



Agricultural
Preservation
Restriction
Program

MDAR APR Program Application for

Certificate of Approval (COA) Agricultural Structure

Certificate of Approval (COA) Application Requirements & Information

Upon review of this application, the APR Program reserves the right to request additional materials such as business plans, projected income, additional site plans, or a farm plan.

- Work related to this application may not begin prior to receiving a recordable Certificate of Approval (COA) from the Department.
- APR Regulations limit the area of impervious surface allowed on APR land. Please refer to your APR Stewardship Planner for additional details.
- For information regarding the location of prime agricultural soils on your APR, please visit: <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx> or contact your assigned Stewardship Planner for assistance.

Landowner Contact (name, address, phone & email): _____

Name of Original Grantor of APR & Address of APR: _____

Is the APR Co-held by a municipality? Yes No Not Sure

- The Co-holder is identified in the APR document or a separately recorded Co-holder Agreement. If yes, you may need to request additional approval from the Co-holder.

Will this new improvement rely on MDAR grant funding? Yes No If so, which grant? _____

Describe need for approval. How will this project improve the agricultural operations and/or resource quality on the property? _____

Agricultural Structure

1. Type: Livestock Barn Hay Storage Retail Processing Workshop Other _____

2. Describe interior use of the structure (eg. type of use; length of seasonal use): _____

3. Dimensions & Square Footage _____

4. Will the structure be permanent or can it be easily moved? Describe the foundation and if any excavation is involved: _____

5. Is the new structure replacing an existing structure? Yes No

- If yes, will it be sited within the existing footprint? Yes No, it will be expanding upon

6. Describe how the siting of the project will minimize the loss of quality agricultural soils: _____

7. Will construction of a new road be required to access the structure? Yes No

- If yes, will the road be paved? Yes No

- Will there be parking? Yes No if yes, approximately how many parking spots? _____

8. Will this structure be connected to any utilities or other improvements on the property? Yes No

- If yes, will those connections or improvements be new or existing? New Existing

- If yes, which type? Electric Septic/Sanitary Sewer Water Manure management Other

- For each connection type, describe system & how it will be tied-in to the structure (i.e. will any excavation be required): _____

9. You must include the following attachment to this application:

- A map/layout plan showing the location of the proposed work.

If retail structure, ALSO list:

1. Types of products grown and sold: _____

2. The % of anticipated products grown by landowner's agricultural operation: _____

3. What portion of the year will the stand be open? _____

Landowner signature: _____ Date: _____

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NEED MORE SPACE FOR WRITING?



HOW TO SUBMIT:

Please send the completed application to your *Stewardship Planner* or email to apr.update@mass.gov.

If you prefer providing a hard copy you can mail or drop it off at one of our office locations:

Southborough:
225 Turnpike Road - 3rd Floor
Southborough, MA 01772

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