

imagine...

...a food market where all segments of the community come together in support of our local growers and food processors

...where people who want to eat and shop locally can have easy access to the great range of products in our county

...a market that will feature our local farms and kitchens, and provide a retail outlet for their products

...a market owned by the surrounding community—the shoppers and the workers in the market.

...a market that follows eco-friendly practices and promotes a locally based, appropriately-scaled, environmentally sound, and socially responsible food system.

what is a community-owned market?

A community-owned market, or cooperative (co-op), is a business that is owned by its patrons. It is established not for profit, but for the cooperative rendering of mutual help and service to its members.

The Chatham Real Food Market will be incorporated as a cooperative. The customers and the workers will own the store.

our vision

The Chatham Real Food Market will strengthen our rural community, develop our food security, and help build a healthy local economy in our county.



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The Market will be a cooperatively-owned outlet for the products of our local farms and kitchens, will provide education about Columbia County agriculture, and will promote a more localized food system.

what does it mean to become a member-owner?

You become a member-owner of the Chatham Real Food Market Co-op by purchasing an ownership share for \$100.* As an owner, you will have a patronage account to which all of your purchases will be credited. At the end of each year, a portion of any surplus Co-op funds will be reinvested in the Co-op, and the balance will be rebated to member-owners based on their patronage.

As a member-owner, you will have the option of offering volunteer hours at the Co-op to increase your buying power, and you can help choose, or serve on, the Co-op Council.

Through your ownership share in the Chatham Real Food Market Co-op, you become a vital part of a sustainable localized food economy.

*Special arrangements can be made for payments over time, if necessary.

can anyone shop at the co-op?

The co-op will be open to all. You will not have to be a member-owner to shop there.

where is the co-op?

The co-op site is conveniently located on the corner of Church Street (Route 203) and Washington Avenue, one block west of the intersection of Rtes 66 & 203 in Chatham, New York.

peppers, lettuce, milk, home-made soaps, wool, honey, maple syrup, fresh eggs, apples, cheese, corn, tomatoes, grass-fed beef, herbs, nectarines, pears