

MDAR APR Program Application for

## Certificate of Approval (COA) Agricultural Improvement and/or Excavation

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: <a href="https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx">https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/WebSoilSurvey.aspx</a> 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 Improvement and/or	Excavation
1. Type: Utility Installation Irrigation Well Drainag	ge Soil Regrading New Road/Parking Lot Dredging Other
If other, describe:	
<b>2.</b> Describe improvement dimensions:	
3. Describe associated utility system/connections (if applications)	cable):
<b>4.</b> Will the project require an easement from a utility comp	pany to conduct the work? Yes No
<ol> <li>If construction of a new road or parking lot, will it be pa -If yes, what type of material will be put down? (asphalt, g</li> </ol>	
<b>6.</b> Describe how the siting of the project will minimize the	e loss of quality agricultural soils:
If excavation is needed, ALSO list:  1. Dimensions and square footage of excavated area  2. Depth of excavation	
*All excavated soils must remain on-site, described where	they will be distributed:
You must include the following attachment to this applica A map/layout plan showing the location of the proposed	ation: work
Landowner signature:	Date:
Landowner signature:	Date:



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Please send the completed application to your <u>Stewardship Planner</u> 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 West Springfield: 413-726-2000 138 Memorial Avenue, Suite 42 (for GPS - 42 Century Way, West Springfield) West Springfield, MA 01089

