

Implementation Matrix for the Farmland Action Plan (2/5/2025 working version)

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Purple text is an implementation step outlined in the Plan conclusion on page 71.

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1000	I			Goal	Goal I: Accelerate the permanent protection and stewardship of farmland Increase efforts to permanently protect farmland.	Protection							Goal	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	Highlight			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	Legislators				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	Highlight 2			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	Highlight 2	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	Highlight 2	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
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

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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		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		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		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	Medium term		Unassigned	RPAs, MDAR FAPC, MDAR Acquisition, MiM				I.A.3. e.b
1020	I	A	3	Task	Continue to implement and support the American Farmland Trust's (AFTs) program to help municipalities identify locally important soils and encourage towns to petition NRCS for classification of farm soils of local importance.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Federal Funding	Ongoing	In progress	AFT Protection	NRCS	Highlight 2	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
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	Highlight 2	Added tasks 1419, 1420, 1421, 1437 and 1438 to clarify what comes next since task 1021 proceeding well.		I.A.3. e.d

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1419	I	A	3	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	Federal Funding	Short term	In progress	MDAR Acquisition	ALPC	Highlight 2	New task to clarify what follows given tasks 1020 and 1021 have good momentum.		
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		Collective Effort	NRCS, Land Trusts, EEA, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition				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
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.		

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1025	I	A	3	Task	Educate land trusts, municipalities, and state agencies about the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to ensure it is fully utilized.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Federal Funding	Short term		NRCS	Land conservation membership org, land trusts, MiM				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
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				I.A.4. a
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

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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 aand 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	Legislators, Ag policy org		Created multiple tasks to reflect distinct activities - 1034, 1035, 1036 aand 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 aand 1037.		
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 aand 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					Highlight 3			I.A.5
1042	I	A	5	Task	Enable Establish the authority for MDAR to purchase and hold land.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Prevent Conversion	Completed	Completed	MDAR Policy	Legislators, Ag policy org	Highlight 3	Clarified intent of task.		I.A.5. a

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1033	I	A	5	Task	Establish a funding pool for MDAR buy/protect/sell transactions.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Prevent Conversion	Short term		MDAR DACTA	Legislators, 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		MDAR DACTA	MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Licensing				I.A.5.b
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	Short term		MDAR Acquisition					I.A.5.c
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
1424	I	A	5	Task	Explore what is needed to reinstitute pre-acquisitions.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Prevent Conversion	Short term		MDAR Acquisition	Land conservation membership org, Statewide non-profit		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
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	Highlight 3	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	Highlight 3	Added text to clarify a term.		I.A.10
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

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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
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 Aquisition, Land conservation membership org, Land Trusts, Statewide non-profit	Highlight 3			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		Clarified intent of task.		I.A.6. d
1051	I	A	6	Task	Enhance interagency coordination on land acquisition and stewardship projects such as protecting a property through a combination of CRs and APRs.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Capacity & Coordination	Short term	Starting soon	MDAR Acquisition	DCR, DFG, DPH				I.A.6. e
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	Highlight 3	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		Unassigned	MDAR Acquisition, Land conservation membership org, NRCS, Statewide non-profit, Ag Comms, Conservation Districts		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					Highlight 4	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	Legislators, Ag policy org				I.A.7.d.a
1069	I	A	7	Task	Expand and enhance the non-ACEP-ALE pathway for APR's acquired by the Commonwealth.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Permanent Protection	Ongoing	In progress	MDAR Acquisition					I.A.7.e
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
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 DACTA	ALPC, MDAR Acquisition	Highlight 4			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.		
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
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	Highlight 4	Reconciled 1086 into 1074 since overlapped. Clarified intent of task to focus on MDAR.		I.A.7.h

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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	Short term	In progress	MDAR Acquisition		Highlight 4	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	Unassigned	Land conservation membership org, EEA, MDAR Acquisition		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, Legislators, 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		Highlight 4			I.A.7.i.c
1059	I	A	7	Task	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	Medium term		MDAR DACTA	MDAR GIS, MLTC Ag Lands, Municipalities, Land transfer org, Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisition		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
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
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					I.A.8.a

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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	Stewardship			MDAR Stewardship					I.A.9
1089	I	A	9	Task	Ensure adequate funding for stewardship of state held and funded easements.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Stewardship	Ongoing	In progress	MDAR Stewardship	EEA				I.A.9. a
1090	I	A	9	Task	Ensure adequate staffing to ensure property-planner ratio that ensures efficient management of properties. limit individual APR stewards' management portfolios.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Stewardship	Medium term		MDAR DACTA	MDAR Stewardship		Clarified intent of task.		I.A.9. b
1091	I	A	9	Task	Explore development of a grant program to support nonprofit conservation entities to acquire and steward agricultural properties.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Stewardship	Medium term		MDAR DACTA	MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship		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	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 for stewardship.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Stewardship	Medium term		MDAR Stewardship	MDAR Legal, MDAR Acquisition		Divided into two tasks - 1093 focuses on stewardship and 1401 focuses on acquisition.		I.A.9. e

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1094	I	A	9	Task	Explore allowing stewardship endowments for private APRs to become eligible expenses via EEA grant programs and other conservation-oriented funding sources, including the APR program.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Stewardship	Long term		EEA	MDAR DACTA				I.A.9.f
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	Stewardship	Short term		Unassigned	MDAR Stewardship, Land conservation membership org, NRCS, Statewide non-profit, Conservation Districts		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
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
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	Short term	In progress	MDAR DACTA	MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Viability, MDAR Urban Ag, MDAR Food Security, MDAR FAPC		New task to reflect need, as a parallel step to 1061		

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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	Unassigned	Land Trusts, NRCS, Land conservation membership org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisition				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		Unassigned	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				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	Short term	In progress	MDAR Acquisition					I.A.7. a.c
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, Legislators, Ag policy org, Statewide non-profit, RPAs, Conservation Districts, Farmer membership organization, MiM				I.A.7. g.a

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1079	I	A	11	Task	Support peer-to-peer farmer engagement.	Protection	Agricultural Restrictions	Education & Engagement	Short term		Unassigned	MDAR Stewardship, Land Trusts, MDAR Acquisition, Incubator org				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, legislators				I.B.1
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, legislators		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, legislators		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, legislators		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, legislators		New task to reflect need.		

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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, legislators		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	Legislators, Ag policy org				I.B.2. a
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
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 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,				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		Legislators	MDAR Policy, Ag policy org				I.B.2. f

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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
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, Legislators, 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, Legislators, 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 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				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, 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	Medium term		Unassigned	EEA DCS, Community Preservation Coalition, Land Trusts, Ag policy org, MDAR Policy, MiM		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
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.		

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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		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, Legislators		Created tasks 1456 and 1457 as first steps to implement this action (1116). Clarified intent of task.		I.B.5
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, Legislators		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, Legislators		New tasks 1456 and 1457 created as two steps to implement this action (1116).		

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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 onto 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				I.B.6.d
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

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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	Medium term		Unassigned	EEA, RPAs, Municipalities, AFT FIC, Land Trusts, EOHLC, EOED, MDAR FAPC, MIM				I.B.7.c
1126	I	C		Strategy	Prioritize protection of whole farms.	Protection	Whole Farms				Unassigned	MDAR Acquisition, Land Trusts	Highlight			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
1129	I	C	1	Task	Explore APR policy updates that would allow public funds to be used to support farm-related housing, with requirements for that home to remain connected to that or another farm.	Protection	Whole Farms	Housing	Medium term		Unassigned	EOHLC, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR DACTA, MDAR Policy, MDAR Legal, Legislature		Clarified intent of task.		I.C.1.b

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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 via a building envelope and/or including the right or potential to request residential housing.	Protection	Whole Farms	Housing	Medium term		MDAR Policy	MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR DACTA, ALPC, MDAR Legal				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 Policy	MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR DACTA, ALPC, MDAR Legal				I.C.1.d
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	Housing	Short term		Unassigned	MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Policy, MDAR DACTA, ALPC, MDAR Legal, Land Trusts, EOHLC		Clarified intent of task.		I.C.1.e
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	Medium term		Unassigned	MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Policy, MDAR DACTA, ALPC, MDAR Legal, Land Trusts, EOHLC				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		Unassigned	EOHLC, CISA, MDAR DACTA, MDAR Acquisition, MDAR Policy, Land Trust, CLTs		New task to reflect need.		

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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. infrastructure	Protection	Whole Farms	Infrastructure	Completed	Completed	MDAR Acquisition			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
1405	I	C	3	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 and other land types and uses.	Protection	Whole Farms	Other land	Short term	In progress	MDAR Acquisition		Highlight 5	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, EEA, DFG, DCR	Highlight 5	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		EEA	APR Acquisition, ALPC, MDAR DACTA, DFG, DCR		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	Short term		MDAR Acquisition	MDAR DACTA, MDAR Policy, MDAR EJ, MDAR Stewardship, Land transfer org		New task to reflect need.		
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	Short term	In progress	Unassigned	MDAR Acquisition, Statewide non-profit, NRCS, State Technical Committee, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org	Highlight 5	Added as action when 1142 downgraded to task so could include both federal and state programs.		
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	Short term	In progress	Unassigned	MDAR Acquisition, Statewide non-profit, NRCS, State Technical Committee, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org	Highlight 5	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	Short term	In progress	Unassigned	MDAR Acquisition, Statewide non-profit, NRCS, State Technical Committee, Land Trusts, Land conservation membership org, EEA, DPH	Highlight 5	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	In progress	MDAR Acquisition			Clarified intent of task.		I.C.3. a.b

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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				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
1143	I	D		Strategy	Formalize and integrate decision-making processes regarding farmland protection.	Protection	Decision Making						Highlight-Strategy		Removed timeframe. Corrected highlight.	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	Highlight-Action		Changed lead implementer, timeline and status. Corrected highlight.	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	Highlight-Task		Changed lead implementer, timeline and status. Corrected highlight.	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	Highlight-Task	Clarified intent of task.	Changed lead implementer and timeline. Corrected highlight.	I.D.2. b

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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	Highlight-Task		Changed lead implementer and timeline. Corrected highlight.	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.	
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	Highlight-Task		Corrected from Task to Action per 2023 Plan. Changed lead implementer and added potential other implementers. Corrected highlight.	I.D.1
1146	I	D	2	Task	Use the Interagency Lands Committee to develop a hierarchy 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			Corrected to place task under a Action 1144 (I.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 b Action 1144 (I.D.2.) per 2023 Plan. Changed lead implementer and added potential other implementers.	I.D.1.b
1153	II			Goal	Goal II: Increase access to farmland.	Access							Goal			II

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1154	II	A		Strategy	Make more land available for agriculture.	Access	More Land		Ongoing	In progress			Highlight			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	Highlight 6			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		Unassigned	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		New task to reflect need.		
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	Starting soon	Unassigned	MDAR EJ, HUF org, MDAR Licensing, MiM		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	Highlight 6	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	Highlight 6	Divided into two tasks - 1157 for state and 1458 for municipalities. Clarified intent of task.		II.A.1.a

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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.		
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	Medium term		Unassigned	Buy Locals, Farmer membership org, MDAR Licensing				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,		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		Highlight 6			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	Highlight 6	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 criteria that 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		MDAR Licensing	MDAR EJ, HUF org, Municipalities		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		Highlight 6	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		Highlight 6			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	Highlight 6	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	Highlight 6	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		Highlight 6			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		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
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		Modified task to reflect actionable activity.		II.A.4.c

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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		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
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
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	EEA	EEA EJ, MDAR EJ, Tribal entities and governments, Land Trusts, HUF orgs		Expanded audience		II.A.5
1440	II	A	5	Task	Create grant program to support tribal entities to purchase land	Access	More Land	Tribal	Short term	Starting soon	EEA	Tribal entities and governments		New task to reflect need.		
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

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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	Highlight			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	Highlight 7			II.B.1
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	Short term	Starting soon	Unassigned	MDAR Viability, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship, Legal org, Ag mediation org, Incubator org, Land transfer org	Highlight 7	Modified task to reflect actionable activity.		II.B.1.a

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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	Starting soon	MDAR Stewardship	Land transfer org, Land Trusts, MDAR Viability, Legal org		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	Starting soon	MDAR Stewardship	Land transfer org, Land Trusts, MDAR Viability, Legal org, Incubator org	Highlight 7	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	Highlight 7			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 farmland linking and listing tools such as New England Farmland Finder.	Access	Transfer & Succession	Education & TA	Short term	Starting soon	Land For Good	MDAR Viability, Land Trusts, MDAR Stewardship, Legal org	Highlight 7			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	Highlight 7	Modified task to reflect actionable activity.		II.B.1 .g
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, Legislators				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

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1212	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 and course corrections as needed.	Access	Transfer & Succession	Protected Lands	Short term	In progress	Unassigned	Land transfer org, Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition		Modified task to reflect actionable activity.		II.B.2.a
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	Medium term		MDAR Stewardship	MDAR Acquisition				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	Ongoing	In progress	MDAR Stewardship			Modified task to reflect actionable activity.		II.B.2.c
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		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, including owners' names, contact information, property information, and types of agriculture.	Access	Transfer & Succession	Registries	Short term	In progress	MDAR Stewardship					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					Highlight			II.C

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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		MDAR Policy	Ag policy org		Divided into two tasks - 1221 focuses on legislation/ policy and 1414 on programatic changes.		II.C.1 .a
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 programatic 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		MDAR Policy	Legislators, Ag policy org		Clarified intent of task.		II.C.1 .b
1223	II	C	1	Task	Facilitate access to APRs and other protected land 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				II.C.1 .c
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	MDAR EJ	MDAR Urban Ag				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		MDAR EJ	MDAR Policy, MDAR Commissioner				II.C.1 .e

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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		MDAR Commissioner	MDAR Policy, MDAR EJ, HUF org, Tribal entities and governments, Ag policy org				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	Legislators, 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	Legislators, 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	Highlight 8	Clarified intent of task.		II.C.2
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	Highlight 8			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	Unassigned	HUF org, Ag policy org, MDAR EJ	Highlight 8	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	Highlight 8	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

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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 EJ		Highlight 8			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	Highlight 8	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	MDAR EJ	MDAR Licensing	Highlight 8	Clarified intent of task.		II.C.2.f
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

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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		Modified task to reflect actionable activity.		II.D.3
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		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

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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							Goal			III
1248	III	A		Strategy	Ensure that laws, regulations, programs, and investments support farm viability.	Viability	Regulations & Programs						Highlight			III.A
1249	III	A	1	Action	Explore increasing APR Program flexibility to support farm viability.	Viability	Regulations & Programs	APR Program	Short term	In progress	MDAR Stewardship	MDAR Acquisition				III.A. 1
1250	III	A	1	Task	Revise MDAR APR policy on granting special permits for non-agricultural activities when appropriate to enhance farm income. Expedite process and allow for more uses while still protecting all underlying resources and not reducing production.	Viability	Regulations & Programs	APR Program	Ongoing	In progress	MDAR Stewardship	MDAR Acquisition				III.A. 1.a
1251	III	A	1	Task	As part of the triennial reviews 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

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1252	III	A	1	Task	Review Examine potential to adjust policy to allow multiple long-term leases to be let on APR land without triggering subdivision and transfer actions.	Viability	Regulations & Programs	APR Program	Medium term		MDAR DACTA	MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisitions, MDAR Legal		Clarified intent of task.		III.A. 1.c
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 DACTA	MDAR Stewardship, MDAR Acquisitions, MDAR Legal, ALPC				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		New task to reflect need.		
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				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
1258	III	A	2	Task	Support stakeholders 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				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

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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	Highlight 9			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	Legislators, 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	Highlight 9	Clarified intent of task.		III.A. 3.a.a
1263	III	A	3	Task	Evaluate programmatic needs and funding levels for the Meet APR 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 Meet Farm 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 Meet MDAR'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
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		Highlight 9	Divided into two tasks - 1268 focuses on tracking, 1423 focuses on benchmarks and goals.		III.A. 3.b

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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	Medium term		MDAR EJ	EEA				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	Short term	Starting soon	MDAR DACTA	All MDAR grant programs	Highlight 9			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
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

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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, legislators				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, legislators				III.A. 4.b
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, EOHLC, EOED, Ag policy org, legislators				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, EOHLC		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

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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, Legislators				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		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, EOHLC, EOED, RPAs, municipalities, MLTC Ag Lands				III.A. 5.a
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, legislators, 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

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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	Potential Highlight Action	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
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	Medium term		Unassigned	EEA, MDAR Stewardship, Land transfer org, MDAR Viability		Clarified intent of task.		III.A. 6.e

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1298	III	A	6	Task	Support workforce development, networking, and coordination of a next generation of farm succession and farm business advisors.	Viability	Regulations & Programs	Support industries	Medium term		Unassigned	MDAR Ag Edu, MDAR Commissioner, MDAR Policy, Land transfer org, Buy Locals, MDAR Viability, Incubator org, Farm financing org				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
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		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.		

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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		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		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
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

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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 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				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				III.A. 8.d
1315	III	A	8	Task	Work with NRCS to develop a MA 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

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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.		
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	Medium term		Unassigned	UMass CAFE, Farm financing org, CDFI, MDAR Policy, MDAR Viability, Buy Local, Statewide non-profit				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	Medium term		Unassigned	UMass CAFE, Farm financing org, CDFI, MDAR Policy, MDAR Viability, Buy Local, Statewide non-profit				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 TA 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	Potential Highlight Action	Added text to clarify a term.		III.B. 1

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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
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		Unassigned	Ag energy org, Soil health org, NRCS, BAV, UMass CAFE, Farmer membership org, Incubator org, MDAR Energy & Climate		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	Starting soon	State Commission for Conservation of Soil, Water & Related Resources	MDAR Stewardship, Soil health org, NRCS, MDAR Energy & Climate, Farmer membership org		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, legislators, 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	Legislators, 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	Legislators, 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	Legislators, 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	Legislators, 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
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

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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 Aquisition	MDAR Stewardship		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	Medium term		Unassigned	Statewide non-profit, MDAR Acquisition, Land trusts		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	MDAR EJ	DPH				III.C. 1.h
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

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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 farmers through the entire process of launching a farming enterprise.	Viability	Farmer Participation	Technical Assistance	Short term		Unassigned	MDAR EJ, Incubator org, HUF org		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		Unassigned	MDAR EJ, HUF org, Ag service org		Divided into two tasks - 1353 focuses on aspiring farmers and 1449 on existing farmers.		III.C. 2.a
1354	III	C	2	Task	Explore expanding range 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	Unassigned	Soil health org, Farmer membership org, Incubator org, MDAR Viability		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 planning 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				III.C. 2.c
1356	III	C	2	Task	Support culturally appropriate outreach by other experienced farmers of color.	Viability	Farmer Participation	Technical Assistance	Medium term		Unassigned	MDAR EJ, MDAR Viability, MDAR Urban Ag, HUF org				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

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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
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	Potential Highlight Action	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

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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
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							Goal	Added "goal" for strategies, actions and tasks that implement all goals equally.		
1376	All	A			Implement the Massachusetts Farmland Action Plan	All							Highlight 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 program with funding to support individuals and entities to participate in plan implementation	All	Implementation	Partners	Short term	In progress	MDAR FAPC	MDAR DACTA		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	In progress	Unassigned	MDAR FAPC, MDAR DACTA		New task to reflect need.		

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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	Implementati on	Historically Underserved	Ongoing	In progress	MDAR EJ		Highlight 10	New action that is broader so task 1378 fits under it.		
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	Implementati on	Historically Underserved	Ongoing	In progress	MDAR EJ	MDAR Urban Ag, HUF org	Highlight 10	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	Implementati on	Historically Underserved	Short term	Starting soon	MDAR EJ	MDAR FAPC	Highlight 10	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	Implementati on	Historically Underserved	Short term		MDAR EJ	MDAR FAPC, HUF org	Highlight 10	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	Implementati on	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	Implementati on	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	Implementati on	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	Implementati on	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	Implementati on	Evaluate & Report	Medium term		MDAR FAPC	MDAR EJ		From Plan Conclusion (Page 71)		

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1386	All	A	3	Task	Use evaluations Seek feedback to course-correct and otherwise, as needed, adjust implementation plans and goals actions and tasks as they are implemented, and new needs arise.	All	Implementati on	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	Implementati on	Evaluate & Report	Medium term		MDAR FAPC	MDAR DACTA		From Plan Conclusion (Page 71)		
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	Implementati on	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	Implementati on	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	Implementati on	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	Implementati on	Research innovations	Medium term		Unassigned	Statewide non-profit, UMass CAFE		From Plan Conclusion (Page 71)		

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1368	All	B		Strategy	Build public support for agriculture and for farmland protection, access, and viability.	All	Public Support		Ongoing	In progress						III.D
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
1086					Develop process to help streamline the transition from short term protection to permanent protection of farms for interested farmers.									Reconciled task into 1074 since there was overlapping activity.		I.A.8. e
1127					Create policies that protect whole farms.									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.									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.									Reconciled action into 1328 due to overlapping activity.		III.A. 11

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1014					Increase ALE-eligible lands.									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 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 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 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
1067					Expand APR eligibility for MDAR-funded parcels.									Deleted task because covered by task 1078. This was the implementation objective over that task in 2023 Plan.		I.A.7.d