

Implementation Matrix for the Farmland Action Plan (4/15/2026 working version)

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| 1000 | I | | | Goal | Goal I: Accelerate the permanent protection and stewardship of farmland Increase efforts to permanently protect farmland. | Protection | | | | | | | | | Language slightly different in different chapters of the released plan. Corrected to match the intent. | I |
| 1001 | I | A | | Strategy | Permanently protect farmland through purchases of agricultural restrictions. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Acquisition | Land Trusts, Municipalities | | | | I.A |
| 1002 | I | A | 1 | Action | Purchase agricultural restrictions to permanently protect farmland, help increase affordability, and keep it in production. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | | Ongoing | In progress | Collective Effort | Land Trusts, Municipalities, MDAR Acquisition | | | Changed lead implementer. | I.A.1 |
| 1003 | I | A | 1 | Task | Significantly expand protection of the Commonwealth's remaining farmland. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | | Ongoing | In progress | Collective Effort | Land Trusts, Municipalities, MDAR Acquisition | | | Changed lead implementer. | I.A.1.a |
| 1004 | I | A | 2 | Action | Seek development of creative financing mechanisms or strategies that would significantly increase funding to support protection. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Creative Financing | Short term | In progress | MDAR DACTA | | | | | I.A.2 |
| 1005 | I | A | 2 | Task | Increase funding for land protection programs, technical assistance grants, and farmland support programs. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Creative Financing | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR DACTA | EEA, Municipalities, Community Preservation Coalition, DPH | | | | I.A.2.a |
| 1006 | I | A | 2 | Task | Update appropriations and expenditures tracking processes to ensure that limited bond cap authorization does not pose risk to progress. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Creative Financing | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Fiscal | | | | | I.A.2.b |
| 1007 | I | A | 2 | Task | Ensure that agency budgets are planned across multiple years and in advance to enable longer-range planning. Explore options for additional dedicated public funding. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Creative Financing | Medium term | | MDAR Fiscal | EEA, A&F | | | | I.A.2.c |

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| 1008 | I | A | 2 | Task | Explore increase of the Conservation Land Tax Credit and ensure it is used to protect farmland. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Creative Financing | Long term | | EEA | Legislature | | | | I.A.2.d |
| 1009 | I | A | 3 | Action | Leverage the maximum amount of federal funding available. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Policy | MDAR DACTA, Statewide non-profit | | | | I.A.3 |
| 1010 | I | A | 3 | Task | Improve efforts to meet NRCS criteria, which will increase available federal resources from ACEP-ALE. Meet NRCS eligibility criteria for their programs to show demand for federal resources from ACEP-ALE which will increase available federal resources. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Ongoing | In progress | Collective Effort | NRCS, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition, State Technical Committee | | Clarified intent of task. | | I.A.3.a |
| 1011 | I | A | 3 | Task | Work with NRCS to define state and local goals consistent with ACEP, that would enable use of funding for projects that do not otherwise meet ALE eligibility. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Ongoing | In progress | Collective Effort | NRCS, Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisition, State Technical Committee, Conservation Districts | | | | I.A.3.b |
| 1012 | I | A | 3 | Task | Educate land trusts and municipalities about the availability of the NRCS ACEP-ALE program for private APRs and to strategize how to best use ACEP funds. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | | Unassigned | Statewide non-profit, MiM | | | | I.A.3.c |
| 1013 | I | A | 3 | Task | Improve planning methodology to ensure that entities involved in land protection maximize the use of NRCS federal funding. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, NRCS, Statewide non-profit | | | | I.A.3.d |
| 1015 | I | A | 3 | Task | Work with ACEP-ALE-NRCS to enable the use of state, local, and regional plans and policies as alternative pathways for eligibility for ACEP-ALE. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, NRCS, Statewide non-profit, MDAR DACTA, State Technical Committee | | Divided into two tasks to reflect different entities involved (1015 now focuses on state only, 1418 focuses on local and regional) | | I.A.3.e.a |

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| 1418 | I | A | 3 | Task | Work with ACEP-ALE NRCS to enable the use of state , local and regional plans and policies as alternative pathways for eligibility for ACEP-ALE. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | | Unassigned | NRCS, Land Trusts, MDAR FAPC, Statewide non-profit, MDAR DACTA, State Technical Committee | | | Divided into two tasks to reflect different entities involved (1015 now focuses on state only, 1418 focuses on local and regional) | I.A.3 .e.a |
| 1016 | I | A | 3 | Task | Share guidance about the use of state, local, and regional plans and policies as alternative pathways for eligibility for ACEP-ALE. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | | Collective Effort | NRCS, Land Trusts, MDAR FAPC, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition, ACEP-ALE Program Sub-Committee, Ag Comms | | Added Ag Comms as potential implementer | New task to accompany 1015 and 1418. | |
| 1017 | I | A | 3 | Task | Add guidance to the Open Space and Recreation Plan's Workbook and other EEA program and funding guidance that would meet NRCS requirements related to agriculture to allow local and regional OSRPs to be used for ACEP-ALE eligibility. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | In progress | MDAR FAPC | Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisition, EEA DCS, RPAs, Statewide non-profit, MiM, municipalities | | Edited other implementers | New task to accompany 1015, 1418, 1016 and 1019. | |
| 1019 | I | A | 3 | Task | Develop a communications plan to reach out to municipalities and RPAs about local farmland protection plans. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | Starting soon | Unassigned | RPAs, MDAR FAPC, MDAR Acquisition, Ag Comms | | | New task to accompany 1015, 1418, 1016 and 1017. | |
| 1018 | I | A | 3 | Task | Incentivize municipalities and regional planning agencies (RPAs) to develop local farmland protection plans reflecting local farming opportunities and priorities. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | RPAs, MDAR FAPC, MDAR Acquisition, MiM, Ag Comms | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Ag Comms as potential implementer. Added Farmland Partnership Program information. | | I.A.3 .e.b |
| 1020 | I | A | 3 | Task | Continue to implement and support the American Farmland Trust's (AFTs) programs to help municipalities identify locally important soils (FLI) and encourage towns to petition NRCS for classification of farm soils of local importance. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | NRCS, Statewide nonprofit, RPA, municipalities | | Refined language and changed implementers | Added tasks 1419, 1420, 1421, 1437 and 1438 to clarify what comes next since task 1020 proceeding well. Added text to clarify a term. | I.A.3 .e.c |

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| 1021 | I | A | 3 | Task | Educate municipalities about the ability to and then develop mechanisms to incentivize municipalities to classify farmland of local importance without completing an extensive farmland plan, which can be accomplished by identifying land that is locally important for crop production. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | Starting soon | Unassigned | Statewide non-profit, Ag Comms | | Added Ag Comms as potential implementer | Added tasks 1419, 1420, 1421, 1437 and 1438 to clarify what comes next since task 1021 proceeding well. | I.A.3 .e.d |
| 1420 | I | A | 3 | Task | Create a process for verifying FLI soils at the parcel level. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | Starting soon | NRCS | MDAR GIS, Statewide non-profit | | | New task to clarify what follows given tasks 1020 and 1021 have good momentum. | |
| 1437 | I | A | 3 | Task | Publish regular updates to NRCS soils data layer to incorporate farmland of local importance soil data as it is verified. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR GIS, NRCS, Statewide non-profit | | | New task to clarify what follows given tasks 1020 and 1021 have good momentum. | |
| 1438 | I | A | 3 | Task | Create written guidance on the process of adopting and verifying FLI soils, to be shared with land trusts, towns, state agencies, and conservation groups. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | Starting soon | NRCS | MDAR GIS, Statewide non-profit | | | New task to clarify what follows given tasks 1020 and 1021 have good momentum. | |
| 1421 | I | A | 3 | Task | Assist land trusts, towns, and MDAR with evaluating parcels that contain “potential” FLI soils. Create written guidance and resources to help entities better understand “qualifying conditions” impacting FLI soils verification. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | Starting soon | NRCS | Statewide non-profit | | | New task to clarify what follows given tasks 1020 and 1021 have good momentum. | |
| 1022 | I | A | 3 | Task | Explore measures to ensure that local plans are consistent with state farmland protection goals as eligibility for state support. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Medium term | | Unassigned | RPAs, MDAR FAPC | | | | I.A.3 .e.e |
| 1023 | I | A | 3 | Task | Work with NRCS to better align existing non-federal program funding and schedules with ACEP-ALE to increase the number of applications to ALE. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Medium term | | MDAR Acquisition | NRCS, Land Trusts, EEA, Statewide non-profit, MDAR-Acquisition | | Changed implementers | | I.A.3 .f |
| 1024 | I | A | 3 | Task | Communicate more regularly and earlier in project processes with NRCS staff to maximize available federal funds. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | In progress | Collective Effort | NRCS, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition | | | | I.A.3 .g |

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| 1470 | I | A | 3 | Task | Increase awareness of and build involvement of land trusts and other conservation organizations in the NRCS State Technical Committee. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | | Unassigned | NRCS, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit, Conservation Districts | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1025 | I | A | 3 | Task | Educate land trusts, municipalities, and state agencies about the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) to ensure it is fully utilized. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | | NRCS | Land conservation membership org, land trusts, MiM, Ag Comms | | Added Ag Comms as potential implementer | | I.A.3.h |
| 1026 | I | A | 3 | Task | Promote and highlight the value of using 309C, the federal tax credit deduction for donations and bargain sales of farmland restrictions which enables farmers to deduct up to 100% of their AGI for as many as 16 years. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, Land conservation membership org | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.3.i |
| 1482 | I | A | 3 | Task | Expand use of other federal funding sources where available that are not ACEP-ALE for farmland protection. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Federal Funding | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, Ag Comms, Land Trusts, Municipalities, Statewide non-profits | | New task | | |
| 1027 | I | A | 4 | Action | Identify and secure additional resources to purchase farmland in fee and via restrictions and to steward protected properties. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Ongoing | In progress | Collective Effort | | | | | I.A.4 |
| 1028 | I | A | 4 | Task | Leverage private-sector support through public-private partnerships, private philanthropy, corporations, direct-giving programs, community groups, and others. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Medium term | | Unassigned | Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit, Ag Comms | | Changed implementers | | I.A.4.a |

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| 1029 | I | A | 4 | Task | Identify funding options that are flexible in terms of eligibility requirements and specific deed terms that can more closely meet local and state priorities and landowner needs or preferences, including for stewardship and buy/protect/sell transactions. Seek to establish a dedicated fund for APR Program stewardship, potentially in the capital budget, support growing stewardship needs. Establish a funding pool for buy/protect/sell transactions. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | Municipalities, MDAR Acquisition, NRCS, Statewide non-profit, land trusts | | | Divided into multiple tasks to reflect distinct activities - 1029, 1030, 1031 and 1033). Also see 1042, 1043, 1044 and 1033 for the buy/protect/sell part. | I.A.4 .b |
| 1030 | I | A | 4 | Task | Identify funding options that are flexible in terms of eligibility requirements and specific deed terms that can more closely meet local and state priorities and landowner needs or preferences. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Ongoing | In progress | Collective Effort | Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisition | | | Divided into multiple tasks to reflect distinct activities - 1029, 1030, 1031 and 1033). Also see 1042, 1043, 1044 and 1033 for the buy/protect/sell part. | I.A.4 .b.a |
| 1031 | I | A | 4 | Task | Continue to support growing APR Program stewardship needs via the capital budget. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR DACTA | EEA, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship | | | Divided into multiple tasks to reflect distinct activities - 1029, 1030, 1031 and 1033). Also see 1042, 1043, 1044 and 1033 for the buy/protect/sell part. | I.A.4 .b.b |
| 1034 | I | A | 4 | Task | Explore potential to fund a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to provide loans for farmland purchase. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | | | | Created multiple tasks to reflect distinct activities - 1034, 1035, 1036 and 1037. | I.A.4 .c |
| 1035 | I | A | 4 | Task | Establish the authority to fund a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to provide loans for farmland purchase. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Short term | | MDAR Policy | Legislature, Ag policy org | | | Created multiple tasks to reflect distinct activities - 1034, 1035, 1036 and 1037. | |
| 1036 | I | A | 4 | Task | Establish a funding pool for a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to provide loans for farmland purchase. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | | | | Created multiple tasks to reflect distinct activities - 1034, 1035, 1036 and 1037. | |

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| 1037 | I | A | 4 | Task | Create RFR to solicit management for a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to provide loans for farmland purchase. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | | | | Created multiple tasks to reflect distinct activities - 1034, 1035, 1036 and 1037. | |
| 1039 | I | A | 4 | Task | Explore mechanisms to increase use of the Conservation Land Tax Credit to protect farmland by exploring an overall increase in the cap on credits, mechanisms for the newly increased cap to keep pace with rising costs, and strategies for more use of credits in conjunction with the APR Program. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Short term | | MDAR Policy | EEA, Ag policy org | | | | I.A.4.e |
| 1040 | I | A | 4 | Task | Continue and expand incentivizing municipal farmland protection through state grants such as EEA conservation grants, APR, etc. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Financial Resources | Short term | Starting soon | Unassigned | EEA DCS, Ag Comms, Conservation Districts, MDAR Acquisition | | | | I.A.4.f |
| 1041 | I | A | 5 | Action | Ensure that interventions to prevent conversion are readily and quickly available. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Prevent Conversion | | | | | | | | I.A.5 |
| 1042 | I | A | 5 | Task | Enable Establish the authority for MDAR to purchase and hold land. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Prevent Conversion | Complete | Completed | MDAR Policy | Legislature, Ag policy org | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.5.a |
| 1033 | I | A | 5 | Task | Establish a funding pool for MDAR buy/protect/sell transactions. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Prevent Conversion | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | Legislature, Ag policy org | | | Next task as next step after 1042 and step before 1043. | |
| 1043 | I | A | 5 | Task | Establish an MDAR buy/protect/sell program. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Prevent Conversion | Short term | In progress | MDAR BPS | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Licensing, MDAR DACTA | | Changed implementers and status | | I.A.5.b |
| 1424 | I | A | 5 | Task | Explore what is needed to reinstitute pre-acquisitions as relates to federal funding and their associated programmatic rules. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Prevent Conversion | Short term | | MDAR Acquisition | Land conservation membership org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR DACTA, NRCS | | Narrowed scope and created parallel 1489 | New task that is related to 1045 which has acquisition focus, while this task reflects what is needed for pre-acquisitions. | I.A.5.d |
| 1489 | I | A | 5 | Task | Explore what is needed to reinstitute pre-acquisitions as relates to non-federal funding and their associated programmatic rules. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Prevent Conversion | Short term | | MDAR Acquisition | Land conservation membership org, Statewide non-profit | | New task to accompany refined 1424 | | I.A.5.c |
| 1044 | I | A | 5 | Task | Allow pre-acquisition of restrictions, whereby third-party partners purchase restrictions and assign them to MDAR. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Prevent Conversion | Medium term | | MDAR Acquisition | | | | | I.A.5.c |

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| 1045 | I | A | 5 | Task | Increase capacity of partner entities to conduct sound and efficient pre -acquisitions. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Prevent Conversion | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR DACTA | Land conservation membership org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition | | | Language refinement to match intent of task related to acquisitions and added task 1424 to reflect what is needed for pre-acquisitions. | I.A.5.d |
| 1487 | I | A | 5 | Task | Encourage organizations including Land Trusts and MDAR to be certified entities by NRCS for processing ACEP-ALE applications, thereby streamlining and expediting review. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Prevent Conversion | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR DACTA, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org | | New Task | | |
| 1046 | I | A | 6 | Action | Build capacity of state agencies, land trusts, municipalities, and other entities to protect agricultural land. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Short term | Starting soon | Unassigned | MDAR DACTA, EEA | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.6 |
| 1096 | I | A | 6 | Task | Explore establishment of a state-funded grant program to provide resources to land trusts, municipalities, and other entities to purchase, hold, and steward agricultural restrictions (APRs) and conservation restrictions (CRs) that allow agriculture. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Short term | In progress | MDAR DACTA | EEA | | | Added text to clarify a term. | I.A.1.0 |
| 1047 | I | A | 6 | Task | Explore modifying the APR law to enable land trusts and municipalities to be the primary holder of APRs and MDAR to hold a right of enforcement. Include stewardship endowment as part of the funds provided by APR. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Long term | | MDAR Policy | MDAR APR, Ag policy org | | | | I.A.6.a |
| 1048 | I | A | 6 | Task | Explore modifications to Chapter 20 Section 23 to enable land trusts to co-hold APRs and enable co-holder agreements to allocate primary responsibility of stewardship to the land trust or municipality. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Long term | | MDAR Policy | MDAR APR, Ag policy org | | | | I.A.6.b |

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| 1049 | I | A | 6 | Task | Educate land trusts and municipalities about the availability of the NRCS ACEP-ALE program for private APRs. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Ongoing | In progress | AFT Protection | MDAR | Acquisition, Land conservation membership org, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit | | | I.A.6 .c |
| 1050 | I | A | 6 | Task | Renew Review the APR Program use of 301 CMR 51 to reimburse nonprofits for acquisition and stewardship expenses, including staff time. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship | | Divided into two tasks - 1050 and 1490. Changed implementers | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.6 .d |
| 1490 | I | A | 6 | Task | Explore how the APR Program could use 301 CMR 51 to reimburse nonprofits for stewardship expenses, including staff time. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Long term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship | | Divided into two tasks - 1050 and 1490 | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.6 .d |
| 1052 | I | A | 6 | Task | Develop standard training for all onboarding new Agricultural Lands Preservation Committee (ALPC) members, regular professional development opportunities for members to ensure effective participation, and written materials to guide members' work. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Medium term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Acquisition | | | Expanded audience | I.A.6 .f |
| 1053 | I | A | 6 | Task | Ensure that the Agricultural Lands Preservation Committee (ALPC) has adequate diversity to support all farmers and potential farmers, including BIPOC and historically underserved communities. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Medium term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR EJ, MDAR Policy | | | Added text to clarify a term. | I.A.6 .g |
| 1054 | I | A | 6 | Task | Create and maintain a clearinghouse and directory of documents and the organizations that have templates and model programs. Provide support to organizations to share and provide TA technical assistance on using those resources. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Short term | | Unassigned | Land conservation membership org, FAPC, Statewide non-profit | | | Added text to clarify a term. | I.A.6 .h |

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| 1055 | I | A | 6 | Task | Assign a portion of MDAR-held APRs to land trusts and other entities in order to distribute the task of monitoring properties and keep relationships with landowners at the local level. Include stewardship endowment in the assignment. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | No action | No action | | | | | | I.A.6 .i |
| 1056 | I | A | 6 | Task | Ensure that Educate municipalities and nonprofits are aware of about the Option to Purchase Land at Agriculture Value (OPAV) as an example of a tool that could be incorporated into public and private CRs and APRs, and that language in state APRs may serve as a model. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Short term | | Unassigned | Land conservation membership org, MDAR APR, Statewide non-profit | | | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. Added text to clarify reference OPAV abbreviation. | I.A.6 .j |
| 1057 | I | A | 6 | Task | Promote enhanced use of EEA's Planning Assistance Grants to address farmland protection and access. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Medium term | | EEA | MDAR FAPC | | | | I.A.6 .k |
| 1058 | I | A | 6 | Task | Educate land trusts and municipalities about ability to utilize installment or annuitized payments for acquisitions of private APRs. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Long term | | Unassigned | Statewide non-profit | | | | I.A.6 .l |
| 1432 | I | A | 6 | Task | Build the capacity of restriction-holding entities to effectively identify, review, and acquire, hold, and steward restrictions that allow agriculture. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Capacity & Coordination | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | MDAR Acquisition, Land conservation membership org, NRCS, Statewide non-profit, Ag Comms, Conservation Districts | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | Divided into two tasks - 1432 focus on acquisition capacity while 1095 focuses on stewardship capacity. 1432 moved to 1.A.6 (Capacity building for acquisition). | I.A.9 .g |
| 1060 | I | A | 7 | Action | Increase the number of applications to APR, ALE, and non-ALE protection programs. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | | | | | | | Divided I.A.7 into two pieces - increasing awareness of preservation (ID 1399 aka 1.A.11) and increasing applications (ID 1060 aka Action I.A.7). | I.A.7 |

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| 1065 | I | A | 7 | Task | Explore the establishment of policies and set-asides in state land protection programs to ensure that programs serve BIPOC and other historically underserved farmers equitably. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Ongoing | In progress | EEA | MDAR EJ, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy, DPH | | | Expanded audience. | I.A.7 .b |
| 1068 | I | A | 7 | Task | Explore decoupling of APR from Chapter 61A to allow for the protection of smaller parcels. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | No action | No action | MDAR Policy | Legislature, Ag policy org | | | | I.A.7 .d.a |
| 1070 | I | A | 7 | Task | Create Promote a track within the APR Program that is not tied to NRCS funding or requirements. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Acquisition | Land Trusts, Municipalities, Statewide non-profit | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.7 .e.a |
| 1491 | I | A | 7 | Task | Promote options within the Private APR Program that is not tied to NRCS funding or requirements. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisition, Municipalities, AgCom | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.7 .e.a |
| 1071 | I | A | 7 | Task | Continue to regularly review and adjust the APR per-acre purchase price cap, which could include elimination if evidence suggests it poses a significant hinderance to participation. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Acquisition | ALPC, MDAR DACTA | Changed implementers | | | I.A.7 .f |
| 1447 | I | A | 7 | Task | Revise the APR scoring and review sheet to continue to align with NRCS ranking, community land protection priorities, recognize farmland of local importance soils and include broader criteria for evaluation, such as infrastructure, succession planning, and farmland viability program involvement. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Completed | Completed | MDAR Acquisition | ALPC | | | New task created to reflect work to update APR program. Completed in 2024. | |
| 1492 | I | A | 7 | Task | Revisit APR scoping and review sheet on a regular basis to reflect current priorities and emerging conditions. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Short term | | MDAR Acquisition | ALPC | | | New task to reflect next step after completion of 1447 | |
| 1072 | I | A | 7 | Task | Discuss the potential to increase funding and hire additional APR Program acquisition and stewardship staff and dedicated communications staff. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR DACTA | | | | | I.A.7 .g |

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| 1074 | I | A | 7 | Task | Develop process to help streamline the transition from short-term protection to permanent protection of farms for interested farmers, including for Develop a fast-track application process for Farm Viability Enhancement Program (FVEP) short-term covenants to transition to permanent APRs for interested landowners. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Completed | Completed | MDAR Viability | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR DACTA | | | Reconciled 1086 into 1074 since overlapped. Clarified intent of task to focus on MDAR. | I.A.7.h |
| 1075 | I | A | 7 | Task | Make available installment or annuitized purchases of APRs. Streamline and accelerate APR application and closing processes. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Acquisition | | | Changed timeframe | Divided into two tasks - 1075 which focuses on APR process and 1430 which focuses on purchases via installment. | I.A.7.i |
| 1430 | I | A | 7 | Task | Explore making Make available installment or annuitized purchases of APRs. Streamline and accelerate APR application and closing processes. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Long term | | MDAR Acquisition | Land Trusts | | | Divided into two tasks - 1075 which focuses on APR process and 1430 which focuses on purchases via installment. | I.A.7.i |
| 1076 | I | A | 7 | Task | Increase the pool Identify a way to expedite procurement of appraisers, surveyors, and other contractors. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | Land conservation membership org, EEA, MDAR Acquisition | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.7.i.a |
| 1077 | I | A | 7 | Task | Create a fast-track process for MDAR APR pre- approvals on 61A Right of First Refusal (ROFR) properties. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Long term | | MDAR Policy | Ag policy org, Legislature, MDAR Stewardship | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.7.i.b |
| 1078 | I | A | 7 | Task | Return to rolling votes throughout the year along with the rolling applications rather than any one deadline for either. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Completed | Completed | MDAR Acquisition | | | | | I.A.7.i.c |

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| 1059 | I | A | 7 | Task | On a statewide level, create watchlists of important farmland properties that are not yet protected and prioritize them in terms of threat of loss and importance, and support municipalities and land trusts in doing the same. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | No action | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR GIS, MLTC Ag Lands, Municipalities, Land transfer org, Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisition | | Changed implementers and timeline. Task 1059 divided to focus on statewide (1059) and regional and local (1493). Task 1494 created as companion to focus on ROFR part. | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.6.m |
| 1493 | I | A | 7 | Task | On a regional and local level, create watchlists of important farmland properties that are not yet protected and prioritize them in terms of threat of loss and importance. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Short term | | Unassigned | MLTC Ag Lands, Municipalities, Land transfer org, Land Trusts, Ag comms | | Task 1059 divided to focus on statewide (1059) and regional and local (1493). | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.6.m |
| 1401 | I | A | 7 | Task | Review legal documents and processes and identify opportunities for simplification for acquisition. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Medium term | | MDAR Acquisition | MDAR Legal | | | Divided into two tasks - 1093 focuses on stewardship and 1401 focuses on acquisition. | I.A.9.e |
| 1419 | I | A | 7 | Task | Formalize a process for including FLI soils in the ranking criteria for APR projects, including creating written guidelines for MDAR staff and members of the public to understand how FLI soils are treated on APR applications. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Complete | Completed | MDAR Acquisition | ALPC | | Moved from Action I.A.3 (federal funding) to I.A.7 (increasing applications for protection) to better fit with the intent of the action. Simplified task language. Status changed to complete. Created Task 1498 to look at next steps | New task to clarify what follows given tasks 1020 and 1021 have good momentum. | |
| 1498 | I | A | 7 | Task | Explore new methods to verify FLI soils that are not under NRCS reviews for programs such as ACEP-ALE. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Permanent Protection | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR DACTA, Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisitions | | Created as next step after 1419 | | |
| 1081 | I | A | 8 | Action | Increase acreage of farmland protected under short-term covenants. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Short Term Covenants | Ongoing | In progress | | | | | | I.A.8 |

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| 1082 | I | A | 8 | Task | Increase general awareness of short-term covenants as a land protection option through MDAR's Farm Viability Enhancement Program (FVEP) through focused outreach. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Short Term Covenants | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Viability | Ag comms | | | | I.A.8.a |
| 1083 | I | A | 8 | Task | Increase funding for covenants through FVEP program to meet statewide demand increase the number of farms under short term covenants. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Short Term Covenants | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Policy | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.8.b |
| 1084 | I | A | 8 | Task | Ensure staff capacity for program coordination and stewardship of farmland protected through the FVEP. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Short Term Covenants | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR DACTA | | | | | I.A.8.c |
| 1085 | I | A | 8 | Task | Provide proactive outreach about land use protection options to farm families. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Short Term Covenants | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Viability | | | | | I.A.8.d |
| 1087 | I | A | 8 | Task | Increase stewardship and engagement with landowners of protected lands protected through that include short-term covenants. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Short Term Covenants | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR Viability | | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.8.f |
| 1088 | I | A | 9 | Action | Build capacity to manage APR stewardship effectively and efficiently. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | | | MDAR Stewardship | | | | | I.A.9 |
| 1089 | I | A | 9 | Task | Ensure adequate funding for programs and activities that support good stewardship and monitoring of state held and funded easements (APRs), such as SARA grants and stewardship boundary surveys. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | EEA | | Divided 1089 into two pieces - state held (1089) and state funded (1509) | | I.A.9.a |
| 1509 | I | A | 9 | Task | Ensure adequate funding for good stewardship and monitoring of state held and funded easements (Private APRs and CRs). | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | EEA, Land Trust, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship | | Divided 1089 into two pieces - state held (1089) and state funded (1509) | | |
| 1090 | I | A | 9 | Task | Ensure adequate staffing to ensure property-planner ratio that ensures enable efficient management of properties. limit individual APR stewards' management portfolios. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | Medium term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Stewardship | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.9.b |
| 1499 | I | A | 9 | Task | Explore solutions that allow for nonprofit conservation entities to steward APR properties | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | No action | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship | | New task to reflect step after before 1091 | | |

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| 1091 | I | A | 9 | Task | Explore development of a grant program to support nonprofit conservation entities to acquire and steward agricultural APR properties. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | Long term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship | | Changed timeline. | Refined to focus on stewardship. Task 1096 covers the acquisition side. | I.A.9 .c |
| 1092 | I | A | 9 | Task | Support land trusts, conservation districts, other NGOs non-profits , and municipalities to take on stewardship roles, which may require funding or staff resources. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | No action | | Unassigned | | | | Refine NGO to non-profit. | I.A.9 .d |
| 1093 | I | A | 9 | Task | Review legal documents and processes and identify opportunities for simplification, communicability and improve for stewardship. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | Short term | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Legal, MDAR Acquisition | | Change timeframe and status | Divided into two tasks - 1093 focuses on stewardship and 1401 focuses on acquisition. | I.A.9 .e |
| 1507 | I | A | 9 | Task | Explore how to strengthen compliance and monitoring processes for APRs to ensure good stewardship of existing and future APRs. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | Short term | | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR DACTA, MDAR Legal | | New task | | |
| 1508 | I | A | 9 | Task | Increase awareness of APR terms for farmers to improve usage of APR properties and reduce compliance issues. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | APR Stewardship | Short term | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | | | New task | | |
| 1500 | I | A | 12 | Action | Build capacity of entities to steward protected farmland effectively and efficiently. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Non-APR Stewardship | Medium term | | | | | New action to reflect non-APR stewardship | | |
| 1095 | I | A | 9 | Task | Build the capacity of restriction-holding entities to effectively identify, review, acquire , hold, and steward restrictions that allow agriculture. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Non-APR Stewardship | Long term | | Unassigned | MDAR Stewardship, Land conservation membership org, NRCS, Statewide non-profit, Conservation Districts | | Moved from I.A.9 to 1.A.12 to reflect this is about MDAR not holding restriction so shouldn't belong in APR Stewardship section. Changed timeframe. | Divided into two tasks - 1432 focus on acquisition capacity while 1095 focuses on stewardship capacity. 1432 moved to 1.A.6 (Capacity building for acquisition). | I.A.9 .g |
| 1501 | I | A | 12 | Task | Explore mechanisms for supporting, including fiscally, for non profit conservation entities to steward Private APRs. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Non-APR Stewardship | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR DACTA | | | | |

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| 1094 | I | A | 9 | Task | Explore allowing stewardship endowments for private APRs to become eligible expenses via MDAR grant programs and other conservation-oriented funding sources, including the APR program. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Non-APR Stewardship | Long term | | MDAR DACTA | DCS | | Moved from I.A.9 to 1.A.12 to reflect this is about MDAR not holding restriction so shouldn't belong in APR Stewardship section. Edited language to reflect what can be done. Changed implementers. | | I.A.9 .f |
| 1502 | I | A | 12 | Task | Increase awareness amongst land trusts and municipalities of best practices for stewarding protected farmland. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Non-APR Stewardship | Short term | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR DACTA, MDAR FAPC, MDAR Viability, Land trusts, | | | | |
| 1399 | I | A | 11 | Action | Increase awareness and understanding of permanent protection options including APR, ALE, and non-ALE protection programs. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | Land Trusts, NRCS, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition | | | Divided I.A.7 into two pieces - increasing awareness of preservation (ID 1399 aka 1.A.11) and increasing applications (ID 1060 aka Action I.A.7). | |
| 1061 | I | A | 11 | Task | Develop and implement a communications plan to promote farmland protection and programs. Target municipalities, financial institutions, development entities, farmers, real-estate professionals, appraisers, and others. Prioritize communications aimed at BIPOC communities and others that have been historically underserved by state programs. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Short term | | Unassigned | Land Trusts, NRCS, MDAR EJ, Land conservation membership org, Statewide non-profit | | | | I.A.7 .a |

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| 1471 | I | A | 11 | Task | Develop and implement a communications plan for MDAR to promote farmland protection and programs. Target municipalities, financial institutions, development entities, farmers, real-estate professionals, appraisers, and others. Include communications aimed at BIPOC communities and others that have been historically underserved by state programs. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Viability, MDAR Urban Ag, MDAR Food Security, MDAR FAPC | | Changed timeframe | New task to reflect need, as a parallel step to 1061 | |
| 1062 | I | A | 11 | Task | Create guidance documents, websites, webinars, and other materials targeted at specific audiences on programs such as Chapter 61A, APR, and others. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | Land Trusts, NRCS, Land conservation membership org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisition | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | | I.A.7 .a.a |
| 1063 | I | A | 11 | Task | 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. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | MDAR Urban Ag, Land conservation membership org, RPAs, Buy Locals, MACC, Community Preservation Coalition, Statewide non-profit, Urban ag org, Ag Comms, Conservation Districts, CLTs | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | | I.A.7 .a.b |
| 1064 | I | A | 11 | Task | Better educate partners about the APR Program's policy on approving private APRs—restrictions acquired without use of APR funding and held by a non-state entity such as a land trust or municipality. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Acquisition | | | Changed timeline | | I.A.7 .a.c |

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| 1066 | I | A | 11 | Task | Actively identify For properties at risk of turnover or conversion, and educate their owners about APR opportunities. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Medium term | | Unassigned | Municipalities, Land Trusts, Land transfer org, Land conservation membership org, Ag Comms, Conservation Districts | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.A.7.c |
| 1073 | I | A | 11 | Task | Establish staff support to serve as a liaison to the farming community and provide education and outreach about the APR program, state land leasing opportunities, and other farmland programs, and to direct questions to appropriate staff. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Policy, Legislature, Ag policy org, Statewide non-profit, RPAs, Conservation Districts, Farmer membership organization, MiM | | | | I.A.7.g.a |
| 1079 | I | A | 11 | Task | Support peer-to-peer farmer engagement. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Stewardship, Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisition, Incubator org | | Changed status | | I.A.7.j |
| 1080 | I | A | 11 | Task | Incentivize farmers and landowners who have conserved their land to act as ambassadors to their peers to educate and encourage them to do the same. | Protection | Agricultural Restrictions | Education & Engagement | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Stewardship, Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisition | | | | I.A.7.j.a |
| 1097 | I | B | | Strategy | Further develop and implement additional tools to avoid farmland loss and retain farmland. | Protection | New Tools | | Ongoing | In progress | | | | | | I.B |
| 1098 | I | B | 1 | Action | Explore potential to pursue no-net-loss policy for all privately and publicly held agricultural land. | Protection | New Tools | No Net Loss | Medium term | | MDAR Policy | Ag policy org, EEA, Legislature | | | | I.B.1 |

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| 1099 | I | B | 1 | Task | Discuss with Administration and Legislative leadership and key stakeholders potential for mechanisms to replace any public farmland not currently protected by Article 97 with an equivalent amount of permanently protected farmland, similar to Executive Order 193, with provisions for enforcement and penalties to be collected for a mitigation fund. | Protection | New Tools | No Net Loss | Medium term | | MDAR Policy | Ag policy org, EEA, Legislature | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.B.1.a |
| 1463 | I | B | 1 | Task | Amend the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) statute to strengthen language related to agricultural land conversion. | Protection | New Tools | No Net Loss | Long term | | Unassigned | MDAR policy, Ag policy org, EEA, Legislature | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1464 | I | B | 1 | Task | Strengthen MEPA regulations to clarify applicability to conversion of farmland. | Protection | New Tools | No Net Loss | Long term | | Unassigned | MDAR policy, Ag policy org, EEA, Legislature | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1465 | I | B | 1 | Task | Strengthen Executive Order 193 by reissuing as a new Executive Order explicitly authorizing mitigation of farmland conversion under MEPA. | Protection | New Tools | No Net Loss | Long term | | Unassigned | MDAR policy, Ag policy org, EEA, Legislature | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1466 | I | B | 1 | Task | Strengthen the Agricultural Land Mitigation Policy for example relating to increasing ratio of land protected versus land developed and increasing financial contribution. | Protection | New Tools | No Net Loss | Long term | | Unassigned | MDAR policy, Ag policy org, EEA, Legislature | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1100 | I | B | 2 | Action | Enroll more agricultural land in Chapter 61A. | Protection | New Tools | 61A | | | | | | | | I.B.2 |
| 1101 | I | B | 2 | Task | Protect and support farmland parcels smaller than five acres via updates to Chapter 61A, through constitutional change, tax abatement, or other means. | Protection | New Tools | 61A | Short term | In progress | MDAR Policy | Legislature, Ag policy org | | | | I.B.2.a |
| 1484 | I | B | 2 | Task | Explore how to reduce tax burdens for commercial farms of less than 5 acres that are not eligible for Chapter 61A and do not fit well in protection programs. | Protection | New Tools | 61A | Short term | | Unassigned | Legislature, Ag policy org | | New task to complement 1101 | | |
| 1102 | I | B | 2 | Task | Consider elimination of the requirement that land be in active commercial agricultural use for 2 years to be eligible. | Protection | New Tools | 61A | No action | No action | Unassigned | Ag policy org | | | | I.B.2.b |

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| 1103 | I | B | 2 | Task | Create a central registry and publicly available map for all properties enrolled in 61A, including a metric tracking the percentage of all agricultural land enrolled. | Protection | New Tools | 61A | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR GIS, RPAs, Statewide non-profit | | | | I.B.2.c |
| 1104 | I | B | 2 | Task | Explore mechanisms that would require towns with municipal agricultural commissions to have those bodies review and provide a recommendation on ROFRs under Chapter 61A. Provide commissions with education to enable them to do so effectively. | Protection | New Tools | 61A | Medium term | | MDAR Policy | MDAR DACTA, Ag policy org, Ag Comms, municipalities | | Divided 1104 into two pieces - 1104 is policy based while 1517 can be done by wider range of partners. | | I.B.2.d |
| 1517 | I | B | 2 | Task | Explore mechanisms that would require towns with municipal agricultural commissions to have those bodies review and provide a recommendation on ROFRs under Chapter 61A. Provide municipal agricultural commissions with education to enable them to do so review and provide recommendations on ROFRS under Chapter 61A effectively. | Protection | New Tools | 61A | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR DACTA, Ag Comms, Land Trusts, municipalities, RPAs, | | Divided 1104 into two pieces - 1104 is policy based while 1517 can be done by wider range of partners. | | I.B.2.d |
| 1105 | I | B | 2 | Task | Identify options that would make no- and low-interest bridge financing available to be used by municipalities or land trusts to move quickly to exercise Rights of First Refusals (ROFRs) . | Protection | New Tools | 61A | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Fiscal, MDAR DACTA, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy, Farm financing org | | | | I.B.2.e |
| 1106 | I | B | 2 | Task | Authorize and seek funding that would enable MDAR to exercise Chapter 61A ROFRs if the municipality or nonprofit waives that option. | Protection | New Tools | 61A | Short term | | Legislature | MDAR Policy, Ag policy org | | | | I.B.2.f |
| 1109 | I | B | 3 | Action | Identify opportunities to increase CPA funding and its application to protect farmland and affordable on- and off-farm housing. | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Medium term | | MDAR Policy | EEA DCS, Community Preservation Coalition, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org, Ag policy org | | | | I.B.3 |

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| 1038 | I | B | 3 | Task | Explore increase of funding for the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and its application to protect farmland and affordable on- and off-farm housing . | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Short term | | MDAR Policy | EEA, Community Preservation Coalition, Legislature, MDAR DACTA | | | Divided into two tasks - 1038 focuses on CPA and protecting farmland while 1451 looks at public funding in general related to farm housing. Moved to CPA Action. | I.A.4.d |
| 1451 | I | B | 3 | Task | Explore enabling use increase of public funding, such as CPA, for the CPA and its application to protect farmland and affordable on- and off-farm housing. | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Medium term | | Unassigned | EOHLC, Legislature, MDAR Policy | | | Divided into two tasks - 1038 focuses on CPA and protecting farmland while 1451 looks at public funding in general related to farm housing. | I.A.4.d |
| 1110 | I | B | 3 | Task | Encourage all municipalities to adopt the CPA, create conservation commission or Agricultural Preservation Funds, and fund them for agricultural land protection projects as consistent with the CPA statute. | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Medium term | | EEA | EEA DCS, Community Preservation Coalition, Land Trusts, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy, Food Policy Councils, MiM, Ag comms | Changed implementers. Added Ag Preservation funds | | | I.B.3.a |
| 1111 | I | B | 3 | Task | Explore with relevant officials and stakeholders potential revisions to the CPA that would provide additional funding to the Trust and that will allow it to keep up with increasing land costs over time. | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Medium term | | EEA | EEA DCS, Community Preservation Coalition, Land Trusts, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy | | | | I.B.3.b |
| 1112 | I | B | 3 | Task | Encourage land trusts and the Community Preservation Coalition to provide support to municipalities on CPA adoption and its use to protect farmland. | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Medium term | | MDAR Policy | EEA DCS, Community Preservation Coalition, Land Trusts, Ag policy org | | | | I.B.3.c |

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| 1113 | I | B | 3 | Task | Educate municipal Community Preservation Committees and Conservation Commissions on how to transfer CPA and other funds to the town Conservation Fund established in Chapter 40, Section 8C, or Agricultural Preservation Fund established in Chapter 40, Section 8L, thereby providing a funding source that can be used quickly for acquisitions, without a need for further appropriation by the legislative body. Develop a process for communities to quickly use CPA funds This could be used for purchase of agricultural land and/or CRs and APRs, such as borrowing and bonding against future CPA income to create a fund that can be accessed without further need for authorization, including in the situation of Chapter 61A Right of First Refusal (ROFR). | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Short term | | Unassigned | EEA DCS, Community Preservation Coalition, Land Trusts, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy | | | Modified task to reflect actionable activity and clarified intent of task. | I.B.3 .d.a |
| 1114 | I | B | 3 | Task | Provide TA technical assistance to town community preservation committees, agricultural commissions, and land trusts about how CPA funds can be used to support farmland protection as well as affordable housing associated with farmland. | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | EEA DCS, Community Preservation Coalition, Land Trusts, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy, MiM | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | Divided into two tasks - focus on farmland protection (1114) and affordable housing related to farmland (1452). Added text to clarify a term. | I.B.3 .d |
| 1452 | I | B | 3 | Task | Provide TA technical assistance to town community preservation committees, agricultural commissions, and land trusts about how CPA funds can be used to support farmland protection as well as affordable housing associated with farmland. | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Medium term | | Unassigned | Community Preservation Coalition, Land Trusts, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy | | | Divided into two tasks - focus on farmland protection (1114) and affordable housing related to farmland (1452). Added text to clarify a term. | I.B.3 .d |

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| 1462 | I | B | 3 | Task | Explore refinements to how agriculture is defined and referenced within the "Open Space" category for CPA or consider a separate category specific for working lands such as agriculture. | Protection | New Tools | CPA | Short term | | Community Preservation Coalition | Land Trusts, CLTs, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy, Urban ag org | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1115 | I | B | 4 | Action | Explore the establishment of an entity that can buy, sell, and lease land and restrictions, with the goal of permanently protecting farmland and prioritizing access for historically underserved farmer populations. | Protection | New Tools | Underserved Access | Short term | | Unassigned | HUF org, Land trust, Tribal entities and governments, Statewide non-profit, Land conservation membership org, CLT, Ag comms | | | Created tasks 1454 and 1455 as first steps to implement this action (1115). | I.B.4 |
| 1454 | I | B | 4 | Task | Explore how existing entities that currently buy, sell and lease land, are prioritizing access for historically underserved farmers. | Protection | New Tools | Underserved Access | Short term | | Unassigned | HUF org, Land trust, Tribal entities and governments, Statewide non-profit, Land conservation membership org, CLT | | | New tasks 1454 and 1455 as first steps to implement this action (1115). | |
| 1455 | I | B | 4 | Task | Identify needs and gaps for historically underserved farmers within existing scope of entities that currently buy, sell and lease land. | Protection | New Tools | Underserved Access | Short term | | Unassigned | HUF org, Land trust, Tribal entities and governments, Statewide non-profit, Land conservation membership org, CLT | | | New tasks 1454 and 1455 as first steps to implement this action (1115). | |
| 1116 | I | B | 5 | Action | Identify and permanently protect state-held farmland that is not currently used for agriculture, and seek to restore it to agriculture. where appropriate and when not in conflict with the original intent of protection (e.g., wildlife habitat, certain types of outdoor recreation, forestry). | Protection | New Tools | State Lands | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Licensing | EEA, Legislature | | | Created tasks 1456 and 1457 as first steps to implement this action (1116). Clarified intent of task. | I.B.5 |

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| 1456 | I | B | 5 | Task | Identify state-held farmland that is not currently protected for agriculture, and seek to put under the care-and-control of MDAR where appropriate. | Protection | New Tools | State Lands | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Licensing | EEA, Legislature | | | New tasks 1456 and 1457 created as two steps to implement this action (1116). | |
| 1457 | I | B | 5 | Task | Seek to enter into agreements with state landowners to allow MDAR to license the land for agriculture. | Protection | New Tools | State Lands | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Licensing | EEA, Legislature | | | New tasks 1456 and 1457 created as two steps to implement this action (1116). | |
| 1117 | I | B | 6 | Action | Explore solar development policies that do not inadvertently displace agriculture. | Protection | New Tools | Solar | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Energy & Climate | DOER | | | | I.B.6 |
| 1118 | I | B | 6 | Task | Create permitting and financial policies and practices that incentivize installing solar on built infrastructure and brownfields or, where that is not viable, on marginal land. Policies and practices should disincentivize installation of low-to-the-ground mounted systems and prevent displacement on prime, state, or locally important farmland. | Protection | New Tools | Solar | Short term | In progress | MDAR Energy & Climate | DOER | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.B.6.a |
| 1119 | I | B | 6 | Task | Develop clear policies as to how agricultural production potential (e.g., prime soils), energy production potential, and carbon sequestration potential should be weighted when these uses compete with one another, especially when state policy creates incentives for behavior change. | Protection | New Tools | Solar | Short term | In progress | MDAR Energy & Climate | DOER, EEA | | | | I.B.6.b |
| 1120 | I | B | 6 | Task | Develop capacity for review a-consistent approval process for expected increase in applications for dual use solar arrays. | Protection | New Tools | Solar | Short term | | MDAR Energy & Climate | DOER | | | Clarified intent of task. | I.B.6.c |
| 1121 | I | B | 6 | Task | Educate farmers about working with solar developers and the unique nature of farming within a solar array. | Protection | New Tools | Solar | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Energy & Climate, UMass CAFE, Ag energy org, Ag comms | | Changed implementers | | I.B.6.d |

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| 1122 | I | B | 7 | Action | Advance zoning reform and smart growth policies that encourage density and development that do not result in the loss of farmland. | Protection | New Tools | Zoning & Smart Growth | Medium term | | Unassigned | EEA, RPAs, Municipalities, AFT FIC, Land Trusts, EOHLC, EOED, MDAR FAPC, Statewide non-profit, Food Policy Councils, MiM | | | | I.B.7 |
| 1123 | I | B | 7 | Task | Enable and incentivize communities to take actions to retain farmland and promote infill and compact development without adversely impacting farmers' equity and asset value in their land. | Protection | New Tools | Zoning & Smart Growth | Medium term | | Unassigned | EEA, RPAs, Municipalities, AFT FIC, Land Trusts, EOHLC, EOED, MDAR FAPC, Statewide non-profit, Food Policy Councils | | | | I.B.7.a |
| 1124 | I | B | 7 | Task | Encourage communities to adopt zoning regulations for Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) as a farmland protection tool. | Protection | New Tools | Zoning & Smart Growth | Medium term | | Unassigned | EEA, RPAs, Municipalities, AFT FIC, Land Trusts, EOHLC, EOED, MDAR FAPC | | | | I.B.7.b |
| 1125 | I | B | 7 | Task | Educate municipalities about the use of conservation subdivision/natural resources protection zoning and accessory apartment bylaws as tools to promote compact development and provide technical support to communities seeking to adopt and use these zoning tools. | Protection | New Tools | Zoning & Smart Growth | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | EEA, RPAs, Municipalities, AFT FIC, Land Trusts, EOHLC, EOED, MDAR FAPC, MiM | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | | I.B.7.c |
| 1126 | I | C | | Strategy | Prioritize protection of whole farms. | Protection | Whole Farms | | | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, Land Trusts, Ag comms | | | | I.C |
| 1128 | I | C | 1 | Action | Explore revision to the APR Program's approach to include whole farm conservation as relates to, including but not limited to farm family and farm worker housing, infrastructure, and the full range of farm entities and operations, including woodland. | Protection | Whole Farms | Housing | Short term | In progress | MDAR Policy | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR DACTA | | | Divided I.C.1 (1127) into new buckets to match the 3 elements of whole farms - housing (1128), infrastructure (1404) and other land that is not in agricultural use (1405). Discontinued 1127 which was more general. | I.C.1.a |

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| 1130 | I | C | 1 | Task | Explore revision to the APR Program's approach to include affordable farm family and farm worker housing within the APR restriction, potentially via a building envelope and/or including the right or potential to request residential housing. | Protection | Whole Farms | Housing | Long term | | MDAR Acquisition | MDAR Stewardship, MDAR DACTA, ALPC, MDAR Legal, MDAR Policy | | Added clarification and changed implementers. Changed timeframe. | | I.C.1.c |
| 1131 | I | C | 1 | Task | Explore revision to the APR dwelling policy to make approvals for dwellings more attainable while limiting resale values to affordable prices. | Protection | Whole Farms | Housing | Medium term | | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR DACTA, ALPC, MDAR Legal, MDAR Policy | | Changed implementers | | I.C.1.d |
| 1133 | I | C | 1 | Task | Develop a program for linking off-farm houses to farms, by purchase and/or lease, for both farmers and farmworkers. | Protection | Whole Farms | Housing | No action | | MDAR Acquisition | MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Policy, MDAR DACTA, ALPC, MDAR Legal, Land Trusts, EOHLIC | | Changed implementers. Changed timeframe. | | I.C.1.f |
| 1396 | I | C | 1 | Task | Explore opportunities to use novel tenure models, such as Ground Lease/ Community Land Trust model, for a long term lease of land under housing to create affordable housing connected to farmland. | Protection | Whole Farms | Housing | Medium term | | MDAR DACTA | EOHLIC, CISA, MDAR DACTA, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR BPS, MDAR Policy, Land Trust, CLTs, Ag comms | | Changed implementers | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1404 | I | C | 2 | Action | Explore revision to the APR Program's approach to include whole farm conservation as relates to, including but not limited to farm family and farm worker housing, infrastructure (barns, etc), and the full range of farm entities and operations, including woodland. | Protection | Whole Farms | Infrastructure | Short term | In progress | MDAR Acquisition | | | Changed timeline and status | Divided I.C.1 (1127) into new buckets to match the 3 elements of whole farms - housing (1128), infrastructure (1404) and other land that is not in agricultural use (1405). Discontinued 1127 which was more general. | I.C.1.a |

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| 1503 | I | C | 2 | Task | Explore impacts of infrastructure on appraisal prices and valuations for determining easement value, with the goal of better informing landowners of their options for including or not including infrastructure in their protected property. | Protection | Whole Farms | Infrastructure | Short term | Ongoing | MDAR Acquisition | MDAR DACTA, ALPC | | New task | | |
| 1405 | I | C | 3 | Action | Explore revision to the APR Program's approach to include whole farm conservation as it relates to, including but not limited to farm family and farm-worker housing, infrastructure, and the full range of farm entities and operations and land uses, including natural resources such as woodland and wetlands and other land types and uses. | Protection | Whole Farms | Other land | Short term | In progress | MDAR Acquisition | MDAR Stewardship | | Changed implementers and minor clarification in language. | Divided I.C.1 (1127) into new buckets to match the 3 elements of whole farms - housing (1128), infrastructure (1404) and other land that is not in agricultural use (1405). Discontinued 1127 which was more general. | I.C.1.a |
| 1134 | I | C | 3 | Task | Develop Explore whole farm policies and practices that recognize the importance of associated land (in forest, wetlands, water bodies, etc.) and uses (cord wood, irrigation, housing, buffering from surrounding residential or commercial uses, etc.) to a farm's crop and pastureland and include those in protection and support of farms and farmland. | Protection | Whole Farms | Other land | Short term | In progress | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, EEA, DFG, DCR | | Changed implementers | Clarified intent of task. | I.C.1.g |
| 1137 | I | C | 3 | Task | Consider state policy Commonwealth goals, including environmental justice and for natural resource protection when prioritizing farmland for protection. | Protection | Whole Farms | Other land | Short term | | MDAR Commissioner | APR Acquisition, ALPC, MDAR DACTA, DFG, DCS, EEA | | Changed implementers, Task divided into two pieces (1137 and 1510) under two different actions | Downgraded from action to task to fit new actions. Removed EJ component that does not fit character of the rest of this task and other actions in this strategy. EJ intent is reflected in other actions and tasks. | I.C.3 |

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| 1136 | I | C | 4 | Action | Ensure that protection programs are compatible with all tenure models, supporting leased land, co-operative ownership, and other novel tenure options. | Protection | Whole Farms | Tenure Models | Long term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR DACTA, MDAR Policy, EJ | | | | I.C.2 |
| 1406 | I | C | 4 | Task | Explore compatibility of ground leases with APR program. | Protection | Whole Farms | Tenure Models | Long term | | MDAR Acquisition | MDAR DACTA, MDAR Policy, MDAR EJ, MDAR Stewardship, Land transfer org | | Changed timeframe | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1475 | I | C | 7 | Action | Explore revision to the additional farmland protection approaches (eg Private APR, CR) to include whole farm conservation including, but not limited to, farm family and farm worker housing, infrastructure, and the full range of farm operations and land uses, including natural resources such as woodland and wetlands. | Protection | Whole Farms | Non-APR | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, Statewide non-profit, NRCS, State Technical Committee, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org | | Added action to recognize non-APR routes for whole farm protection | | |
| 1476 | I | C | 7 | Task | Explore Private APR process updates that would allow farm-related housing, with requirements for that house to remain connected to that farm. | Protection | Whole Farms | Non-APR | Completed | Completed | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Legal, Land trust | | Added task, parallel to 1129 for Private APRs, but doesn't include funding. Funding in 1477. | | |
| 1129 | I | C | 1 | Task | Explore Private APR policy process updates that would allow public funds to be used to support farm-related housing, with requirements for that home house to remain connected to that or another farm. | Protection | Whole Farms | Non-APR | Medium term | | MDAR Policy | EOHLC, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR DACTA, MDAR Policy, MDAR Legal, Legislature, ALPC | | Moved from APR to Non-APR section. Changed implementers, timeframe, edited language | Clarified intent of task. | I.C.1.b |
| 1132 | I | C | 1 | Task | Identify Explore mechanisms to link housing to farms via deed restrictions that extend their effective period to the maximum possible | Protection | Whole Farms | Non-APR | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Policy, MDAR DACTA, ALPC, MDAR Legal, Land Trusts, EOHLC | | Changed implementers. Moved to non-APR Whole Farms section | Clarified intent of task. | I.C.1.e |

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| 1479 | I | C | 7 | Task | Explore opportunities to use novel tenure models, such as Ground Lease/ Community Land Trust model, for a long term lease of land under housing to create affordable housing connected to farmland. | Protection | Whole Farms | Non-APR | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Legal, Land Trusts, EOHLC, MDAR BPS | | Added task, parallel to 1396 for non-APR options. | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1480 | I | C | 7 | Task | For farmland where APRs and Private APRs are not a good fit for protection, promote the use of ag friendly Conservation Restrictions (CRs). | Protection | Whole Farms | Non-APR | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit, EEA, DCS | | New task | | |
| 1481 | I | C | 7 | Task | Increase awareness of how APRs, Private APRs and CRs differ for accomplishing goals of farmland protection, and their relative benefits. | Protection | Whole Farms | Non-APR | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit, EEA, DCS | | New task | | |
| 1510 | I | C | 7 | Task | Consider state policy Commonwealth goals, including relating to environmental justice and for natural resource protection when prioritizing farmland for protection. | Protection | Whole Farms | Non-APR | Medium term | | MDAR Urban Ag | MDAR DACTA, DCS, EEA, MDAR EJ, HUF org, Land Trusts, MDAR Licensing, MDAR Commissioner, APR Acquisition | | Task divided into two pieces (1137 and 1510) under two different actions. Changed implementers. | Downgraded from action to task to fit new actions. Removed EJ component that does not fit character of the rest of this task and other actions in this strategy. EJ intent is reflected in other actions and tasks. | I.C.3 |
| 1402 | I | C | 5 | Action | Explore how additional federal and state programs might be further utilized to aid in funding whole farm protection. | Protection | Whole Farms | Funding | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, Statewide non-profit, NRCS, State Technical Committee, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org | | Changed timeline | Added as action when 1142 downgraded to task so could include both federal and state programs. | |

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| 1142 | I | C | 5 | Task | Explore how additional federal programs such as the Wetland Reserve Easement aspect of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP-WRE) might be further utilized to aid in funding whole farm protection. | Protection | Whole Farms | Funding | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, Statewide non-profit, NRCS, State Technical Committee, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org | | Changed timeline | Downgraded from action to task so it can focus on one area, and then added new tasks to look at other programs (1403). | I.C.4 |
| 1403 | I | C | 5 | Task | Explore how additional state programs might be further utilized to aid in funding whole farm protection. | Protection | Whole Farms | Funding | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, Statewide non-profit, NRCS, State Technical Committee, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org, EEA, DPH | | Changed timeline | New task focusing on state programs, while task 1142 focuses on federal programs. | |
| 1138 | I | C | 6 | Action | Include the value of ecosystem services when valuing land for protection. | Protection | Whole Farms | Other land | Medium term | | EEA | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Energy & Climate | | | | I.C.3 .a.a |
| 1139 | I | C | 6 | Task | Explore revision to MDAR APR regulations to include additional priority consideration criteria for ecosystem services. | Protection | Whole Farms | Other land | Medium term | | MDAR Acquisition | | | | | I.C.3 .a.a |
| 1140 | I | C | 6 | Task | Include encouragement of ecosystem services this consideration within MDAR's private APR guidance and policy . | Protection | Whole Farms | Other land | Short term | | MDAR Acquisition | | | Refined language and timeline | Clarified intent of task. | I.C.3 .a.b |
| 1141 | I | C | 6 | Task | Work with the Mass Land Trust Coalition (MLTC) and regional planning agencies to develop model considerations that value ecosystem services for land trusts and municipalities purchasing restrictions. | Protection | Whole Farms | Other land | Medium term | | EEA | MLTC, RPAs, MDAR Energy & Climate, Ag comms, Statewide non-profit, Land Trusts | | Added implementers | | I.C.3 .a.c |
| 1135 | I | C | 6 | Task | Provide additional tools to support farmers in dealing with climate change impacts, including land buyouts along coastal areas, high-velocity streams, and riverbanks. | Protection | Whole Farms | Other land | Medium term | | MDAR Energy & Climate | Resilient Mass, Incubator org, RPAs, EEA | | | | I.C.1 .h |

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| 1143 | I | D | | Strategy | Formalize and integrate decision-making processes regarding farmland protection. | Protection | Decision Making | | | | | | | | Removed timeframe. | I.D |
| 1148 | I | D | 1 | Action | Create a state-level prioritization of farmland for protection similar to Biomap, TNC's resilient lands, Mass Audubon's MAPPR (Mapping and Prioritizing Parcels for Resilience), etc. | Protection | Decision Making | Prioritization | Medium term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR GIS, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR DACTA | | | Changed lead implementer, timeline and status. | I.D.2 |
| 1450 | I | D | 1 | Task | Assess unprotected farmland using existing data, such as land cover, soils, tax parcels and open space, with weighting based on acquisition priorities. | Protection | Decision Making | Prioritization | Medium term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR GIS, MDAR Acquisition, Land Trusts, RPA | | | New task to reflect step needed before 1149. Changed lead implementer, timeline and status. | |
| 1149 | I | D | 1 | Task | Establish a working group to develop priorities for land to be protected, such as considerations for geographic equity; soils; crop diversity; forest cover; parcel size; emerging agricultural practices such as silvopasture, nut tree operations, permaculture, etc.; proximity to environmental justice communities, markets, other protected land; etc. The working group should include farmers, MDAR, NRCS, planners, and others. | Protection | Decision Making | Prioritization | Medium term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR GIS, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Energy & Climate, MDAR EJ, Food system org, Farmer membership org, Land Trusts, MDAR DACTA | | Changed lead implementer, timeline and status. Corrected highlight. | Changed lead implementer, timeline and status. | I.D.2.a |
| 1150 | I | D | 1 | Task | Communicate the working group's priorities to NRCS, via the State Technical Committee, in order to align ACEP-ALE eligibility with state priorities. | Protection | Decision Making | Prioritization | Medium term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR GIS, MDAR Acquisition, State Technical Committee | | | Clarified intent of task. Changed lead implementer and timeline. | I.D.2.b |
| 1151 | I | D | 1 | Task | Develop prioritization screen based on the working group's determinations, to be used to evaluate applications. | Protection | Decision Making | Prioritization | Medium term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR GIS, MDAR Acquisition | | | Changed lead implementer and timeline. | I.D.2.c |
| 1412 | I | D | 1 | Task | Develop a plan for maintenance and management of prioritization screen | Protection | Decision Making | Prioritization | Medium term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR GIS, MDAR Acquisition | | | New task to reflect needs that will arise as task 1149, 1150, 1151 and 1152 move forward. Changed lead implementer and timeline. | |

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| 1152 | I | D | 1 | Task | Communicate the working group's priorities to land trusts and conservation organizations to encourage NGO their work to align with state priorities. | Protection | Decision Making | Prioritization | Medium term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR GIS, MDAR Acquisition, Land Trusts | | | Clarified intent of task. Changed lead implementer and timeline. | I.D.2.d |
| 1144 | I | D | 2 | Action | Enhance interagency coordination on land acquisition and stewardship projects such as protecting a property through a combination of CRs and APRs. | Protection | Decision Making | Interagency Coordination | Short term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR Acquisition, Interagency Lands Committee, EEA, DFG, DCR | | | Corrected from Task to Action per 2023 Plan. Changed lead implementer and added potential other implementers. Corrected highlight. Reconciled 1051 into this task. | I.D.1 |
| 1485 | I | D | 2 | Task | Increase interagency coordination for properties that have CRs and APRs as relates to stewardship process. | Protection | Decision Making | Interagency Coordination | Short term | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | DCR | | New task | | |
| 1486 | I | D | 2 | Task | Strengthen coordination for acquisition of properties that may include a combination of APR with CR. | Protection | Decision Making | Interagency Coordination | Short term | | MDAR Acquisition | EEA, DCR, DFG | | New task | | |
| 1146 | I | D | 2 | Task | Explore how to use the Interagency Lands Committee to develop a hierarchy system that can be used by state and local governments to guide programs, plans, and investments for prioritizing farmland for protection. | Protection | Decision Making | Interagency Coordination | Short term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR Acquisition, Interagency Lands Committee, EEA, DFG, DCR, DCS | | Added potential other implementers. | Corrected to place task under Action 1144 (1.D.2.) per 2023 Plan. Changed lead implementer and added potential other implementers. | I.D.1.a |
| 1147 | I | D | 2 | Task | Assess all CR applications for agricultural suitability and direct to the APR program as appropriate. | Protection | Decision Making | Interagency Coordination | No action | No action | Unassigned | EEA, MDAR Acquisition, DFG, DCR | | | No action - not feasible as written. Corrected to place task under Action 1144 (1.D.2.) per 2023 Plan. Changed lead implementer and added potential other implementers. | I.D.1.b |
| 1495 | I | D | 3 | Action | Create a state-level prioritization for farmland protection that can be used within the Massachusetts Integrated Land Use Strategy (MILUS) which balances farmland against all other land uses for a long term strategy | Protection | Decision Making | MILUS | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR FAPC, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR GIS, MDAR Commissioner | | New action and tasks to recognize new prioritization usage. | | |

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| 1496 | I | D | 3 | Action | Develop interim priority map for farmland protection to be incorporated into the 2025 MILUS map. | Protection | Decision Making | MILUS | Short term | In progress | MDAR DACTA | MDAR FAPC, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR GIS, MDAR Commissioner | | New action and tasks to recognize new prioritization usage. | | |
| 1497 | I | D | 3 | Action | Develop a more comprehensive priority map for farmland protection to be substituted into the MILUS map to replace the interim priority map. | Protection | Decision Making | MILUS | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR FAPC, MDAR GIS, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR EJ, MDAR Commissioner, Farmer membership org, Land Trusts | | New action and tasks to recognize new prioritization usage. | | |
| 1153 | II | | | Goal | Goal II: Increase access to farmland. | Access | | | | | | | | | | II |
| 1154 | II | A | | Strategy | Make more land available for agriculture. | Access | More Land | | Ongoing | In progress | | | | | | II.A |
| 1155 | II | A | 1 | Action | Assess all existing, publicly held land for its suitability for agriculture and make more of it available for agriculture. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR Licensing | Buy Locals, EEA | | | | II.A. 1 |
| 1395 | II | A | 1 | Task | Educate city and town decision-makers about the benefits of hyper local food production and its connection with climate change and food access. Include information about tools to encourage it, including community gardens and land licensing. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | RPAs, UMass CAFE, MDAR urban ag, MDAR Energy & Climate, Food system org, MDAR Food Policy, MDAR Licensing, MDAR EJ, DPH, Urban ag org, MiM, CLTs, Ag comms | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Changed implementers. Added Farmland Partnership Program information. | New task to reflect need. | |

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| 1156 | II | A | 1 | Task | Create case studies of expanding access to historically underserved populations through MDAR's land licensing program. Evaluate and refine licensing processes with a view to sharing lessons learned with other entities, such as municipalities. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | MDAR EJ, HUF org, MDAR Licensing, MiM | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1157 | II | A | 1 | Task | Explore a requirement for Work with state agencies and departments, counties, and municipalities to identify and publicly list all publicly owned land that is either in current agricultural production or suitable for agricultural production. Consider each parcel for inclusion in the farmland licensing program. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Short term | | MDAR Licensing | MDAR GIS | | | Divided into two tasks - 1157 for state and 1458 for municipalities. Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 1.a |
| 1458 | II | A | 1 | Task | Explore a requirement for Work with state agencies and departments, counties, and municipalities to identify and publicly list all publicly owned land that is either in current agricultural production or suitable for agricultural production. Consider each parcel for inclusion in the farmland licensing program. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Short term | | Unassigned | RPAs, MDAR GIS, Land Trusts, CLTs, Buy Locals, Farmer membership org, Urban ag org, MDAR Licensing, municipalities, Ag comms | | Changed implementers | Divided into two tasks - 1157 for state and 1458 for municipalities. Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 1.a |
| 1159 | II | A | 1 | Task | Provide TA technical assistance to municipalities to identify all municipally owned land, including parks, schools, and open land, that is suitable for food production. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Medium term | | Unassigned | RPAs, Local Food Policy Councils, Farmer membership org, Urban ag org, MDAR Licensing, DPH, MiM | | | Added text to clarify a term. | II.A. 1.b |
| 1160 | II | A | 1 | Task | Work with EEA and other state agencies to include food production assessment into criteria for their grants (eg Landscape Partnership, Planning Assistance grants, etc) | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Medium term | | MDAR Food Security | MDAR DACTA, MDAR Policy, DPH | | | New task to reflect need. | |

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| 1161 | II | A | 1 | Task | Explore case studies to share best practices for food production assessment/ planning | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Medium term | | Unassigned | Buy Locals, MDAR Licensing, MDAR FAPC, RPAs, Food system org, Urban ag org, UMass AFE, MDAR Food Security, DPH, MiM | | | New tasks created related to existing work and coordination between them - 1161, 1163 and 1164. | |
| 1163 | II | A | 1 | Task | Create a pilot to test and refine how to roll out food production assessment/ planning in urban environments | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Urban Ag, Buy Locals, Food system org, RPAs, Urban ag org, MDAR Licensing, Food system org, MDAR Food Security, UMass AFE, MiM | | | New tasks created related to existing work and coordination between them - 1161, 1163 and 1164. | |
| 1164 | II | A | 1 | Task | Create a pilot to test and refine how to roll out food production assessment/ planning in rural environments | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | Buy Locals, Food system org, RPAs, MDAR Licensing, Food system org, MDAR Food Security, UMass AFE, MiM | | | New tasks created related to existing work and coordination between them - 1161, 1163 and 1164. | |
| 1162 | II | A | 1 | Task | Support municipalities in developing their own farmland licensing agreements and plans. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | Buy Locals, Farmer membership org, MDAR Licensing, Ag comms | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | | II.A. 1.c |
| 1165 | II | A | 1 | Task | Establish a process for negotiating agreements for agricultural use on parcels with public landholding agencies and jurisdictions. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Medium term | | MDAR Licensing | Buy Locals | | | | II.A. 1.d |

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| 1166 | II | A | 1 | Task | Develop a library of model contracts and leases licenses that municipalities can use to lease-license municipal-owned land for farming, train municipal land-use managers and planners how to use these tools, and provide technical assistance to do so. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Medium term | | Unassigned | Land transfer org, MDAR Licensing | | | Corrected from lease (used by private entities) to license (used by private entities). | II.A. 1.e |
| 1167 | II | A | 1 | Task | Expand the options available to farmers using state and municipal land to include leases, including long-term licenses leases. Optimize range of licenses available according to values the state wishes to support. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Medium term | | MDAR Licensing | MDAR Policy, MDAR Legal, MDAR DACTA, Ag policy | | | Divided 1167 into two tasks - 1167 focuses on state land and 1459 on municipal land. Corrected from lease (used by private entities) to license (used by private entities). Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 1.f |
| 1459 | II | A | 1 | Task | Expand the options available to farmers using state and municipal land to include leases, including long-term licenses leases. Optimize range of licenses available according to values the municipality wishes to support. | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Licensing, Ag policy org, Buy Local, Incubator org | | | Divided 1167 into two tasks - 1167 focuses on state land and 1459 on municipal land. Corrected from lease (used by private entities) to license (used by private entities). Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 1.f |
| 1168 | II | A | 1 | Task | Issue licenses to Contract with NGOs non-profits to sub-license to farmers to use manage publicly owned properties for agricultural purposes and leases licenses . | Access | More Land | Agricultural Suitability | Medium term | | MDAR Licensing | Incubator org, Ag service org, municipalities, Ag comms | | Added municipalities and Ag Comms as potential implementer | Corrected from lease (used by private entities) to license (used by private entities). Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 1.g |
| 1169 | II | A | 2 | Action | Strengthen the state land licensing program. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | | | MDAR Licensing | | | | | II.A. 2 |
| 1170 | II | A | 2 | Task | Inventory and license more public farmland through the state land-licensing program, including long-term and rolling terms. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR Licensing | MDAR EJ, MDAR Urban Ag | | | | II.A. 2.a |

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| 1171 | II | A | 2 | Task | Develop process relationships to route encourage state-owned agencies who hold agricultural land-licensed or leased for agriculture through to partner with MDAR's State Land Licensing program in order to ensure consistent license process and appropriate agricultural practices. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Licensing | | | | Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 2.b |
| 1172 | II | A | 2 | Task | Seek funding for the public purchase of land suitable for licensing leasing to farmers for agriculture. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR Policy | MDAR Licensing, MDAR DACTA | | | Corrected from lease (used by private entities) to license (used by private entities). | II.A. 2.c |
| 1173 | II | A | 2 | Task | Enable the state land-licensing program to manage an increased number of properties and responsibilities, potentially via additional staff capacity. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Licensing, MDAR Policy, MDAR Fiscal | | | | II.A. 2.d |
| 1174 | II | A | 2 | Task | Establish Refine criteria that prioritize applications that come from set-asides in state and municipal farmland leasing programs for BIPOC, beginning, and historically underserved farmers for state farmland licensing programs. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | In progress | MDAR Licensing | MDAR EJ, HUF org | | | Criteria already exist, so they need refinement rather than creation. Divide into two separate tasks - state (1174) and municipal (1436). | II.A. 2.e |
| 1436 | II | A | 2 | Task | Establish Encourage criteria that establish set asides for prioritize applications that come from set-asides in state and municipal farmland leasing programs for BIPOC, beginning, and historically underserved farmers for municipal farmland licensing programs. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR EJ, HUF org, Municipalities, MDAR licensing, AgComs | Minor word removal. | | Criteria already exist, so they need refinement rather than creation. Divide into two separate tasks - state (1174) and municipal (1436). Broadened audience. | II.A. 2.e |
| 1175 | II | A | 2 | Task | Update application process to consider existing tenure and improvements , plans to sell into local markets, soil management practices, and other factors. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | In progress | MDAR Licensing | | | | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.A. 2.f |
| 1176 | II | A | 2 | Task | Fund infrastructure development to support agriculture on publicly held land (e.g., irrigation, high tunnels, etc.). | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Licensing | | | | | II.A. 2.g |

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| 1409 | II | A | 2 | Task | Develop a long term management plan for publicly held land that is under the care and control of MDAR that would include future maintenance and replacement, as well as a budget to support those activities. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | | MDAR Licensing | MDAR DACTA, MDAR Fiscal | | | New task building off 1176 | |
| 1410 | II | A | 2 | Task | Explore and expand funding sources to return public lands to agricultural uses. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Medium term | | MDAR Licensing | MDAR DACTA, MDAR Fiscal | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1177 | II | A | 2 | Task | Fund soil health improvements on state licensed farmland. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Licensing | | | | | II.A. 2.h |
| 1178 | II | A | 2 | Task | Support farm incubators and aspiring and beginning farmers through the state land-licensing program. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | In progress | MDAR Licensing | Incubator org, Buy Locals | | | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.A. 2.i |
| 1179 | II | A | 2 | Task | Connect lessees licensees with services and support organizations, such as Buy Locals, UMass Extension, NRCS, business and succession planning- TA-technical assistance providers, lenders, and others. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR Licensing | Buy Locals, UMass CAFE, NRCS, MDAR Viability | | | Added text to clarify a term. | II.A. 2.j |
| 1180 | II | A | 2 | Task | Better monitor properties under the program for performance and physical condition. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | In progress | MDAR Licensing | | | | | II.A. 2.k |
| 1181 | II | A | 2 | Task | Allow for 1-year special agricultural use permits in the event that licensees are not able to use land. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | | MDAR Licensing | | | | | II.A. 2.l |
| 1182 | II | A | 2 | Task | Connect existing tenants with loans financing options, resources and other assistance in accessing land. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Licensing, HUF org, Incubator org, MDAR Viability, Buy locals, Ag service orgs | | | Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 2.m |
| 1183 | II | A | 2 | Task | Connect existing tenants with resources to help them transition to their next situation after their license. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Licensing, MDAR Viability, HUF org, Incubator org, Buy Locals, Ag service org | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1184 | II | A | 2 | Task | Pilot 'lease-to-own' opportunities to catalyze the development of permanent urban farming properties in historically underserved communities. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Medium term | | Unassigned | Urban ag org, CLTs, MDAR Urban ag, MDAR EJ, MiM | | | | II.A. 2.n |

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| 1429 | II | A | 2 | Task | Explore how community gardens could fit into the land licensing program. | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | In progress | MDAR Licensing | MDAR DACTA, MDAR Urban ag | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1417 | II | A | 2 | Task | Develop a strategic plan for the Land Licensing Program | Access | More Land | Land Licensing | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Licensing | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1185 | II | A | 3 | Action | Create preferential zoning and ordinances to support urban agriculture. | Access | More Land | Urban Agriculture | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Urban Ag, RPAs, EEA, MPH, MDAR EJ, Urban ag org, CLTs | | | | II.A. 3 |
| 1186 | II | A | 3 | Task | Provide TA technical assistance and model zoning bylaws and ordinances to encourage municipalities to support the use of land, rooftops, and other infrastructure for urban agriculture. | Access | More Land | Urban Agriculture | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Urban Ag, RPAs, EEA, MPH, MDAR EJ, Urban ag org, MiM, CLTs, Ag comms | Changed implementers | | Added text to clarify a term. | II.A. 3.a |
| 1187 | II | A | 3 | Task | Explore the possibility of zoning and ordinances to allow for small-scale poultry and other protein-producing livestock in some urban areas. | Access | More Land | Urban Agriculture | Long term | | Unassigned | MDAR Urban Ag, RPAs, EEA, MPH, MDAR EJ, Urban ag org, MiM | | | | II.A. 3.b |
| 1188 | II | A | 4 | Action | Increase the amount of privately leased farmland, coupled with agreements designed to meet the needs of farmers. | Access | More Land | Private leases | Medium term | | Unassigned | Land Trusts, Land transfer org, MDAR Licensing | | | | II.A. 4 |
| 1189 | II | A | 4 | Task | Incorporate best practices, resources, and education regarding leasing, land transfer, and use of resources into APR stewardship. | Access | More Land | Private leases | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Viability, Legal org, Land transfer org, MDAR Licensing | | | Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 4.a |
| 1190 | II | A | 4 | Task | Increase availability of – and easy access to – good model leases, supported by professional experts to help farmers negotiate with landowners and adapt to special circumstances. | Access | More Land | Private leases | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Viability, Legal org, Buy Locals, Land transfer org | | | | II.A. 4.b |

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| 1191 | II | A | 4 | Task | Explore incentivizing the availability of long-term leases, rolling leases, and/or flexible lease terms. | Access | More Land | Private leases | Long term | | Unassigned | Ag policy org, land transfer org, MDAR DACTA, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship , Legal org, Land conservation membership org, land trusts, CLTs | | Changed implementers | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.A. 4.c |
| 1192 | II | A | 4 | Task | Explore and establish novel, alternative methods of land tenure to meet the needs of beginning, BIPOC, and other historically underserved communities with limited equity or credit. | Access | More Land | Private leases | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | MDAR Viability, MDAR Urban Ag, MDAR EJ, Food Trust, EOHLC, NFCLT, SNEFCC, Ag Equity Network, HUF org, Tribal entities and governments Farm financing org, Land Trusts, CLTs, Urban ag org, MiM | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | Divided into two tasks - 1192 focuses in exploration and 1193 on establishing | II.A. 4.d |
| 1193 | II | A | 4 | Task | Explore and Establish novel, alternative methods of land tenure to meet the needs of beginning, BIPOC, and other historically underserved communities with limited equity or credit. | Access | More Land | Private leases | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Viability, MDAR Urban Ag, MDAR EJ, Food Trust, EOHLC, NFCLT, SNEFCC, Ag Equity Network, HUF org, Tribal entities and governments, Farm financing org, Land Trusts, CLTs, Urban ag org, MiM | | | Divided into two tasks - 1192 focuses in exploration and 1193 on establishing | II.A. 4.d |
| 1194 | II | A | 4 | Task | Provide affordable opportunities for liability and other insurance needs for lessees or other users of non-owner-occupied land. | Access | More Land | Private leases | Long term | | Unassigned | | | | | II.A. 4.e |

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| 1195 | II | A | 5 | Action | Explore opportunities to assist state and federally recognized Tribal governments and entities of the Commonwealth in obtaining land. | Access | More Land | Tribal | Short term | Starting soon | Unassigned | EEA, EEA EJ, DCS, MDAR EJ, Tribal entities and governments, Land Trusts, HUF orgs, Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) | | Changed implementers | Expanded audience | II.A.5 |
| 1440 | II | A | 5 | Task | Create EEA grant program to support tribal entities to purchase land | Access | More Land | Tribal | Completed | Completed | EEA | Tribal entities and governments, DCS, EEA EJ, MDAR EJ, Land Trusts, HUF orgs, Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA), Indigenous led land trusts, | | Changed implementers. Changed timeframe and status. New task created parallel task to 1440 (EEA program) with 1521 (non-EEA program). Also created follow on task 1524 to refine the program. | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1524 | II | A | 5 | Task | Refine EEA grant program to support tribal entities to purchase land | Access | More Land | Tribal | Ongoing | In progress | DCS | Tribal entities and governments, EEA, EEA EJ, MDAR EJ, Land Trusts, HUF orgs, Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA), Indigenous led land trusts | | New task to follow task 1440 which has been completed. | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1521 | II | A | 5 | Task | Explore creation of other funding mechanisms outside state government to support tribal entities to purchase land | Access | More Land | Tribal | Short term | | Unassigned | Tribal entities and governments, Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA), DCS, EEA, EEA EJ, MDAR EJ, Land Trusts, HUF orgs, Indigenous led land trusts | | New task created parallel task to 1440 (EEA program) with 1521 (non-EEA program) | New task to reflect need. | |

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| 1196 | II | A | 6 | Action | Establish a farmland restoration program to provide assistance to farmers for bringing fallow or marginal farmland into food production, which may include cost-sharing provisions. | Access | More Land | Farmland Restoration | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR DACTA, TA org, Statewide non-profit | | | | II.A. 6 |
| 1197 | II | A | 6 | Task | Explore development of a public grant program to support restoration and improvement of farmland, prioritizing land with prime and important farmland soils. | Access | More Land | Farmland Restoration | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR DACTA, TA org, Statewide non-profit | | | | II.A. 6.a |
| 1198 | II | A | 7 | Action | Ensure that CRs and private APRs support the growth of agriculture where consistent with the overall purpose of the restriction. | Access | More Land | Conservation Restrictions | Medium term | | MLTC CR | EEA, MLTC Ag Lands, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit | | | Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 7 |
| 1199 | II | A | 7 | Task | Continue to include sample language in the permitted uses section of the model CR to allow agriculture. | Access | More Land | Conservation Restrictions | Medium term | | MLTC CR | EEA, MLTC Ag Lands, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit | | | Clarified intent of task. | II.A. 7.a |
| 1200 | II | A | 8 | Action | Support farm incubators, potentially via funding. | Access | More Land | Farm Incubators | Medium term | | Unassigned | Incubator org, HUF org, MDAR Viability, municipalities, MiM, DPH | | | | II.A. 8 |
| 1435 | II | A | 8 | Task | Provide education about farm incubator models and approaches including how to start, operate and sustain them. | Access | More Land | Farm Incubators | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Licensing, MDAR Viability, Incubator org, MiM, DPH | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1201 | II | B | | Strategy | Support farm transfer and succession in ways that enhance access to farmland. | Access | Transfer & Succession | | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | Land transfer org, MDAR Viability, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR APR, Legal org | | | | II.B |
| 1202 | II | B | 1 | Action | Support and expand farmland transfer and farmland succession education and one-to-one technical assistance (TA). | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Short term | Starting soon | Unassigned | Land transfer org, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship, Legal org, MDAR Viability | | | | II.B. 1 |

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| 1203 | II | B | 1 | Task | Disseminate Share information with to farmers on estate /transfer planning models, case studies, and best practices. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Ongoing | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | MDAR Viability, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship, Legal org, Ag mediation org, Incubator org, Land transfer org | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information. Changed timeframe | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.B. 1.a |
| 1204 | II | B | 1 | Task | Incentivize owners of land with APR and CRs to engage in business/transfer/ estate planning. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Short term | | MDAR Stewardship | Land transfer org, Land Trusts, MDAR Viability, Legal org | | Change status | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.B. 1.b |
| 1205 | II | B | 1 | Task | Include outreach to farmer and non-farmer landowners around farmland transfer and succession strategies as part of APR Program stewardship. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | Land transfer org, Land Trusts, MDAR Viability, Legal org, Incubator org | | Change status | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.B. 1.c |
| 1206 | II | B | 1 | Task | Include farm transfer or transitions planning in farm business planning, training, and outreach at all stages of farm business life cycle. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Viability | Land transfer org, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship , Legal org | | Changed implementers | | II.B. 1.d |
| 1207 | II | B | 1 | Task | Include business and financing training, as well as succession planning, in curriculum requirements for agricultural schools, where appropriate . | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Medium term | | Unassigned | Land transfer org, Legal org, MDAR Ag Edu | | | | II.B. 1.e |
| 1208 | II | B | 1 | Task | Increase awareness and promotion of tools that connect farmland buyers and sellers (farmland linking and listing tools) such as New England Farmland Finder. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | MDAR Viability, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship, Legal org | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information. Refined task language. | | II.B. 1.f |
| 1209 | II | B | 1 | Task | Establish and support a program Make funding available to support farmers in developing succession and estate transfer plans, with follow-up support. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR Viability | Land transfer org, MDAR Stewardship , Land Trusts, Legal org, Statewide non-profit | | Changed implementers. | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.B. 1.g |

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| 1473 | II | B | 1 | Task | Provide funding for farmers to access professional services, such as legal support, that help with transfer preparation. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Short term | | Unassigned | Land transfer org, Land Trusts, Legal org, Statewide non-profit | | | New task to reflect need that accompanies 1209. | |
| 1210 | II | B | 1 | Task | Consider review of the state capital gains tax on farmland sold to a farmer, including potential elimination subject to a look-back provision to ensure the land stays in active agriculture. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Education & TA | Short term | | Unassigned | Land conservation membership org, Legal org, Farmer membership org, Farm financing org, Commodity Groups, Ag policy org, Legislature | | | | II.B. 1.h |
| 1211 | II | B | 2 | Action | Ensure that transfers of protected land enhance farmland access for farmers. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Protected Lands | | | | | | | | II.B. 2 |
| 1212 | II | B | 2 | Task | Evaluate the effectiveness of Options to Purchase at Agricultural Value (OPAVs) and ROFR in keeping land at agricultural value which makes it more affordable for farmers and keeps it in active production. Develop an ongoing monitoring process to allow for continual evaluation and course corrections as needed. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Protected Lands | Short term | | Unassigned | Land transfer org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship | Divided into 4 parts - for OPAV (1212 and 1518) versus ROFR (1519 and 1520), and first sentence (1212 and 1519) versus second sentence (1518 and 1520). Changed implementers and timeframe. | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.B. 2.a | |
| 1518 | II | B | 2 | Task | Evaluate the effectiveness of Options to Purchase at Agricultural Value (OPAVs) and ROFR in keeping land affordable for farmers and in active production. Develop an ongoing monitoring process to allow for continual evaluation of Options to Purchase at Agricultural Value (OPAV) to keep land more affordable for farmers and keep land in agricultural production. and course corrections as needed. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Protected Lands | Medium term | | Unassigned | Land transfer org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, Land Trusts | Divided into 4 parts - for OPAV (1212 and 1518) versus ROFR (1519 and 1520), and first sentence (1212 and 1519) versus second sentence (1518 and 1520). Changed implementers and timeframe. | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.B. 2.a | |

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| 1519 | II | B | 2 | Task | Evaluate the effectiveness of Options to Purchase at Agricultural Value (OPAVs) and Rights of First Refusal (ROFR) in keeping land affordable for farmers and in active production and to enable access to farmland for farmers who may not otherwise be able to access it. Develop an ongoing monitoring process to allow for continual evaluation and course corrections as needed. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Protected Lands | Medium term | In progress | Unassigned | Land transfer org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, Land Trusts | | Divided into 4 parts - for OPAV (1212 and 1518) versus ROFR (1519 and 1520), and first sentence (1212 and 1519) versus second sentence (1518 and 1520). Changed implementers and timeframe. | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.B. 2.a |
| 1520 | II | B | 2 | Task | Evaluate the effectiveness of Options to Purchase at Agricultural Value (OPAVs) and Rights of First Refusal (ROFR) in keeping land at affordable for farmers and in active production. Develop an ongoing monitoring process to allow for continual evaluation of Rights of First Refusal (ROFR) to allow for farmers to access land they otherwise could not access and keep land in agricultural production. and course corrections as needed. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Protected Lands | Long term | | Unassigned | Land transfer org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, Land Trusts | | Divided into 4 parts - for OPAV (1212 and 1518) versus ROFR (1519 and 1520), and first sentence (1212 and 1519) versus second sentence (1518 and 1520). Changed implementers and timeframe. | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.B. 2.a |
| 1483 | II | B | 2 | Task | Explore the benefits, challenges and outcomes of purchasing stand-alone OPAVs for existing APRs that do not have them. Explore potential incentives for encouraging voluntarily adding OPAV to existing APRs. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Protected Lands | Medium term | | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Acquisition | | New Task to accompany 1213 | | |
| 1213 | II | B | 2 | Task | Acquire stand-alone OPAVs on existing APRs that do not have them from willing owners. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Protected Lands | Long term | | MDAR Acquisition | MDAR Stewardship | | Changed implementers and changed timeline | | II.B. 2.b |
| 1214 | II | B | 2 | Task | Continue to Ensure that Where it is not already required, encourage all APRs require that APR landowners to notify MDAR in advance about any intention to sell the land, and create incentives for them existing APR owners to do so voluntarily. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Protected Lands | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR Stewardship | Land transfer org | | Changed implementers. Changed timeframe and status. | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.B. 2.c |

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| 1215 | II | B | 2 | Task | Encourage protection through the APR Program of projects through the APR Program that result in the transfer of farmland to a next-generation producer farmer . | Access | Transfer & Succession | Protected Lands | Short term | | MDAR Acquisition | Land transfer org, ALPC | | Changed timeline | Clarified intent of task. | II.B. 2.d |
| 1216 | II | B | 3 | Action | Enhance existing registries and establish new registries of lands that allow agriculture, including owners' names, contact information, property information, and types of agriculture. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Registries | Short term | | Unassigned | | | | | II.B. 3 |
| 1217 | II | B | 3 | Task | Compile and keep current a database and map of privately held CRs that allow agriculture. | Access | Transfer & Succession | Registries | Long term | | Unassigned | MDAR GIS, Land Trusts, Municipalities, EEA, Land transfer org, Mass GIS | | | | II.B. 3.a |
| 1218 | II | B | 3 | Task | Enhance MDAR's APR registry-database , including owners' names, contact information, and property information, and types of agriculture . | Access | Transfer & Succession | Registries | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | | | Refined language. Changed status. Divided into two tasks (1218 and 1511) | | II.B. 3.b |
| 1511 | II | B | 3 | Task | Consider tracking other characteristics in MDAR's APR database, such as transfers, types of agriculture, waivers and grant awards | Access | Transfer & Succession | Registries | Short term | | MDAR Stewardship | | | Created from task 1218 as next step. | | II.B. 3.b |
| 1219 | II | C | | Strategy | Prioritize increased access for BIPOC and historically underserved farmers in all farmland access programs and policies. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | | | | | | | | II.C |
| 1220 | II | C | 1 | Action | Ensure that investments, programs, and policies promote equity for farmers from historically underserved communities. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | | | Unassigned | MDAR EJ, HUF org, MDAR Policy | | | | II.C. 1 |
| 1221 | II | C | 1 | Task | Work with legislators and state-program managers to ensure that proposed legislation, programs, regulations, and investments related to farmland access account for equity considerations. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Short term | | Unassigned | Ag policy org, HUF org, MDAR Policy, MDAR EJ | | Changed implementers. | Divided into two tasks - 1221 focuses on legislation/ policy and 1414 on programmatic changes. | II.C. 1.a |

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| 1414 | II | C | 1 | Task | Work with legislators and state program managers to ensure that proposed legislation , programs, regulations, and investments related to farmland access account for equity considerations. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Short term | Unassigned | | MDAR EJ, MDAR Licensing, MDAR Viability, EEA, MDAR DACTA, Ag policy org, DPH | | | Divided into two tasks - 1221 focuses on legislation/ policy and 1414 on programmatic changes. | II.C. 1.a |
| 1222 | II | C | 1 | Task | Explore the potential creation of a state-funded zero-down-payment program, with equitable and affordable financing to accommodate land purchase for qualified -BIPOC, historically underserved, and immigrant farmers. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Long term | Unassigned | | Legislature, Ag policy org, HUF org, MDAR Policy, MDAR EJ | | Changed implementers | Clarified intent of task. | II.C. 1.b |
| 1512 | II | C | 1 | Task | Explore how to facilitate access to APRs and other protected land through ownership for BIPOC, historically underserved, and immigrant farmers. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Medium term | | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR EJ, HUF org, Ag policy org, land trust, MDAR BPS | | New task 1512 and 1514 as pre-step for Tasks 1223 and 1515. | | II.C. 1.c |
| 1514 | II | C | 1 | Task | Explore how to facilitate access to APRs and other protected land through leasing and other non-ownership tools for BIPOC, historically underserved, and immigrant farmers. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Medium term | | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR EJ, HUF org, Ag policy org, land trust, MDAR BPS | | New task 1512 and 1514 as pre-step for Tasks 1223 and 1515. | | II.C. 1.c |
| 1223 | II | C | 1 | Task | Facilitate access to APRs and other protected land through ownership for BIPOC, historically underserved, and immigrant farmers. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Long term | | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR EJ, HUF org, Ag policy org, land trust, MDAR BPS | | Added implementers. Changed timeframe. Divided task into 1223 for ownership path and 1515 for non-ownership path. Added new Tasks 1512 and 1514 as before steps. | | II.C. 1.c |
| 1515 | II | C | 1 | Task | Facilitate access to APRs and other protected land through leasing and other non-ownership tools for BIPOC, historically underserved, and immigrant farmers. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Long term | | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR EJ, HUF org, Ag policy org, land trust, MDAR BPS | | Added implementers. Changed timeframe. Divided task into 1223 for ownership path and 1515 for non-ownership path. Added new Tasks 1512 and 1514 as before steps. | | II.C. 1.c |

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| 1224 | II | C | 1 | Task | Direct MDAR staff to develop resources and programs, and to undertake outreach to BIPOC, historically underserved, and immigrant farmers. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Ongoing | In progress | Legislature | MDAR Urban Ag, MDAR EJ, HUF org , Ag service org , Tribal entities and governments , Incubator org , MDAR licensing | | Changed implementers | | II.C. 1.d |
| 1225 | II | C | 1 | Task | Establish working group to examine historical and contemporary discrimination in access to farmland and other agricultural resources, and to propose remedies. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Policy, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR EJ, HUF org , Ag service org , Tribal entities and governments , Incubator org , MDAR licensing | | Changed implementers | | II.C. 1.e |
| 1226 | II | C | 1 | Task | Establish a standing advisory council or network of BIPOC, historically underserved, and immigrant farmers and representative organizations to represent the voices of BIPOC and immigrant farmers in state land and agricultural processes. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Medium term | | Legislature | MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy, MDAR EJ, HUF org, Tribal entities and governments, Ag policy org , Incubator org | | Changed implementers | | II.C. 1.f |
| 1227 | II | C | 1 | Task | Explore creation of financial incentives for transfers of land to BIPOC and immigrant historically underserved farmers. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Long term | | MDAR Policy | Legislature, Ag policy org | | | Expanded audience | II.C. 1.g |
| 1228 | II | C | 1 | Task | Explore passing legislation that would allow passage for the updates to statute that would allow for uniform partition of heirs in property act. | Access | Underserved Populations | Programs & Policies | Long term | | Unassigned | Legislature, MDAR Policy, Ag policy org | | | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | II.C. 1.h |
| 1229 | II | C | 2 | Action | Increase access to public lands for agriculture, while prioritizing Historically Underserved Farmers. Explore options to expand and strengthen equity and diversity criteria for applications for agricultural use of public land, and prioritize access for historically underserved, new, aspiring, and low income farmers. | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | Short term | In progress | MDAR DACTA | MDAR EJ, MDAR Licensing | | | Clarified intent of task. | II.C. 2 |

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| 1230 | II | C | 2 | Task | Conduct outreach to historically underserved communities to discuss land access opportunities and measures put in place to remedy past injustice and inequity. | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | HUF org, Tribal entities and governments, Ag policy org, MDAR EJ | | | | II.C. 2.a |
| 1231 | II | C | 2 | Task | Work with NGOs non-profits and community groups focused on equity and diversity to strengthen and amplify outreach. | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | Ongoing | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | HUF org, Ag policy org, MDAR EJ | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | Clarified intent of task. | II.C. 2.b |
| 1232 | II | C | 2 | Task | Refine Establish clear criteria and a transparent and manageable/equitable application and reporting process for state held lands . | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Licensing | MDAR EJ | | | Divided into two tasks - 1232 focuses on state held lands and 1461 on municipal lands. | II.C. 2.c |
| 1461 | II | C | 2 | Task | Establish or refine clear criteria and a transparent and manageable/equitable application and reporting process for municipally held lands . | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | Short term | | Unassigned | HUF org, Ag policy org, MDAR EJ, MDAR Licensing | | | Divided into two tasks - 1232 focuses on state held lands and 1461 on municipal lands. | II.C. 2.c |
| 1233 | II | C | 2 | Task | Create and make accessible materials that address language barriers and other accessibility issues. | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Licensing | MDAR EJ, Municipalities, RPAs, Ag service org, incubator org, statewide non-profit, land trusts, HUF org | | Changed implementers. | | II.C. 2.d |
| 1234 | II | C | 2 | Task | Provide technical assistance (TA) to applicants in completing program applications through NGOs non-profits and other TA organizations . | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR EJ, TA org, MDAR Viability, Buy Locals, Land Trusts | | | Clarified intent of task. | II.C. 2.e |
| 1235 | II | C | 2 | Task | Conduct ample and strategic outreach for all availability notices- Requests for Responses (RFRs) , coordinating with NGOs- organizations serving and based in historically marginalized- underserved communities. | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Licensing, MDAR EJ, Municipalities, RPAs, Ag service org, incubator org, statewide non-profit, land trusts, HUF org, MDAR urban ag | | Changed implementers. | Clarified intent of task. | II.C. 2.f |

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| 1236 | II | C | 2 | Task | Explore removal of requirements for applicants to have established farms in order to be eligible for program or financial support. | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | No action | No action | | | | | | II.C. 2.g |
| 1237 | II | C | 2 | Task | Engage with local organizations to determine the farmland needs of a community and when conducting outreach and publicizing availability of farmland. | Access | Underserved Populations | Prioritization & Accessibility | Medium term | | Unassigned | Land Trusts, CLTs, Buy Locals, RPAs, MDAR EJ, MDAR Urban Ag, MDAR Licensing, Land transfer org, MDAR Stewardship, Urban ag org | | | | II.C. 2.h |
| 1238 | II | D | | Strategy | Develop options to make land available to meet the needs of farm seekers, taking into consideration parcel size, affordability, suitability for different types of markets, suitability for different crops, proximity to communities where farmers reside, and other factors. Support and expand service-provider networks to meet the needs of all farmers and potential farmers. | Access | Service Providers | | | | | | | | Clarified intent of task between different language in different parts of plan. Divided into two pieces - 1238 focuses on service providers at strategy level and 1239 focuses on land seekers and is now an action under the overarching strategy. | II.D |
| 1240 | II | D | 1 | Action | Support diversification of the agricultural service-provider workforce through job training and expanded consideration for historically underserved individuals when hiring. | Access | Service Providers | Diversification | Long term | | Unassigned | | | | | II.D. 1 |
| 1241 | II | D | 2 | Action | Develop and implement training programs focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion to agricultural lenders and other service providers and agencies. | Access | Service Providers | DEI Training | Long term | | Unassigned | | | | | II.D. 2 |
| 1242 | II | D | 3 | Action | Contract with NGOs, consultants, and others with the capacity to provide business technical assistance services, including succession-transfer planning, to farmer clients. | Access | Service Providers | Business Technical Assistance | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Stewardship, Land Trusts, Legal org, MDAR Viability | Changed implementers. | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | | II.D. 3 |

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| 1243 | II | D | 4 | Action | Develop capacity of service providers like financial institutions, real-estate professionals, and attorneys to better support farms. | Access | Service Providers | Capacity Building | | | | | | | | II.D. 4 |
| 1244 | II | D | 4 | Task | Educate/train real-estate agents-realtors and attorneys on how to appropriately list and develop purchase agreements for CRs and APRs. | Access | Service Providers | Capacity Building | Medium term | | Unassigned | EEA, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship, Land transfer org | | | Clarified intent of task. | II.D. 4.a |
| 1448 | II | D | 4 | Task | Raise awareness of protection options amongst realtors for example that land trusts could be buyers and subdivision options for properties. | Access | Service Providers | Capacity Building | Medium term | | Unassigned | EEA, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship, Land transfer org | Changed implementers. | | New task related to 1244 | |
| 1245 | II | D | 4 | Task | Subsidize appraisals of farmland and other agricultural assets early in the process, on the condition that both seller and prospective buyer are intended users of the appraisal. | Access | Service Providers | Capacity Building | No action | No action | Unassigned | | | | | II.D. 4.b |
| 1246 | II | D | 5 | Action | Create-Refine a comprehensive toolbox of resources for farm business, succession, transfer planning, and implementation that is maintained and kept up to date, and provide these resources to farmers, which may require additional staff resources. | Access | Service Providers | Resource Toolbox | Short term | | MDAR Viability | Land transfer org, UMass Extension, AFT FIC, Buy Locals, Incubator org, APR Stewardship | | | Clarified intent of task. | II.D. 5 |
| 1239 | II | D | 6 | Action | Develop options to make land available to meet the needs of farm-seekers, taking into consideration parcel size, affordability, suitability for different types of markets, suitability for different crops, proximity to communities where farmers reside, and other factors. Support and expand service-provider networks and resources to meet the needs of all farmers and potential farmers who are searching for land. | Access | Service Providers | Land Search | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Viability, Incubator org, HUF org, MDAR Licensing, MDAR Stewardship, land transfer org | | | Clarified intent of task between different language in different parts of plan. Divided into two pieces - 1238 focuses on service providers at strategy level and 1239 focuses on land seekers and is now an action under the overarching strategy. | II.D |
| 1247 | III | | | Goal | Goal III: Support and enhance the viability of farms and farmland. | Viability | | | | | | | | | | III |

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| 1248 | III | A | | Strategy | Ensure that laws, regulations, programs, and investments support farm viability. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | | | | | | | | | III.A |
| 1249 | III | A | 1 | Action | Explore how to better integrate viability into land protected through the APR Program increasing APR Program flexibility to support farm viability. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | APR Program | Short term | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Acquisition | | Created parallel Action 1505 for non-APR protection. Refined language | | III.A.1 |
| 1513 | III | A | 1 | Task | Clarify MDAR APR policy on granting special permits for non-agricultural activities when appropriate to enhance farm income. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | APR Program | Completed | Completed | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Acquisition | | Added new pre-step to Task 1250 | | III.A.1.a |
| 1250 | III | A | 1 | Task | Review and revise MDAR APR policy on granting special permits for non-agricultural activities when appropriate to enhance farm income. Consider adding some additional non-agricultural activities that don't need special permits. Explore how to expedite process and allow for more uses while still protecting all underlying resources and not reducing production. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | APR Program | Medium term | | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Acquisition | | Changed timeframe and status. Added Task 1513 as pre-step | | III.A.1.a |
| 1251 | III | A | 1 | Task | As part of the triennial reviews ["APR Listening Sessions"] of the APR program solicit input on APR program policies including but not limited to, those related to housing, farm infrastructure, the impervious surface limit, special permits, building envelopes, public access, and limits on renewable energy policy. production if sited away from productive agricultural lands. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | APR Program | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Acquisition | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A.1.b |
| 1252 | III | A | 1 | Task | Review Examine potential to adjust policy to allow multiple long-term leases to be let on existing APR land without triggering subdivision and transfer actions. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | APR Program | Long term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisitions, MDAR Legal | | Refined task language. Changed timeframe. | Clarified intent of task. | III.A.1.c |
| 1504 | III | A | 1 | Task | Explore how leases impact APR value, state and federal program eligibility, and long term viability of protected farmland. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | APR Program | Long term | | MDAR Acquisitions | MDAR Acquisitions, MDAR Legal, MDAR DACTA | | New task to accompany 1252. Changed timeframe. | | |

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| 1253 | III | A | 1 | Task | Continue to periodically review APR restriction terms and modify language as needed for APRs in the future. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | APR Program | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisitions, MDAR Legal | | | | III.A. 1.d |
| 1254 | III | A | 1 | Task | Enhance consideration of viability in the APR ranking process. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | APR Program | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Acquisition | MDAR Stewardship, MDAR DACTA, MDAR Legal, ALPC | | Changed implementers | | III.A. 1.e |
| 1433 | III | A | 1 | Task | Explore streamlining and expediting necessary approvals for farm infrastructure on APRs | Viability | Regulations & Programs | APR Program | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisitions, MDAR Legal | | Changed implementers | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1505 | III | A | 11 | Action | Explore how to better integrate viability into land protected programs other than the APR Program. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Non-APR Program | Medium term | | | | | New action to parallel 1249 for non-APRs. | | III.A. 1 |
| 1506 | III | A | 11 | Task | Explore how long term leases impact easement/ restriction value, state and federal program eligibility, and long term viability of protected farmland. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Non-APR Program | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisitions, MDAR Legal, MDAR DACTA, Land Trusts, NRCS, EEA | | New task to accompany 1252 and 1504 | | |
| 1255 | III | A | 2 | Action | Explore implementation of mechanisms that would increase the number of municipalities instituting Right to Farm bylaws and agricultural commissions. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Mechanisms | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR DACTA | | | | | III.A. 2 |
| 1256 | III | A | 2 | Task | Provide a clearinghouse of all the Right to Farm bylaws municipalities have passed, along with the model the state created. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Mechanisms | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR DACTA | Food system org, RPAs, Buy Locals, Statewide non-profit, Ag comms | | Changed implementers | | III.A. 2.a |
| 1257 | III | A | 2 | Task | Explore opportunities to support adoption of Right to Farm bylaw and local farmland planning. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Mechanisms | Short term | Starting soon | MDAR DACTA | Food system org, RPAs, Buy Locals, Food Policy Councils, Statewide non-profit | | | | III.A. 2.b |

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| 1258 | III | A | 2 | Task | Support stakeholders residents in Right to Farm communities to act as ambassadors to educate and encourage other municipalities to pass Right to Farm bylaws. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Mechanisms | Short term | | Unassigned | Food system org, RPAs, Buy Locals, Food Policy Councils, Statewide non-profit | | Refined language | | III.A.2.c |
| 1259 | III | A | 2 | Task | Re-establish state investment and programming by which MDAR helped municipalities craft and pass Right to Farm bylaws and provided guidance to agricultural commissions. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Mechanisms | Short term | In progress | MDAR DACTA | | | | | III.A.2.d |
| 1260 | III | A | 3 | Action | Make it easier for farmers to seek and obtain grants and financing. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Ongoing | In progress | EEA | MDAR DACTA, MDAR Policy | | | | III.A.3 |
| 1261 | III | A | 3 | Task | Evaluate options to enhance funding for MDAR grantmaking programs and staff. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Ongoing | In progress | EEA | Legislature, Ag policy org, MDAR DACTA, MDAR Policy | | | | III.A.3.a |
| 1262 | III | A | 3 | Task | Provide more technical assistance to assist farmers with compiling grant applications and increase interest in grants from a broader range of farmers TA, which may require increased MDAR staff and contractors. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | Land Trusts, Buy Locals, TA orgs, Incubator orgs, MDAR EJ | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A.3.a.a |
| 1263 | III | A | 3 | Task | Evaluate programmatic needs and funding levels for the MeetAPR Improvement Program (AIP) and Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture (MEGA) Programs. Meet demand, which may require additional funding. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A.3.a.b |
| 1264 | III | A | 3 | Task | Evaluate programmatic needs and funding levels for the MeetFarm Viability Enhancement Program. Meet demand, which may require additional funding. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A.3.a.c |
| 1265 | III | A | 3 | Task | Evaluate programmatic needs and funding levels for the MeetMDAR's Climate Smart Programs demand. Meet demand, which may require additional funding. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A.3.a.d |

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| 1266 | III | A | 3 | Task | Evaluate programmatic needs and funding levels for the Meet MDAR's Stewardship Assistance and Restoration on APRs Program. Meet demand, which may require additional funding. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Short term | | MDAR DACTA | | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 3.a.e |
| 1268 | III | A | 3 | Task | Affirmatively further racial equity in grant programs by tracking demographic data of applicants and recipients and setting benchmarks and goals for equitable distribution of awards, prioritizing previously underserved farmers and communities. Publish reports on progress regularly. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR EJ | | | | Divided into two tasks - 1268 focuses on tracking, 1423 focuses on benchmarks and goals. | III.A. 3.b |
| 1423 | III | A | 3 | Task | Affirmatively further racial equity in grant programs by tracking demographic data of applicants and recipients and setting benchmarks and goals for equitable distribution of awards, prioritizing previously underserved farmers and communities. Publish reports on progress regularly. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Medium term | | MDAR EJ | | | | Divided into two tasks - 1268 focuses on tracking, 1423 focuses on benchmarks and goals. | III.A. 3.b |
| 1269 | III | A | 3 | Task | Require that state-funded organizations demonstrate a commitment to diversity and equity in operations and programming. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Long term | | Legislature | EEA, MDAR EJ, MDAR Procurement, DPH | | Changed implementers. Changed timeframe | | III.A. 3.c |
| 1270 | III | A | 3 | Task | Make farmer program grant deadlines coincide with less busy times of the growing season for farmers. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Ongoing | | MDAR DACTA | All MDAR grant programs | | Changed timeframe | | III.A. 3.d |
| 1271 | III | A | 3 | Task | Simplify the grant application process to ensure that RFPs and contracts are understandable to all applicants. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Short term | In progress | EEA | All MDAR grant programs, MDAR DACTA | | | | III.A. 3.e |
| 1272 | III | A | 3 | Task | Explore how existing grant amounts and structures supports the overall vision for agriculture in Massachusetts. Set appropriate grant amounts to promote sustainability and utility to the full range of farms in the Commonwealth. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Medium term | | Unassigned | | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 3.f |

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| 1273 | III | A | 3 | Task | Change grant program process regulations to allow for purchase of used equipment, make funds available upfront, allow for adequate time to complete projects, and make other adjustments to better meet the needs of all farmers, including small, beginner and historically underserved farmers, for example to allow for purchase of used equipment, make funds available upfront and allow for adequate time to complete projects. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Medium term | | MDAR DACTA | MDAR Fiscal | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 3.g |
| 1274 | III | A | 3 | Task | Further develop bridge loan opportunities for farmers to use for upfront payments required before grant funds can be released. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Urban Ag | Food Trust Consortium | | | | III.A. 3.h |
| 1275 | III | A | 3 | Task | Advise all grantees to discuss the tax implications of received funds with their accountants. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Short term | | Unassigned | | | | | III.A. 3.i |
| 1276 | III | A | 3 | Task | Promote/facilitate agricultural lender low-interest loan programs for beginning and next-generation farmers, including facilitating USDA loan guarantees. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Grants | Medium term | | Unassigned | | | | | III.A. 3.j |
| 1277 | III | A | 4 | Action | Explore opportunities to support farm financing. Explore opportunities to modify local taxation, policy and regulations to support farming. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Regulations | Medium term | | Unassigned | | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 4 |
| 1279 | III | A | 4 | Task | Explore legislation to exempt new or reconstructed agricultural buildings essential to a farm operation from local property taxes for a period of 10 years, provided that the building remains in agricultural use. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Regulations | Medium term | | Unassigned | Ag policy org, Legislature | | | | III.A. 4.a |
| 1280 | III | A | 4 | Task | Explore statutory amendments that would allow towns to vote to waive excise tax on farm animals and equipment to include incorporated farming operations. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Regulations | Medium term | | Unassigned | Ag policy org, Legislature | | | | III.A. 4.b |

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| 1281 | III | A | 4 | Task | Explore provision of incentives to communities that enact farm-friendly zoning and tax policies. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Regulations | Medium term | | Unassigned | EEA, RPAs, Municipalities, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org, EOHL, EOED, Ag policy org, Legislature | | | | III.A. 4.c |
| 1282 | III | A | 4 | Task | Ensure and promote local zoning that allows for multi-family housing near farms for farmworkers. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Regulations | Medium term | | Unassigned | EEA, RPAs, Municipalities, EOHL | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 4.d |
| 1283 | III | A | 4 | Task | Encourage communities to enact zoning bylaws that permit ancillary commercial enterprises in areas zoned for agriculture. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Regulations | Medium term | | Unassigned | EEA, RPAs, Municipalities, EOED | | | | III.A. 4.e |
| 1284 | III | A | 4 | Task | Seek to prohibit Discourage local zoning regulations, nuisance bylaws, and other regulations from unnecessarily hampering the expansion of urban agriculture. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Regulations | Medium term | | Unassigned | RPAs, Food system org, Urban ag orgs, CLTs | | | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | III.A. 4.f |
| 1285 | III | A | 4 | Task | Explore statutory amendment that would enable communities to further reduce property taxes on farmland in exchange for term easements, as well as permanent CRs. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Regulations | Medium term | | Unassigned | DOR, Ag policy org, MDAR policy, Legislature | | | | III.A. 4.g |
| 1442 | III | A | 4 | Task | Promote ag mediation services available to help when there are disputes between farmers and those they interact with. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Municipal Regulations | Short term | | Unassigned | Municipalities, Land Trusts, RPAs, Ag mediation org, Ag comms | | Changed implementers | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1287 | III | A | 5 | Action | Include farmers and representatives of the full range of the industry in planning and policy-setting processes that impact land-use, environmental, and other public policy. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Decision making | | | Unassigned | Ag policy org | | | | III.A. 5 |
| 1288 | III | A | 5 | Task | Develop and implement policies and practices to ensure that other state, local, and regional planning efforts related to transportation, housing, energy, wildlife habitat, etc.—understand the Farmland Action Plan, minimize conflicts with it, and maximize ways to complement it. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Decision making | Short term | Starting soon | Unassigned | EEA, EOHL, EOED, RPAs, municipalities, MLTC Ag Lands | | | | III.A. 5.a |

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| 1289 | III | A | 5 | Task | Ensure that BIPOC-led and -representing organizations are meaningfully included in decision-making and planning processes whenever possible from the beginning and that these processes are fully accessible to all. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Decision making | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR EJ, Ag policy org, Legislature, HUF orgs, RPAs | | | | III.A. 5.b |
| 1290 | III | A | 5 | Task | Adjust policies to improve the role of nonprofit land trusts and farming organizations and reduce their barriers to contributing toward Farmland Action Plan goals, without resulting in unfair competition with private farm buyers. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Decision making | Long term | | Unassigned | | | | | III.A. 5.c |
| 1291 | III | A | 5 | Task | Research the relative greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture and from commercial or residential development to explore better message how farmland protection advances greenhouse gas emission reduction. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Decision making | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Energy & Climate, Statewide non-profit | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 5.d |
| 1292 | III | A | 6 | Action | Prompt further development of industries supportive of agriculture to ensure they serve farmer, farm and farmland issues fully. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 6 |
| 1293 | III | A | 6 | Task | Promote agricultural support industries as viable career paths. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy, UMass Extension, Ag High Schools, Youth Council, Ag Commodity Groups | | | | III.A. 6.a |
| 1294 | III | A | 6 | Task | Recruit and train business and other support professionals with practices related to agriculture to better serve farm and farmland issues and to mentor younger individuals to continue in or enter these fields. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy | | | | III.A. 6.b |

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| 1295 | III | A | 6 | Task | Support trade schools and other academic institutions in fostering career readiness in areas of need (e.g., surveying, appraisals, etc.). | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy | | | | III.A. 6.c |
| 1296 | III | A | 6 | Task | Work with professional trade associations to develop and implement curricula and training modules. Ensure that materials are accessible in multiple languages. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy | | | | III.A. 6.d |
| 1297 | III | A | 6 | Task | Train and connect key professionals—tax advisors, appraisers, surveyors, real-estate-agents-realtors , lawyers, and others—who work with farmers and farmland owners through a strong referral system, with incentives/infrastructure to work together. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | EEA, MDAR Stewardship, Land transfer org, MDAR Viability | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 6.e |
| 1298 | III | A | 6 | Task | Support workforce development, networking, and coordination of a next generation of farm succession transfer, access and farm business advisors. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy, Land transfer org, Buy Locals, MDAR Viability, Incubator org, Farm financing org | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information. Refined task language. | | III.A. 6.f |
| 1299 | III | A | 6 | Task | Collaborate with other states to fund regional informational hubs where farmers and aspiring farmers can connect with resources and advisors. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Medium term | | Unassigned | UMass Extension | | | | III.A. 6.g |
| 1300 | III | A | 6 | Task | Educate commercial lenders about current values of permanently protected land to encourage lending for farm infrastructure on protected farmland. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Medium term | | Unassigned | Farm financing org, MDAR APR | | | | III.A. 6.h |
| 1301 | III | A | 6 | Task | Facilitate the creation of teams of integrated support services to provide TA technical assistance to farmers in all agricultural sectors. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Viability, Ag service org | | Added text to clarify a term. | | III.A. 6.i |

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| 1302 | III | A | 6 | Task | Develop program to engage with aspiring/beginning farmers, through NGOs non-profits , USDA, Extension, MDAR, UMass Student Farm, K-12 programs, and other stakeholders. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy, Land transfer org, Buy Locals, MDAR Viability, Incubator org, Farmer membership org, Food system org, Ag High Schools, HUF org, Young farmer org, Ag comms | | Changed implementers | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 6.j |
| 1407 | III | A | 6 | Task | Support and encourage organizations and programs that support the health and welfare of farmers and farm workers, including mental health and physical health. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Outreach, MDAR EJ, DPH, Ag service org | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1408 | III | A | 6 | Task | Support organizations and programs that include adaptations for people with disabilities who wish to farm. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Support industries | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR FAPC, MDAR EJ | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1303 | III | A | 7 | Action | Support urban agriculture. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Urban Agriculture | | | | | | | | III.A. 7 |
| 1304 | III | A | 7 | Task | Provide more public education on urban food production techniques in community gardens and home gardens, such as growing vegetables, composting, keeping bees, chickens, and other animals. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Urban Agriculture | Short term | | Unassigned | UMass CAFE, DPH, Food system org, Urban ag org, MDAR Urban Ag, Ag Comms | | Changed implementers | Divided into two tasks - 1472 focuses on animals and 1304 covers vegetables and composting. | III.A. 7.a |
| 1472 | III | A | 7 | Task | Provide more public education on urban food production techniques in community gardens and home gardens, such as growing vegetables, composting , keeping bees, chickens, and other animals. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Urban Agriculture | Short term | | Unassigned | UMass CAFE, DPH, Food system org, Urban ag org, MDAR Urban Ag, Ag Comms | | Changed implementers | Divided into two tasks - 1472 focuses on animals and 1304 covers vegetables and composting. | III.A. 7.a |
| 1305 | III | A | 7 | Task | Support technical training for urban growers regarding soil health and fertility, integrated pest management, and related topics. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Urban Agriculture | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | UMass CAFE, NRCS, Urban ag org, Soil health org, MDAR Urban Ag | | | | III.A. 7.b |

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| 1306 | III | A | 7 | Task | Conduct soil testing and provide education on options and practices to import or remediate soil on land prioritized for growing food in cities. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Urban Agriculture | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | Soil health org, NRCS, Urban ag org, UMass CAFE | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 7.c |
| 1307 | III | A | 7 | Task | Provide more public education on best management practices for urban gardening in locations with known or suspected soil contamination. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Urban Agriculture | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | Soil health org, Urban ag org, UMass CAFE | | | | III.A. 7.c.a |
| 1308 | III | A | 7 | Task | Seek development of a separate small-parcel grant and support Continue to support Urban Ag grant programs at MDAR that recognizes the different benefits and requirements of urban and other small-scale farms, and includes resources beyond protection, including remediation or soil importation, and infrastructure development. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Urban Agriculture | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Urban Ag | MDAR DACTA, urban ag orgs, DPH | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 7.d |
| 1309 | III | A | 7 | Task | Ensure that Encourage financial and business service providers that serve the agricultural industry to serve the particular needs of urban farmers. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Urban Agriculture | Short term | | Unassigned | Urban ag org, USDA, MDAR Viability, NRCS, Ag financing org, Ag service org, MDAR Urban Ag, CLTs | | | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | III.A. 7.e |
| 1310 | III | A | 8 | Action | Support farm infrastructure needs. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Farm Infrastructure | | | | | | | | III.A. 8 |
| 1311 | III | A | 8 | Task | Continue the Food Security Infrastructure Grant (FSIG) Program, targeting funds to current needs of farmers, such as climate resilience. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Farm Infrastructure | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Food Security | MDAR Energy & Climate | | Added common abbreviation to enable easier searching | | III.A. 8.a |
| 1313 | III | A | 8 | Task | Increase and sustain support for MDAR farm viability programs, which provide capital grants, including the APR Improvement Program, the Farm Viability Enhancement Program, and Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Farm Infrastructure | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Policy | MDAR DACTA, MDAR Viability | | | | III.A. 8.c |
| 1314 | III | A | 8 | Task | Ensure support for agricultural infrastructure on protected farmland to help ensure farm viability. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Farm Infrastructure | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Viability | MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisition | | Changed implementers | | III.A. 8.d |

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| 1315 | III | A | 8 | Task | Work with NRCS to develop a Massachusetts specific consideration of impervious surface limitation on ALE farms to allow greater flexibility above current 2% maximum. Encourage use of waivers for greater flexibility. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Farm Infrastructure | Medium term | | MDAR Acquisition | MDAR Stewardship | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.A. 8.e |
| 1316 | III | A | 9 | Action | Develop capacity of service providers like financial institutions, real-estate professionals, and attorneys to better support farms. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Service Providers | Medium term | | Unassigned | Farm financing org, Land transfer org | | | | III.A. 9 |
| 1317 | III | A | 9 | Task | Educate financial institutions about the need for Continue collaboration and raising awareness of creative approaches to agricultural lending and services with financial institutions, including the need to offer farmer-friendly hours to assist farmers with paperwork and follow up. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Service Providers | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | Farm financing org, Land transfer org, Land Trust | | | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | III.A. 9.a |
| 1318 | III | A | 9 | Task | Support formation of partnerships with progressive banks geared toward farm-specific programs. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Service Providers | Medium term | | Unassigned | Farm financing org, Land transfer org, MDAR Urban Ag, Farmer membership org | | | | III.A. 9.b |
| 1319 | III | A | 10 | Action | Establish a financial facilitation support function, potentially requiring new staff resources. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Financial Facilitation | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Policy, MDAR Viability, MDAR DACTA | | | | III.A. 10 |
| 1394 | III | A | 10 | Task | Explore existing examples of how financial facilitation support is provided to farms in Massachusetts and other states. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Financial Facilitation | Medium term | | Unassigned | UMass CAFE, Farm financing org, CDFI, MDAR Policy, MDAR Viability, Buy Local, Statewide non-profit | | | New task to reflect need. | |

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| 1320 | III | A | 10 | Task | Establish qualifications, characteristics, and responsibilities of the financial facilitator to include racial/ethnic/language diversity; ability to effectively explain financial processes to farmers/farm owners; and a deep understanding of related services provided by banks and state agencies and public- and private-sector funding. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Financial Facilitation | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | UMass CAFE, Farm financing org, CDFI, MDAR Policy, MDAR Viability, Buy Local, Statewide non-profit | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | | III.A.10.a |
| 1321 | III | A | 10 | Task | Ensure support is provided by an expert who understands the complexities of farm/farmland-related financing and is able to answer questions, explain the process, and serve as a liaison between bankers, farmers, and other stakeholders as appropriate, at no cost. The financial facilitator will have no equity stake in the transactions. | Viability | Regulations & Programs | Financial Facilitation | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | UMass CAFE, Farm financing org, CDFI, MDAR Policy, MDAR Viability, Buy Local, Statewide non-profit | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | | III.A.10.b |
| 1322 | III | B | | Strategy | Grow resilience and sustainability practices on farms. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | | Ongoing | In progress | | | | | | III.B |
| 1323 | III | B | 1 | Action | Increase FA technical assistance to farmers around crop- and livestock-specific climate change adaptation strategies. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Climate Change | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | Ag energy org, Soil health org, NRCS, BAV, UMass CAFE, Farmer membership org, Incubator org, MDAR Energy & Climate | | Added text to clarify a term. | | III.B.1 |
| 1324 | III | B | 1 | Task | Include climate change adaptation strategies as eligible practices under USDA's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Climate Change | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | NRCS, State Technical Committee | | | | III.B.1.a |

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| 1425 | III | B | 1 | Task | Create a program to support farmers with technical assistance around crop- and livestock-specific climate change adaptation strategies. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Climate Change | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | Ag energy org, Soil health org, NRCS, BAV, UMass CAFE, Farmer membership org, Incubator org, MDAR Energy & Climate | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1426 | III | B | 1 | Task | Continue to support the Climate Smart Program | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Climate Change | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Energy & Climate | | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1325 | III | B | 2 | Action | Improve soils on publicly held land being used for agriculture. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Soils | Short term | Starting soon | State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources | EEA, MDAR Licensing, Soil health org, MDAR Energy & Climate, Farmer membership org | | Generalized to include both public and privately held land since the tasks specifically reference privately held land alongside public. | III.B. 2 | |
| 1326 | III | B | 2 | Task | Implement the Massachusetts Healthy Soils Program Action Plan, elements of the Resilient Lands Initiative and other statewide initiatives related to healthy soils. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Soils | Ongoing | In progress | State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources | EEA, MDAR Licensing, Soil health org, MDAR Energy & Climate, Farmer membership org | | Expanded scope. | III.B. 2.a | |
| 1327 | III | B | 2 | Task | Prompt Promote healthy soil practices on Chapter 61A, APR and FVEP properties. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Soils | Short term | In progress | State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources | MDAR Stewardship, Soil health org, NRCS, MDAR Energy & Climate, Farmer membership org, Ag comms | Changed implementers. Changed status | Clarified intent of task. | III.B. 2.b | |
| 1328 | III | B | 3 | Action | Identify opportunities to support farmers for their non-market service contributions, including Support ecological enhancements and services provided by management practices, potentially via allocation of new funding. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Non-Market Contributions | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Energy & Climate, EEA, Soil health org, UMass CAFE, Conservation districts, Statewide non-profit, Land Trust | | Clarified intent of task. | III.B. 3 | |

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| 1329 | III | B | 3 | Task | Define Massachusetts-specific economic values for a range of non-market services (ecosystem, cultural, and other amenities provided by farms and valued by the public, but for which farmers are not compensated) and develop and fund payment mechanisms. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Non-Market Contributions | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Energy & Climate, EEA, Soil health org, UMass CAFE, Conservation districts, Statewide non-profit, Land Trust | | | | III.A. 11.a |
| 1330 | III | B | 3 | Task | Explore development of a Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) program to compensate farmers who significantly increase soil health, invest in organic matter, plant cover crops, and provide ecosystem services such as water purification, flood mitigation, aquifer recharge, erosion control, and protecting/increasing biodiversity. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Non-Market Contributions | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Energy & Climate, EEA, Soil health org, UMass CAFE, Conservation districts, Statewide non-profit, Land Trust | | | | III.B. 3.a |
| 1331 | III | B | 3 | Task | Align ecosystem payments with state climate and renewable energy goals, to recognize farmers' contributions toward these efforts. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Non-Market Contributions | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Energy & Climate, EEA, Soil health org, UMass CAFE, Conservation districts, Statewide non-profit, Land Trust | | | | III.A. 11.b |
| 1332 | III | B | 3 | Task | Identify opportunities for the APR program to account for ecosystem services, potentially via yearly payments. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Non-Market Contributions | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Energy & Climate, EEA, Soil health org, UMass CAFE, Conservation districts, Statewide non-profit, Land Trust | | | | III.B. 3.b |

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| 1333 | III | B | 3 | Task | Develop monitoring, reporting and verification protocols for ecosystem service payment metrics. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | Non-Market Contributions | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Energy & Climate, EEA, Soil health org, UMass CAFE, Conservation districts, Statewide non-profit, Land Trust | | | | III.B. 3.c |
| 1334 | III | B | 4 | Action | Build UMass Extension's capacity to meet the needs of farmers. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | UMass Extension | | | Unassigned | Ag policy org, Legislature, UMass CAFE | | | | III.B. 4 |
| 1335 | III | B | 4 | Task | Identify gaps in UMass Extension services and prioritize capacity that meets critical farm needs and delivers education and services to farmers and aspiring farmers who have been historically underserved. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | UMass Extension | Short term | In progress | Unassigned | Legislature, SCAC21, Ag policy org, UMass CAFE | | | Added text to clarify a term. | III.B. 4.a |
| 1336 | III | B | 4 | Task | Expand the range of TA technical assistance available through UMass Extension to cover all sectors of agriculture in the Commonwealth, including through cooperative agreements or contracts with other educational institutions and resources in nearby states. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | UMass Extension | Medium term | | Unassigned | Legislature, SCAC21, Ag policy org, UMass CAFE | | | Added text to clarify a term. | III.B. 4.b |
| 1337 | III | B | 4 | Task | Establish UMass Extension as a referral hub to other public and private services for services and education. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | UMass Extension | Medium term | | Unassigned | Legislature, SCAC21, Ag policy org, UMass CAFE | | | Added text to clarify a term. | III.B. 4.c |
| 1338 | III | B | 4 | Task | Build UMass Extension's capacity to meet the changing needs of farmers regarding soil testing and education. | Viability | Resilience & Sustainability | UMass Extension | Medium term | | Unassigned | Legislature, SCAC21, Ag policy org, UMass CAFE | | | Added text to clarify a term. | III.B. 4.d |
| 1339 | III | C | | Strategy | Increase use of services, programs, and other resources by farmers. | Viability | Farmer Participation | | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR Outreach, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR APR, Statewide non-profit, Incubator org | | | | III.C |

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| 1340 | III | C | 1 | Action | Develop and implement a strategic outreach communications plan to promote public and private resources available to farmers. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | | | Unassigned | MDAR Outreach, MDAR APR, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Viability, Statewide non-profit, UMass CAFE, Incubator org | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.C.1 |
| 1341 | III | C | 1 | Task | Develop a strategic outreach and education plan | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Outreach, MDAR APR, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Viability, Statewide non-profit, UMass CAFE, Incubator org | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1441 | III | C | 1 | Task | Implement a strategic outreach and education plan | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Outreach, MDAR APR, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Viability, Statewide non-profit, UMass CAFE, Incubator org | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1344 | III | C | 1 | Task | Work with the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition, municipal organizations, regional planning agencies, Buy Local organizations, and state agencies to develop outreach material with uniform messaging that can be utilized by all entities. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Outreach, MDAR APR, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Viability, Buy Locals, Land conservation membership org, Land Trusts, RPAs, Statewide non-profit, UMass CAFE | | | | III.C.1.a |

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| 1345 | III | C | 1 | Task | Develop online and print materials for outreach to landowners. Ensure that publications like Land Conservation Options: A Guide for Massachusetts Landowners and Your Land, Your Legacy are kept up to date and easily available digitally and in hardcopy. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR Outreach, MDAR APR, MDAR Viability, Buy Locals, Land conservation membership org, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit | | | | III.C. 1.b |
| 1346 | III | C | 1 | Task | Educate farm sellers and buyers on of CRs and APRs land, including resolution of any outstanding violations, restriction terms, approvals needed, eligibility for ROFR and OPAV waivers, and how to put together a complete packet of information to enable a smooth and expedient review. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.C. 1.c |
| 1347 | III | C | 1 | Task | Develop and implement a strategic outreach and education plan strategy for the APR Program. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Stewardship | MDAR Acquisition | | Changed implementers | Clarified intent of task. | III.C. 1.d |
| 1348 | III | C | 1 | Task | Educate partners stakeholders about and promote private APRs. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR APR Acquisitions | Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition , Land trusts | | Changed timeframe, status and lead implementer | Clarified intent of task. | III.C. 1.e |
| 1349 | III | C | 1 | Task | Build awareness about availability ability to subdivide protected lands into separate farms, where allowed , where long-term viability of all parcels is ensured. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Medium term | | Unassigned | Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit | | | Clarified intent of task | III.C. 1.f |
| 1350 | III | C | 1 | Task | Incorporate best practices, resources, education, technical assistance TA , etc. on leasing into non-state entity conservation programs (e.g., land trusts, municipalities, etc.). | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Medium term | | Unassigned | Land Trusts, Municipalities | | | | III.C. 1.g |
| 1351 | III | C | 1 | Task | Ensure that dissemination of all resources is equitable, through targeting to underserved communities, making resources available in multiple languages, and other practices. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Strategic Outreach | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR EJ, DPH, Buy Locals, Ag service org, incubator org, statewide non-profit, land trusts, HUF org, EEA | | | | III.C. 1.h |

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| 1352 | III | C | 2 | Action | Expand opportunities for one-to-one assistance for farmers, prioritizing beginning and historically underserved farmers and aspiring farmers. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR EJ, Incubator org, HUF org | | | | III.C. 2 |
| 1353 | III | C | 2 | Task | 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 aspiring and beginning farmers through the entire process of launching a farming enterprise. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | TA org, Statewide non-profit, Ag service org, MDAR EJ, Incubator org, HUF org | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information. Changed implementers. Created follow on task 1522 | Divided into two tasks - 1353 focuses on aspiring farmers and 1449 on existing farmers. | III.C. 2.a |
| 1522 | III | C | 2 | Task | Continue and strengthen 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 aspiring and beginning farmers through the entire process of launching a farming enterprise. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Short term | | Unassigned | TA org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR EJ, Incubator org, HUF org, Ag service org | | New task that follows 1353 | Divided into two tasks - 1353 focuses on aspiring farmers and 1449 on existing farmers. | III.C. 2.a |
| 1449 | III | C | 2 | Task | 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 aspiring existing farmers through the entire process of launching-sustaining a farming enterprise. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | TA org, Statewide non-profit, Ag service org, MDAR EJ, HUF org, Ag service org | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information. Changed implementers. Created follow on task 1523 | Divided into two tasks - 1353 focuses on aspiring farmers and 1449 on existing farmers. | III.C. 2.a |
| 1523 | III | C | 2 | Task | Continue and strenghten 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 existing farmers through the process of sustaining a farming enterprise. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Short term | | | TA org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR EJ, Incubator org, HUF org, Ag service org | | New task that follows 1449 | Divided into two tasks - 1353 focuses on aspiring farmers and 1449 on existing farmers. | III.C. 2.a |

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| 1354 | III | C | 2 | Task | Explore expanding range of demand for and development of robust farmer mentorship and peer-to-peer programs, including a referral database . | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Ongoing | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | Soil health org, Farmer membership org, Incubator org, MDAR Viability | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Minor word addition. Added Farmalnd Partnership Program information. | Modified task to reflect actionable activity. | III.C. 2.b |
| 1355 | III | C | 2 | Task | Support farmers and landowners who have completed viability, estate, and succession and transfer planning through non-MDAR programs to act as ambassadors to their peers to educate and encourage them to do the same. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Viability, Land transfer org, Farm financing org, Ag service orgs | | Divided task into two pieces (1355 and 1516). Changed implementers. | | III.C. 2.c |
| 1516 | III | C | 2 | Task | Support farmers and landowners who have completed viability and transfer planning through MDAR programs to act as ambassadors to their peers to educate and encourage them to do the same. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Medium term | | MDAR Viability | | | Divided task into two pieces (1355 and 1516) | | III.C. 2.c |
| 1356 | III | C | 2 | Task | Support culturally appropriate outreach by other experienced farmers of color. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Short term | In progress | Farmland Partnership Project | MDAR EJ, MDAR Viability, MDAR Urban Ag, HUF org | Visit Project Factsheets on www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program | Added Farmland Partnership Program information | | III.C. 2.d |
| 1357 | III | C | 2 | Task | Diversify the service-provider workforce, including public agencies, through job training and expanded consideration for historically underserved individuals when hiring. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Technical Assistance | Medium term | | Unassigned | | | | | III.C. 2.e |
| 1358 | III | C | 3 | Action | Support MDAR's Farm Viability Enhancement Program (FVEP), APR Improvement Program (AIP), Matching Enterprise Grants for Agricultural (MEGA) Program, and Agricultural Business Training Program, which provide one-on-one business technical assistance. | Viability | Farmer Participation | MDAR Programs | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Viability | | | | | III.C. 3 |

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| 1359 | III | C | 3 | Task | Support FVEP to enable farmers to access business planning assistance and capital for business improvements in exchange for farmland protection covenants. | Viability | Farmer Participation | MDAR Programs | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Viability | | | | | III.C. 3.a |
| 1360 | III | C | 3 | Task | Increase awareness of MDAR's Farm Viability programs and Agricultural Business Planning courses among the farming community. | Viability | Farmer Participation | MDAR Programs | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Viability | MDAR Outreach | | | | III.C. 3.b |
| 1361 | III | C | 3 | Task | Track and evaluate farm businesses after program participation to determine the program's effectiveness in supporting long-term viability. | Viability | Farmer Participation | MDAR Programs | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR Viability | | | | | III.C. 3.c |
| 1362 | III | C | 4 | Action | Support formal education for farmers and aspiring and beginning farmers. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Education | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy, Ag High Schools, UMass, MDAR Viability, Incubator org | | Clarified intent of task. | | III.C. 4 |
| 1363 | III | C | 4 | Task | Promote farming and agriculture as viable career paths. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Education | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy, Incubator org | | | | III.C. 4.a |
| 1364 | III | C | 4 | Task | Ensure that Commonwealth workforce development programs include farming and careers in the agricultural industry. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Education | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy | | | | III.C. 4.b |
| 1365 | III | C | 4 | Task | Support public school, agricultural vocational-technical high school and community college workforce development programs related to agriculture, including business training and succession planning. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Education | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy, Incubator org, UMass | | | | III.C. 4.c |
| 1366 | III | C | 4 | Task | Work to secure state funding to support networks, curricula, and trainings. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Education | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Ag Edu, Ag policy org | | | | III.C. 4.d |

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| 1367 | III | C | 4 | Task | Ensure that all farmer services are available in multiple languages. Raise awareness of language services and their applicability to farmer services. | Viability | Farmer Participation | Education | Ongoing | In progress | Unassigned | MDAR EJ, All partners | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.C.4.e |
| 1474 | All | | | Goal | Goal All: Implement all goals | All | | | | | | | | | Added "goal" for strategies, actions and tasks that implement all goals equally. | |
| 1376 | All | A | | Strategy | Implement the Massachusetts Farmland Action Plan | All | | | | | | | | Corrected to assign as Strategy | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |
| 1377 | All | A | 1 | Action | Encourage individuals and entities to participate in plan implementation through their own activities and missions. | All | Implementation | Partners | Short term | In progress | MDAR FAPC | | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71). Clarified intent of action. | |
| 1444 | All | A | 1 | Task | Encourage individuals and entities to participate in plan implementation through their own activities and missions. | All | Implementation | Partners | Short term | In progress | MDAR FAPC | | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |
| 1445 | All | A | 1 | Task | Create Farmland Partnership Program with funding to support individuals and entities to participate in plan implementation | All | Implementation | Partners | Complete | Completed | MDAR FAPC | MDAR DACTA | | Changed timeframe and status. Edited language to reflect this is the Farmland Partnership Program. | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1446 | All | A | 1 | Task | Create an annual Farmland Action Plan Summit/ Conference that brings together partners and interested individuals to discuss progress on implementing tasks within the Farmland Action Plan, strategize on how to move forward on tasks that are not yet moving, evaluate whether new tasks need to be added to reflect missing or emerging needs or opportunities, and other activities in support of implementing the plan. | All | Implementation | Partners | Short term | | Unassigned | MDAR FAPC, MDAR DACTA | | Changed status | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1439 | All | A | 2 | Action | Ensure plan implementation involves a diverse group of farmers, including particular emphasis on Historically Underserved Farmers and the organizations that represent them. | All | Implementation | Historically Underserved | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR FAPC | MDAR EJ | | Changed implementers. | New action that is broader so task 1378 fits under it. | |

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| 1378 | All | A | 2 | Task | Support organizing, engagement, and participation in implementation by BIPOC farmers and organizations that represent them and are led by them. | All | Implementation | Historically Underserved | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR FAPC | MDAR Urban Ag, HUF org, MDAR EJ | | Changed implementers. | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |
| 1379 | All | A | 2 | Task | Explore a method to reimburse subject matter experts and people for their participation within the MFAP and other MDAR projects | All | Implementation | Historically Underserved | Short term | In progress | MDAR EJ | MDAR FAPC | | Changed status | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1413 | All | A | 2 | Task | Review the language of the matrix to ensure consistency across the plan as relates to historically underserved farmers. | All | Implementation | Historically Underserved | Short term | | MDAR EJ | MDAR FAPC, HUF org | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1431 | All | A | 2 | Task | Check in with BIPOC, immigrant and other historically underserved farmers to adjust MFAP tasks to reflect evolving and emerging needs, no less than once every two years. | All | Implementation | Historically Underserved | Short term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR EJ | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1380 | All | A | 3 | Action | Monitor, evaluate, and report on the impact of all farmland programs to demonstrate the success of investments, inform any need for change, and identify the need for additional resources. | All | Implementation | Evaluate & Report | Short term | | MDAR FAPC | | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |
| 1383 | All | A | 3 | Task | Develop MFAP Progress Report as needed, but no less than once a year. | All | Implementation | Evaluate & Report | Short term | | MDAR FAPC | | | | New task to reflect need. | |
| 1384 | All | A | 3 | Task | Develop benchmarks and metrics to measure progress toward plan goals and implement regular tracking of these data. | All | Implementation | Evaluate & Report | Short term | | MDAR FAPC | | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |
| 1385 | All | A | 3 | Task | Include metrics that measure progress on promoting racial equity in access to land. | All | Implementation | Evaluate & Report | Medium term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR EJ | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |
| 1386 | All | A | 3 | Task | Use evaluations to course-correct and otherwise, as needed, adjust implementation plans and goals as they are implemented, and new needs arise. | All | Implementation | Evaluate & Report | Ongoing | In progress | MDAR FAPC | MDAR DACTA | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |
| 1387 | All | A | 3 | Task | Produce and disseminate public evaluations of progress every few years. | All | Implementation | Evaluate & Report | Medium term | | MDAR FAPC | MDAR DACTA | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |

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| 1389 | All A | 4 | Action | | Map and track farmland, APRs, private APRs, CRs with farmland, land in Chapter 61A, farmland protected with Conservation Land Tax Credit funds, and farmland protected with Community Preservation Act funds. | All | Implementation | Track land | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR FAPC, MDAR GIS, RPAs, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |
| 1388 | All A | 4 | Task | | Track and make public annual accounting of how much new land has been protected and how much new land has been converted into agricultural production. | All | Implementation | Track land | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Urban Ag, MDAR Land Licensing, Land Trusts, CLTs, Land conservation membership org | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71). Divided into two tasks - 1388 focuses on land protected and 1434 focuses on land converted to ag. | |
| 1434 | All A | 4 | Task | | Track and make public annual accounting of how much new land has been protected and how much new land has been converted into agricultural production. | All | Implementation | Track land | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Urban Ag, MDAR Land Licensing, Land Trusts, CLTs | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71). Divided into two tasks - 1388 focuses on land protected and 1434 focuses on land converted to ag. | |
| 1390 | All A | 5 | Action | | Research and report on agricultural incentive models used in other states and countries, including disincentives to development that converts farmland for other purposes (such as in New York), beginning farmer tax credit programs (such as in Minnesota), and other farm transfer incentives and farm succession support programs. Ensure that any implementation doesn't undermine the ability for farmers to use their land for collateralizing their ongoing agricultural business needs. | All | Implementation | Research innovations | Medium term | | Unassigned | Statewide non-profit, UMass CAFE | | | From Plan Conclusion (Page 71) | |
| 1368 | All B | | Strategy | | Build public support for agriculture and for farmland protection, access, and viability. | All | Public Support | | Ongoing | In progress | | | | | | III.D |

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| 1369 | All | B | 1 | Action | Develop programming to educate all Massachusetts residents and elected officials about the importance of local agriculture. | All | Public Support | Education & Outreach | | | Unassigned | MDAR Outreach, Food system org, MDAR EJ, Buy Local | | | | III.D. 1 |
| 1370 | All | B | 1 | Task | Through media and other public outreach, educate the public about the value of local agriculture and how they can support it through consumer spending and advocacy. Highlight local agriculture's connections to food security, public health, the economy, the environment, equity, culture, and other sectors. Integrate lessons concerning Indigenous understanding of practices that support biodiversity and framing of sustainable that is not centered on market but on productivity and abundance for food as a human right. | All | Public Support | Education & Outreach | Medium term | | Unassigned | MDAR Outreach, Food system org, MDAR EJ, Buy Local | | | Divided into two tasks - 1370 focuses on public education and 1428 focuses on integrating indigenous understandings. | III.D. 1.a |
| 1428 | All | B | 1 | Task | Through media and other public outreach, educate the public about the value of local agriculture and how they can support it through consumer spending and advocacy. Highlight local agriculture's connections to food security, public health, the economy, the environment, equity, culture, and other sectors. Integrate lessons concerning Indigenous understandings of practices that support biodiversity and framing of sustainable that is not centered on market but on productivity and abundance for food as a human right. | All | Public Support | Education & Outreach | Medium term | | Unassigned | Tribal entities and governments, HUF org, MDAR Outreach, Food system org, MDAR EJ | | | Divided into two tasks - 1370 focuses on public education and 1428 focuses on integrating indigenous understandings. | III.D. 1.a |
| 1371 | All | B | 1 | Task | Recommend agriculture, nutrition, and the local food system curricula standards in K-12 classrooms. | All | Public Support | Education & Outreach | Medium term | | Unassigned | Food system org, MDAR Ag Edu, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy, DPH | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.D. 1.b |

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| 1372 | All | B | 1 | Task | Evaluate and strengthen state programs that support purchases of local foods, including processes like procurement, as well as funding. | All | Public Support | Education & Outreach | Medium term | Unassigned | | DTA, Food Banks, MDAR Ag Markets, Food system org | | | Clarified intent of task. | III.D. 1.c |
| 1373 | All | B | 1 | Task | Educate elected officials about the role of state policy, programs, and investment in supporting local farms and farmland. | All | Public Support | Education & Outreach | Medium term | Unassigned | | Ag policy org, MDAR policy | | | | III.D. 1.d |
| 1427 | All | B | 1 | Task | Develop education and messaging related to farmland protection as it relates to greenhouse gas emissions, net zero and food system resiliency. | All | Public Support | Education & Outreach | Medium term | Unassigned | | MDAR Energy & Climate, Statewide non-profit | | | New task to reflect need. | III.A. 5.d |
| 1374 | All | B | 2 | Action | Develop a comprehensive plan to support and sustain the state's agricultural sector, including urban agriculture, integrating both public and private resources. | All | Public Support | Comprehensive Plan | Medium term | Unassigned | | MDAR Food Policy, Food system org, Farmer membership organization | | | | III.D. 2 |
| 1375 | All | B | 2 | Task | Build upon the 2015 Massachusetts Local Food Action Plan and other efforts that look more broadly at agriculture to set goals and recommendations for ensuring long-term viability for the state's agricultural sector. | All | Public Support | Comprehensive Plan | Medium term | Unassigned | | MDAR Food Policy, Food system org, Farmer membership org | | | | III.D. 2.a |
| 1051 | | | | | Enhance interagency coordination on land acquisition and stewardship projects such as protecting a property through a combination of CRs and APRs. | | | | | | | | | Deleted Winter 2026. Reconciled into 1144 which was a duplicate and better suited. | | I.A.6 -e |
| 1069 | | | | | Expand and enhance the non-ACEP-ALE pathway for APR's acquired by the Commonwealth. | | | | | | | | | Discontinued in Winter 2026 version. 1070 is the task that was under this implementation objective - and is clearer | | I.A.7 -e |
| 1086 | | | | | Develop process to help streamline the transition from short term protection to permanent protection of farms for interested farmers. | | | | | | | | | Deleted in 01/21/2025 version | Reconciled task into 1074 since there was overlapping activity. | I.A.8 .e |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1127 | | | | | Create policies that protect whole farms. | | | | | | | | | Deleted in 01/21/2025 version | Deleted action because divided Whole Farm strategy section into different groups/actions. | I.C.1 |
| 1312 | | | | | Ensure that local zoning allows for multi-family housing near farms for farmers and farmworkers. | | | | | | | | | Deleted in 01/21/2025 version | Reconciled task into 1282 due to overlapping activity. | III.A.8.b |
| 1392 | | | | | Identify opportunities to support farmers for their non-market service contributions, which might include funding mechanisms. | | | | | | | | | Deleted in 01/21/2025 version | Reconciled action into 1328 due to overlapping activity. | III.A.11 |
| 1014 | | | | | Increase ALE-eligible lands. | | | | | | | | | Deleted in 01/21/2025 version | Deleted task because covered in more detail in tasks 1015, 1418, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1021, 1022 and others. This was the implementation objective over those tasks in 2023 Plan. | I.A.3-e |
| 1286 | | | | | Work with the Farmland Valuation Advisory Commission to guide municipalities setting their own farmland values under 61A to ensure that values are based on use value, not sales value. | | | | | | | | | Deleted in 01/21/2025 version | Deleted task because this activity is not within the responsibility of the FVAC so is not actionable as written. | III.A.4.h |
| 1107 | | | | | Prompt the Farmland Valuation Advisory Commission (FVAC) to guide and limit municipalities setting their own farmland values under 61A to ensure that values are based on use value, not sales value. | | | | | | | | | Deleted in 01/21/2025 version | Deleted task because this activity is not within the responsibility of the FVAC so is not actionable as written. | I.B.2-g |
| 1108 | | | | | Assist the FVAC in evaluating and updating farmland values, via support from UMass Department of Resource Economics, which may require increase resources or expertise. | | | | | | | | | Deleted in 01/21/2025 version | Deleted task because it is not needed. FVAC is a division of the department of revenue who consults with experts on valuations, including UMass, DCR and others. | I.B.2-g |

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| 1067 | | | | | Expand APR eligibility for MDAR-funded parcels. | | | | | | | | | Deleted in 01/21/2025 version | Deleted task because covered by task 1078. This was the implementation objective over that task in 2023 Plan. | A-7 |