

Middlesex Conservation District
2017 EEA Grant Report from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Grant Funds have been used to gather information about urban agricultural producers and Agricultural Commissions in Middlesex County with the goal of identifying opportunities to work together to preserve agricultural land and support local food production.

Progress on Deliverables and Objectives

- Outreach Coordinator (OC) met with 15 urban farmers and/or agriculture leaders in Middlesex County to understand their needs, resource concerns and interest in technical assistance. OC attended the Massachusetts Food System Forum in November 2017 and the Urban Farming Conference in March 2018. Information gathered will be used to schedule site visits to provide Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) technical assistance and to target workshop topics.
- Outreach Coordinator attended MA Assoc. of Agricultural Commissions 2018 Annual Meeting and municipal Agricultural Commission (AgCom) meetings. OC spoke with Commissioners from 11 AgComs in Middlesex County to learn their agricultural issues, relationships with municipal officials and interest in attending meetings with neighboring AgComs. Common interests will be considered as topics for future workshops.

Delays and Change to Schedule – none during this period.

Matching Funds

- Grant Administration: work with consultant to keep project on track; prepare outreach updates for Supervisors; prepare grant reports. 36.5 hrs @ \$20 = \$730
- Project Review/Supervisors in kind: review and approve project documents, review consultant's reports, attend project meetings. – 19 hrs @ \$30/hr = \$585

This grant is on track for completion by June 30, 2018
