



FY 20 LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

GRANT WORKSHOP THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

**Executive Office of
Energy and Environmental Affairs
Division of Conservation Services**

Program Goals



- ❑ To protect large-scale landscapes necessary to sustain the integrity and resiliency of ecosystems and viability of local farms and forest economies
- ❑ To enable projects that stretch beyond the scope of other state grant programs, standard spheres of operation, and involve cooperation of multiple actors
- ❑ To supports the Executive Order 569, which calls for state government to adapt to climate change and build a more resilient Commonwealth

Program Goals

- ❑ Matrix of working and conservation land
- ❑ High-quality natural resources
- ❑ Municipal involvement
- ❑ Partnerships
- ❑ Stewardship
- ❑ Public access
- ❑ Leverage
- ❑ Climate change mitigation and resiliency



Girouard CR, Winchendon

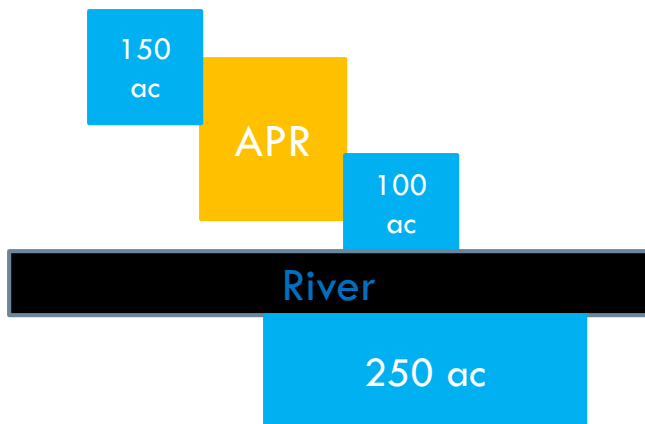


Eligible Applicants

Each application must include at least two partners from, at minimum, two of the following categories:

- ❑ Municipalities – conservation or agricultural commissions, or public water departments
- ❑ Non-profit public water suppliers or water or fire districts
- ❑ Environmental non-profit 501(c)3 organizations
- ❑ State agencies:
 - ▣ Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Department of Agricultural Resources, and Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Transportation
- ❑ Municipal park and recreation departments

Eligible Project Configurations



Eligible Projects

- Purchase of property interest
 - ▣ in fee simple for open space, forestry, agriculture or water supply;
 - ▣ Conservation Restriction;
 - ▣ Agricultural Preservation Restriction;
 - ▣ Watershed Preservation Restriction;
- Purchase and/or construction of a local park or playground (towns with a population of 6,000 or below);
- Forest Carbon Credit projects

Ineligible Projects



- ❑ Property that is already permanently protected
- ❑ Property in which eligible applicants already hold an interest (fee or permanent CR)
- ❑ Land to be used for ineligible uses
- ❑ Property located in EOHED designated Priority Development Area
- ❑ This is not a comprehensive list – always call or email if you aren't sure

Funding

- Up to 50% reimbursement
- Maximum award: \$1,250, 000

Eligible project costs include:

- Acquisition
- Title research & certification
- Recording fees
- Inventory and related assessment for carbon credits (\$50,000)
- Survey or plan of land
- Forest Management Plan
- Appraisal (only if completed after the contract period)
- Baseline Documentation Report (up to \$1,500 per BDR)

Eligible Match

- Foundation grants
- Municipal land, open space, CPA, drinking water, or agricultural accounts
- Private donations
- Federal grants/loans
- Natural resources damages settlement funds
- Non-profit accounts
- Bargain sale
- Gifts of land
- State agency acquisition funds
- Other non-state funds as approved by EEA

Grant Requirements

- Public access:
 - ▣ Some portion of all parcels (donated or match)
 - ▣ All parcels acquired in fee
- Working lands:
 - ▣ All projects are encouraged to include working lands (active farming or forestry)
- Match parcels – closing of matched parcels are required for reimbursement for each year
- Specific project requirements

Project Terms

- ❑ Municipalities, water suppliers, and non-profits will receive contracts; state agencies will receive ISAs or capital allocations
- ❑ Reimbursements for grantees with a contract can be made only on *documented payment*, such as the submission of a canceled check or wire transfer statement
- ❑ All project parcels must have certified clear title



Appraisal Reports

REQUIRED for ALL project parcels, to be funded or used as match. May not be older than 1 year at the time of the grant deadline.

Parcels to be funded:

Self-contained full narrative appraisal, limited or restricted use appraisal, or contracted market analysis

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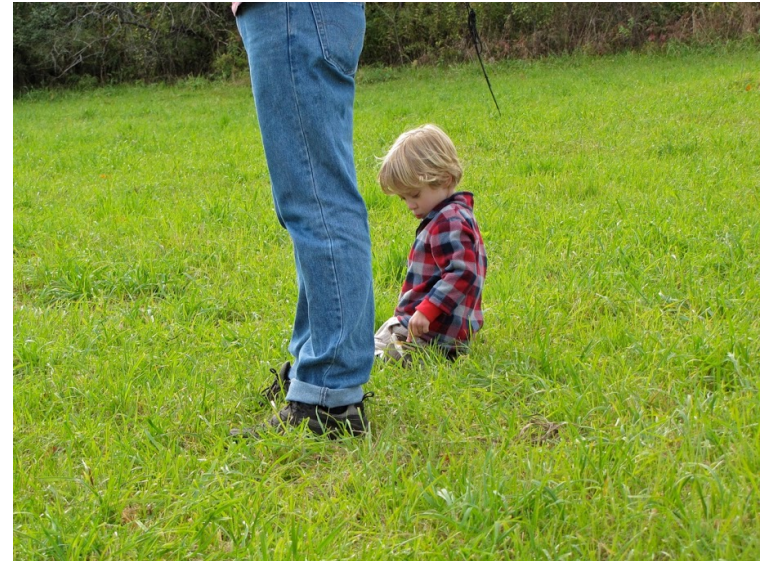
Project Evaluation

100 point rating system

Local support, land use planning (10 pts)

Project quality (90 pts)

- ▣ Size
- ▣ Biodiversity
- ▣ Climate change resilience
- ▣ Connectivity and catalyst
- ▣ Water resources
- ▣ Working lands
- ▣ Climate Vulnerability Preparedness
- ▣ Recreation
- ▣ Stewardship capacity
- ▣ Project readiness
- ▣ Community Compact (2 bonus points)



Sibley/Warner Farm, Spencer

Grant Application

An application must include the following:

- ▣ Application form
- ▣ Appraisal reports
- ▣ Project narrative
- ▣ Budget details
- ▣ Maps
- ▣ MHC and NHESP letters
- ▣ Cover letter
- ▣ Documentation supportive of project quality
- ▣ Two hard copies and one electronic copy

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