In 2013 we celebrated another year of achievement and continued evolution of the project in Dorchester. In response to feedback from the public and D Acres residents, we scaled back our workshop and youth programming. We also have dismantled the intern and apprentice program in hopes of attracting more experienced and committed personnel. This evolution has allowed us to focus on implementing the organization’s mission with increased continuity. In 2014 we are determined to revitalize and enhance the onsite education with workshops and youth events.

One of the highlights of 2013 was the arrival of our neighbors across the brook. The Davenport Farm to our west has been rejuvenated by the Shroyers (Matt, Meghan, Liam). In addition their friend Tim and Meghan’s parents Roy and Shawn have been enthusiastic and positive additions to the Dorchester community. We look forward to a bright future in the neighborhood.

Two long anticipated infrastructure projects were undertaken: the solarium and the compost facility. Both the compost facility and solarium serve to educate as well as sustain the farm system by reducing costs while increasing yields. The solarium is an excellent addition for both our gardening and social systems. The space will free us from the constraints of our prior seed starting location in the basement. Instead of fluorescent lights in the basement, the natural sunlight of the solarium will improve the seed starting environment for both plants and people. The solarium will also be a welcomed expansion of the dining and event space. This will allow the elbow room to increase attendance at community events.

The integrated heating system has an innovative earth tubes component designed to reduce energy costs into the future. The compost facility enhances our existing fertility system. Up to this point we have spread compost piles throughout the property. While there are advantages to this dispersal method, by consolidating these piles we have improved the efficiency, quality, and quantity of our compost system.
In addition to the structural additions at the farm, we have been fortunate to acquire several pieces of equipment in the last year. The skid steer and dump truck were refurbished by Kevin Maass of KTM Auto in Plymouth. After 16 years without these luxuries, we certainly appreciate the power of this equipment and we recognize the huge contribution that Kevin continues to donate to this organization. With the addition of a dual axle trailer we now have the capacity to readily pick up barnyard manure from offsite to augment our fertility program.

In addition to the work onsite our internet presence continues to effectuate our mission. In conjunction with the website, the facebook page now informs over 3,000 fans of our activities while the videos on our YouTube channel have been viewed nearly 100,000 times. As thousands of people visit these sites each month, D Acres outreach extends from the local to the global audience.

In 2014 our theme is Developing a Community Melody. Through the years we have recognized the difficulty of community living. Sharing the dynamics of people working in collaboration is challenging but rewarding. At D Acres the priority has been to develop extensive physical systems and infrastructure designed as a sustainable living model. In addition to the built infrastructure we recognize the focus and determination necessary to achieve a harmonious community. Toward the purpose of seeking to share the rich song of vibrant community we must remain dedicated to the work necessary to achieve this goal. By developing the melody that can hold a tune which sustains the people we will achieve our goals as a community.

D Acres is a community place based service project. We are working hard to achieve broad-based, long term continuity of participation onsite. While the 1st Sunday breakfast continues to attract people from around the region, we are seeking to improve attendance at our other community food events. Our goal is to provide the space for neighbors to share in the wealth that our community offers. We serve as a catalyst for weaving the strength of community connections.

To achieve this goal we need community participants. We urge you to spread the good word. Come bring a friend, co-worker, or family member to enjoy a D Acres event. Come at your leisure to tour the grounds and walk the woods. Join together and with us to create a vibrant community that sustains the people in this region. By escaping the virtual world we can come face to face to connect in the live entertainment of our thriving local culture.

Josh Trought, “Conductor”

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NH AmeriCorps Crew, Tim B., Martin Decato, Jon Linden, Bryan Felice, Karen Ganey, Bree Heward, Ronda Kilanowski, Joey Kile, Kevin Maass, Laura Morgan, George & Martha Morrill, Dan O’Toole, Amanda Palmer, Matt Palo, Akshat Paliwal, Bob Richer, Chuck & Theresa Rinaldo, Roy & Shawn Russell, Matt & Megan Shroyer, Nicole Tewksbury, Betty & Bill Trought, Louise Turner, Gary Walker, West Central Behavioral

And Thank You to our 2013 resident participants:
Jais Brohinsky, EJ Callahan, Ruiqi Cho, Trevor Cross, Nick Hammond, Irene Lobeck, Glenna Murray, David Pedrick

MANY HANDS PROGRAM!
An Annual Appeal for Support & Participation

We recognize the various diverse contributions that build a community project, and through the Many Hands Program we hope to provide an inclusive portal for support and participation at D Acres. We would like the participants, partners and supporters of D Acres and community permaculture to be recognized without strict monetary commitment. Our hope is that volunteers, donors, and the participants can harmonize as we provide organizational support.

Instead of monthly renewals for memberships, we will send a once a year letter during March, asking for funds and volunteer participation for the year. Any monetary contribution is appreciated.

Volunteers are needed for committee work, administrative, construction, and gardening assistance. But there are many other projects like, organizing the library, harvesting, and distributing flyers.
A Many Hands Program participant is a donor, volunteer, onsite participant, or organizational collaborator/sponsor.

In 2013 D Acres collaborated with, donated to, and supported these local organizations: Artistic Roots, Baker River Arts Festival, Baker River Watershed, Keep the Heat On
Thank you!
We greatly appreciate your support through donations and contributions.

2013 Contributors
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Henry Parker
Bob & Claire Frilette
The Vogelsang Family
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Russ Wilshire
Michelle Goulet
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Businesses/Organizations
Bread and Puppet Theater
Butternut Farm
Cafe Monte Alto Coffee Roasters
Goodsearch
NOFA-NH
Peppercorn Natural Food Store
PAREI
Industrial Timberframes

Foundations
Cogswell Benevolent Trust
NH Electric Co-op
Independent Portfolio Consultants
Crowel Family Foundation
Arthur I. Getz Foundation

The Mission of D Acres is to improve the human relationship with the rural New England landscape through farm-based research, education, and demonstration of sustainable farming, cooperative community, and healthy living.

2014 is the Year of Developing a Community Melody

2014 Projects include:
- emphasis on orchard & perennial garden care
- our 5th year as host of the “Permaculture Through the Seasons” Design Course
- the 8th edition of the Local Goods Guide
- 1st Permaculture Teacher Training Course
- 2nd NH Permaculture Gathering

D Acres is a Community Supported Non-Profit.

Your support and enthusiasm, your sharing of dishes and musical talents, your membership and service and especially your smiling faces are what make this project possible!

Monthly Events at the Farm
First Sunday: Farm Feast Breakfast & Open Trails
Second Friday: Pizza and Movie Night
Third Thursday: Cooking with the Seasons
Last Friday: Potluck & Open Mic
Last Saturday: Volunteer Day

Dedicated to the memory of communitarian friend: Elizabeth Obelanus
Wish List

We appreciate donations of 2nd hand goods instead of new. We try to reuse practical goods that might otherwise be landfilled, incinerated or shipped to unknown locations. Please see our Website for the comprehensive list.

VOLUNTEERS
- Computer tech help
- Data entry
- Seasonal garden help

KITCHEN/HOMESTEAD
- Butchering Knives
- Canning jars
- Maple syrup equipment
- Sewing Accessories
- Clothes drying racks
- Rain Jacket & Pants
- Bike pump
- Musical instruments
- Paint (latex, acrylic, oil)
- Sustainability-related reading material

GARDEN/ANIMALS
- Hay or straw
- Watering cans & hoses
- Wheel barrows
- Landscaping tools
- Leaves
- Non-glossy newspaper
- Brown cardboard
- Rhubarb plants
- Greenhouse
- Arts & Craft Supplies

BUILDING/ENERGY
- 55 gal. storage drums
- Sliding glass doors
- Metal Roofing
- School bus
- Excavator
- Solar panels
- Water tanks
- 12 volt water pump
- Deep cycle batteries 12v
- Wood stoves
- Carriage bolts & nuts
- Woodshop & Blacksmith Tools

RECREATION/EXPLORATION
- Canoes, Kayaks, Oars
- Bicycles
- Snowshoes, Skis

Financials: Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2013

INCOME
Community Support
- Individual Contributions $14,474
- Foundations $10,880
- Federal USDA Grant $13,001
- Fundraising Events $6,417
Total Community Support $44,772

Agricultural Programs
- General Education $44,009
- Classes & Workshops $16,089
- Farm Product & Ag Sales $10,640
Total Agricultural/Educational Programs $70,738
Total Income $115,510

EXPENSE
Personnel $25,478
- Animals $6,907
- Advertising $746
- Dues $1,936
- Farm Ops $13,243
- Grant Expense $19,580
- Insurance $6,081
- Occupancy $23,115
- Prof. Fees $6,903
- Vehicles $8,360
Total Expense $112,349

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