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Question1: Develop and facilitate programs that bring partnerships and additional resources to bear on the ownership of land for the public good, i.e., food production and employment through small family businesses. Approach from a new paradigm of property ownership for the common good rather than private capitalization and accumulation of benefits over time. Explore methods of integrating these programs into current activities for farmland preservation such as tax incentives and land trust initiatives.

Question2:

Question3: Try some variation of assistance distribution such as a reverse graduation of benefits that would discriminately favor family-based operations. Since I grew up on a family farm, yet now live in an urban environment, I believe in a strong advocacy for the understanding of the value of family connected agriculture and an inherent human connection with the land. See question 4.

Question4: Allocate resources into multi-year initiatives to bridge urban, suburban, and rural residents through common understanding and interests in quality of life concerns. 1. Encourage urban-integrated agricultural enterprises that will make cities more livable such as the protection and expansion of the urban forest or integrating community-supported food production and marketing into underused urban spaces as a means to slow the loss of productive agricultural land to residential development. 2. Green infrastructure planning and actions to protect metropolitan farm and forest land with an emphasis on tree cover protection and reduction in impervious surfaces. Emphasize the connection of agriculture and plants to conservation issues such as watershed (or sewershed) management. Help to facilitate long term capital investments in the Urban Forest Canopy and public open green space such as parks and corridor linkages; again, conservation to make communities more livable, relieving the pressure on sprawl, and stopping the shrinkage of agriculture in general, a mission appropriate to the Department of Agriculture and Forest Service for the common good.

Question5: see question 1.

Question6: