MDAR
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION (APR)

PRESERVING FARMLAND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Please come meet the new MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle and join her and the APR staff for the Spring 2023 Public Listening Sessions. All APR landowners, farmers, Agricultural Lands Preservation Committee (ALPC) members, the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture, state officials, land trusts and individuals interested in Agricultural Preservation Program (APR) efforts to preserve Massachusetts farmland are invited.

The program will include:

APR PROGRAM UPDATES
(30 minutes)

MDAR staff will speak about policies, procedures, regulations, guidance, and efforts to improve and modernize the APR program after input from the 2020 listening sessions.

LISTENING SESSIONS
(45 minutes)

MDAR would like to hear your thoughts on what works well and your concerns or challenges with: dwellings on APRs, your ability to conduct non-agricultural commercial activities on APRs (Special Permits), alternative energy on APRs, the sale and transfer of APRs, APR eligibility and ranking, the use of ACEP ALE program to leverage APR funding and other APR related issues.

COMMUNICATION SESSIONS
(45 minutes)

A facilitated Q&A session to better understand participant thoughts on the overall APR program to learn how to better engage with existing and future APR program participants.

SPRING 2023 LISTENING SESSIONS
6-8 p.m.
(Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.)

- **April 11 - Dighton**
  Bristol County Agricultural High School - Student Commons, Gilbert Hall 135 Center Street, Dighton
- **April 13 - Stockbridge**
  Stockbridge Town Hall
  50 Main St, Stockbridge
- **May 2 - Amherst**
  Red Barn at Hampshire College
  893 West Street, Amherst
- **May 3 - Danvers**
  Essex North Shore Agricultural & Tech School, Media Center
  565 Maple Street, Danvers
- **May 4 - Leominster**
  Fidelity Bank - Community Room
  9 Leominster Connector, Leominster

Go to **mass.gov/apr** to register.
The form is in English, Spanish and Portuguese. (RSVP is not required, but highly encouraged.)