

Navigators for launching and growing a farming enterprise

What this project will do

- Define and refine the role of a navigator who provides support to aspiring and beginning farmers as they launch and grow their farm business.
- Pilot one-to-one support for farmers in this role as navigator.

Task being implemented from the MA Farmland Action Plan

- Action III.C.2 – Expand opportunities for one-to-one assistance for farmers, prioritizing beginning and historically underserved farmers and aspiring farmers.
- Task 1353 – Establish a diverse network of “navigators,” individuals based at trusted local organizations who are well-versed in the range of public and private resources, regulations, and processes, who can work one-on-one with aspiring¹⁰ farmers through the entire process of launching a farming enterprise.

Implementing partners and contact

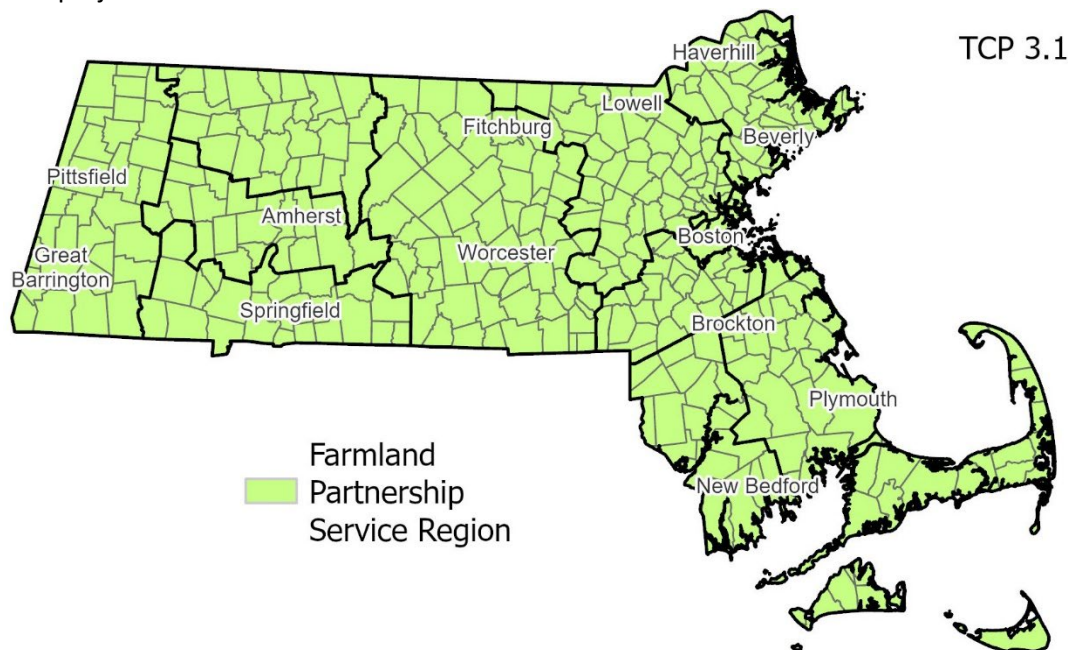
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Geographic area

This project serves all of Massachusetts.



¹⁰ Please note that for the purpose of this project, which is focusing on launching a farming enterprise, beginning farmers are included at this time. Refinement of the matrix may occur in the future.

