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RE: Rochester – Promote Local Agriculture Best Practices through the CCP

Mr. Cronin,

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly regarding The Town of Rochester's Application to the Community Compact for **Accessibility Best Practices**. As you requested I am writing you on behalf of the Town to let you know how the Town worked to fulfill our previous CCP requirements under the **Promote Local Agriculture Compact**. Which is something we will continue to do as it makes Rochester one of the most unique, and beautiful agricultural towns within the commonwealth.

During the last three years of the previous compact the town worked to expand our local agricultural resources. As you drive through our town you will be amazed by the number of roadside vegetable and fresh produce stands. You will see signs for "Farm Fresh Eggs" and "Local Honey", and "Fresh Strawberries". Some new farms that have come to be over the last year or two are the "Lone Tree Farm" located on Robinson Road which sells fresh produce at a number of local stands. A beef cattle farm was started on Snipituit Rd which sells fresh beef to a number of local restaurants and meat markets. The Blue River Farms was created on Marion Road. This 60 plus acre farm has a roadside stand but also trucks fresh produce all over the state. The Cervelli Farms Located on Vaughn Hill road, expanded its operation by building a larger farm stand and expanded to selling fresh breads, local honeys, and of course fresh fruits and vegetables. Cervelli Farm also has a hayride with apple and pumpkin picking in the fall. At the Rochester Country Fair this year a new event was added called "Education on our Local Cranberry Growers". The Town of Rochester still has thousands of acres of cranberry bogs and this interactive seminar allowed cranberry growers the chance to educate the public on cranberry growing and the children were able to plant their own cranberry sprout. A couple other companies that were started were Rochester Farms LLC, and two new Riding Stables focused on the Boarding, Instructions, and Equestrian Care.

The town has made moves to become a "Green Community" and has proposed a number of bylaw changes aimed to become a more ecofriendly community by promoting renewable energy and a reduction of our town's energy usage. The town has seen a large increase in Solar

Farm applications. Many of the farms are up and running, some are under construction and some are in the planning stage.

The Town of Rochester has maintained being a "Tree City USA" town. It has completed its annual duties and continues to provide a sound community forestry program.

Once again, I thank you and the Baker/Polito administration for your continuing support of our little town through the Community Compact and we hope to continue to do so with our new goals of "Best Accessibility Practices".

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of the Town of Rochester Town Administrator. Suzanne Szyndlar