

PARMELEE FARM

*Schematic Landscape Master Plan
and CT State Register Nomination*
Town of Killingworth, Connecticut

Project Data

Date: 2010-2011

Context: Rural setting in south
central Connecticut



1847 Farmhouse (Killingworth Historical Society, 1899 photo)



1847 Farmhouse (EDC, 11/2010)



18th-century road (Tim Gannon, 12/2010)



*View across fields to farm building
(Tim Gannon, 12/2010)*

Project Description:

The Parmelee Farm is public open space and is an unusual surviving farm with 131-acres that retains agricultural heritage and human activity over several centuries including an 18th century road, 19th century farmhouse, 20th century farm buildings, 21st century community gardens, hiking trails, stone walls, open fields, and woodland. This farm represents a continuum of farming activities that coincides with the growth and development of Killingworth, farming technologies in New England farming, and the organizational patterns of farm design and its evolution – from organic and scattered to designed and formalized. This is a significant historical site with extant buildings, landscape features, and spatial organization.

EDC was hired to develop a Schematic Landscape Master Plan as a road map for creating long-range plans that encourages the farm's use while preserving its heritage. The farm's significance has been acknowledged with listing on the State Register of Historic Places (May 4, 2011). We worked with a Steering Committee comprised of members of numerous Town Boards with diverse ideas for using the farm. Master Planning work included a close working relationship with the Committee, consensus building, historical and archival research, landscape assessment and documentation, development of treatment recommendations, and development of draft and final Plans. The long range planning began with an Articulated Vision followed by a Rehabilitation Policy. Then a detailed discussion of the Master Plan addressed all aspects of improving Parmelee Farm. Maps and other presentation materials were developed to graphically illustrate the final plan. All of our work followed the guidelines established by *The Secretary of the Interior*.



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