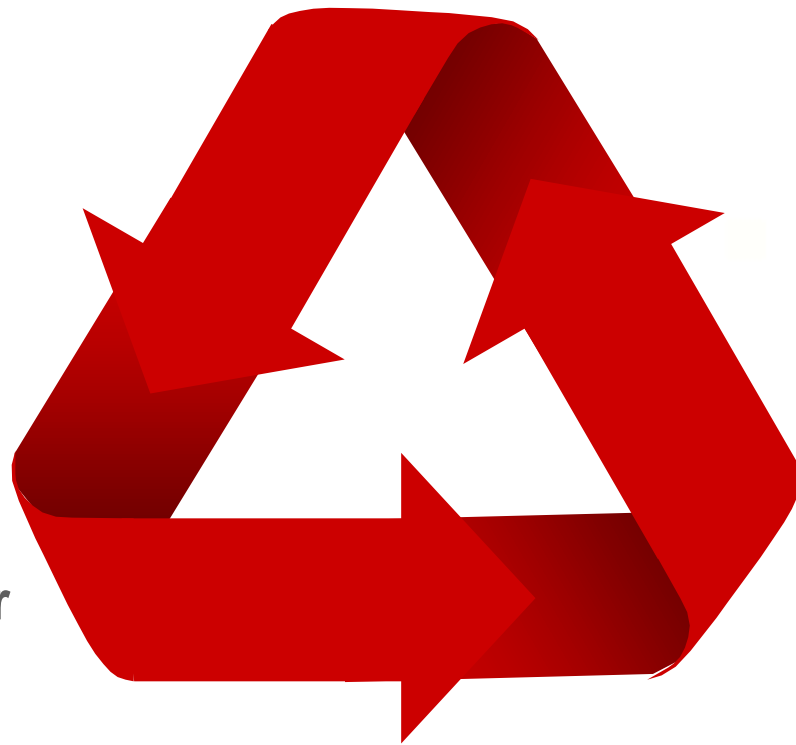
A Good Fit?





Florida Farm Bureau

Local Farmer



Urban Dweller



Farmer

Farming
Concern

County
Policy
Development

State
Adoption

The Farm Bureau Policy Process



CSA/Farm Bureau Link

- Policy development promotes strength in numbers.
- Support staff that works with
 - **Federal Government**
 - **State Government**
 - **Local Governments (County & City)**



CSA/Farm Bureau Link Results

1. Organized communities organize and communicate farm needs to local farmers
 1. **Produce/Livestock/Eggs**
 2. **Organic or Conventional**
2. Farmers grow crops and livestock to meet local demands
3. City/County/State Government
 1. **Less regulation**
 2. **Tax credits**



*Safe, Affordable
and Abundant...*

Thank You!

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