



# **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

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- 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



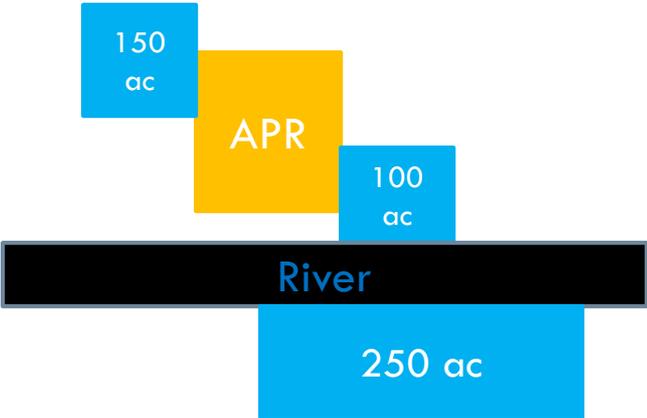
# Eligible Applicants

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**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)



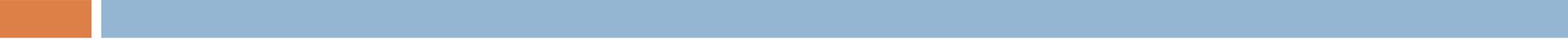
Sibley/Warner Farm, Spencer

# 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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