

Municipal training on Chapter 61A

What this project will do

- Municipal training, topical consulting sessions, and one-on-one technical assistance for municipal representatives in relation to Rights of First Refusal (ROFRs) and protection of Chapter 61A properties.

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

- Action I.A.11 – Increase awareness and understanding of permanent protection options including APR, ALE, and non-ALE protection programs.
- Task 1063 – Develop and implement a program to train municipalities on the economic, food security, and other benefits of farmland, to help them understand the details of Chapter 61A Right of First Refusal (ROFR), and to encourage them to exercise their rights or assign them to nonprofits.

Implementing partners and contact

- Lead – Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD)
- Other – Wildlands Trust and Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC)
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Learn more

- Visit the [MDAR hosted FPP Project webpage](#)
- Visit [SRPEDD's Farmland Protection Initiative webpage](#) and join the [Project Mailing list](#)

Geographic area

This project serves Southeast Massachusetts, as shown in the map below. The towns are primarily in Bristol and Plymouth counties. It follows the service areas for two of the partners: Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC).

