

Update on MA Farmland Action Plan Implementation

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Important features for implementation

Building partnerships and collaboration

Reducing silos and building shared understanding

Farmland Partnership Program

Evolving approach

Look to the future while learning from the past and other programs

Implementation Matrix - rooted in the Plan, but adjusts as needed

Engagement

MFAP newsletter

Drop-In Sessions

Events and meetings focus on specific tasks

Webpage resources

New Farmland Partnership Program

Grant program to help implement the Farmland Action Plan at the local, regional or statewide level.

The goal of the Program is to **build networks of Partners who work together collaboratively and in coordination** to protect farmland, enhance farm viability, and ensure access to farmland.

Focuses on implementing tasks from MFAP Implementation Matrix

Learn more at www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program and get updates through the MFAP newsletter

Applications received (May 2025)

- 14 applications requesting \$7.4 million
- Proposed 393 projects to implement specific tasks in the MFAP matrix.

What comes next?

- Awards to be announced soon.
- Work expected to start early 2026.

Sneak Peak from the 2025 Progress Report!

Some of the progress
stories!

Sign up for the MFAP
newsletter to get the
Progress Report when it is
released and opportunities
to get involved!

Highlight 4 – Build capacity of entities to protect land

- Creating a Buy-Protect-Sell Program at MDAR

Highlight 5 – Build awareness and capacity of municipalities to protect land

- Supporting AgComs

Highlight 6 – Increase awareness of protection programs

- Encouraging more Private APRs with new guidance

Highlight 9 – Build state land licensing program

- Providing technical assistance for licensees
- Infrastructure upgrades for farming on state owned land

Highlight 10 – Increase use of public lands by Historically Underserved Farmers

Comments/ Questions?



Farmland Action Plan Webpage www.mass.gov/farmland-action-plan

Farmland Partnership Program Webpage www.mass.gov/info-details/farmland-partnership-program

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