

## Municipal Farmland Protection Plans

### What this project will do

- Develop a process and model for developing municipal Farmland Protection Plans with communities of varying sizes and characteristics.
- Identify incentives and barriers that could be addressed that would encourage creation of Farmland Protection Plans.
- Work with 6 municipalities to develop Municipal Farmland Protection Plans.

Project implementing Goal I of the MFAP: Accelerate the permanent protection and stewardship of farmland



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### Task being implemented from the MA Farmland Action Plan<sup>1</sup>

- Action I.A.3 – Leverage the maximum amount of federal funding available.
- Task 1018 – Incentivize municipalities and regional planning agencies (RPAs) to develop local farmland protection plans reflecting local farming opportunities and priorities.

### Implementing partners and contact

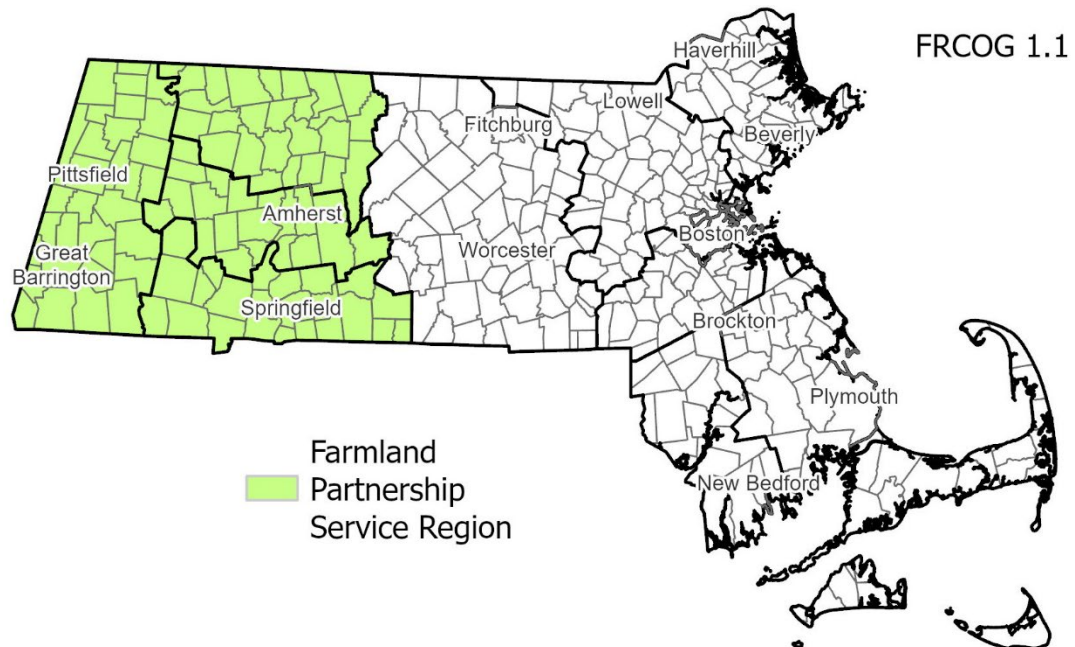
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### Learn more

- [2/7/2026 Greenfield Reporter article about the project](#)

### Geographic area

This project serves Western Massachusetts, as shown in the map below. The towns are primarily in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hamden counties. It follows the service areas for the three partners: Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG), Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC).



<sup>1</sup> This project is also implementing the [Resilient Lands Initiative](#)