



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation



FARMLAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 26th

9:00 – 10:50am

Held remotely through Cisco WebEx Meetings
A link is provided on the FPAB webpage

- 9:00 Introduction – inspirational message – invitation for others to present (Robin)
- 9:10 Approve previous meeting minutes - 06/17/2021 (Robin)
- 9:15 Farmland Preservation Programs Report (Cam)
- 9:25 Report on Commissioner Hurlburt's feedback on OPAV recommendation (Robin, Jiff)
- 9:45 Discussion re: subcommittees, special topic sessions, and meeting schedule (Robin)
- 10:00 Discussion, Q & A – new, draft Agricultural Lands Preservation Regulations (Cam, Carol, Kayleigh)
- 10:50 Close (Robin)

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Farmland Preservation Programs Report

Cam Weimar, August 2021

Preserved Farmland (in Fee & PDR):	389 Farms	46,376 acres	<i>(incl. Savin & Southbury)</i>
Farmlands Under Agreement	21 Farms	1,780 acres	\$ 7,901,935
Total Farms Preserved or w/ Agrmt:	410 Farms	48,156 acres	
 Additional, eligible & active applics:	42 Farms	3,100 acres	\$ 16,469,200
Total eligible & active PDR applics:	63 Farms	4,880 acres	\$ 24,371,135

Current Funding Balances: PDR Comm. Invest. Act, as of 08/19 : \$ 4,641,729
PDR Alloted Bond Funds, as of 08/20*: \$ 4,461,066 *(includes pending PDRs)*

PDR & ACE Farms Preserved			total funds	State funds	USDA-ALE (& #s)	Local
CY 2016	15 farms	1,562 acres	\$ 6,714,044	\$ 5,591,266	\$ 819,269 3	\$ 303,509
CY 2017	16 farms	1,850 acres	\$ 6,023,494	\$ 4,192,797	\$ 1,606,500 3	\$ 224,197
CY 2018	15 farms	1,378 acres	\$ 8,244,534	\$ 4,767,387	\$ 2,428,537 8	\$ 1,048,610
CY 2019	8 farms	773 acres	\$ 4,673,802	\$ 2,259,340	\$ 1,980,125 6	\$ 434,337
CY 2020	13 farms	1,015 acres	\$ 5,736,029	\$ 3,020,963	\$ 2,227,167 10	\$ 487,899
CY 2021 so far	3 farms	235 acres	\$ 4,243,044	\$ 954,844	\$ 2,057,697 3	\$ 1,230,503
CY 2021 cost-share contribution %:				23%	48%	29%
avg. per acre cost:				\$ 4,072	\$ 8,775	\$ 5,247
Past 5 years:	70 farms	6,813 acres	\$ 35,634,947	\$ 20,786,597	\$ 11,119,295 33	\$ 3,729,055

Barney Orchard, Easton protected in June; Backiel Farms 1 & 2, Rocky Hill protected in August

Expect 1 more PDR closing in Aug., 2 in Sept. and 2 in Oct.

Received obligated ALE FY 2021 funding for 13 PDRs (4 w/ CFT)

Community Farms Preservation Program (CFPP) - CGS Sec. 22-26nn

Preserved: 12 farms 638 acres \$ 5,244,320 Active: 46 3,284 acres \$ 17,989,750

Farmland Restoration Grant Program (FLRP)

343 applications est. total costs: \$ 11,446,900 est. grant costs: \$ 4,706,489
Averages/estimates: \$ 38,870 /project \$ 3,599 /cost/acre 2,862 ac. total to be restored
\$ 15,553 /grant \$ 1,440 /grant cost/acre 10.8 ac./grant to be restored

- Awarded 23 FLRP grants for CY 2021 competitive round -

Farmland Use Permits and Leases

Savin Agric. Presv.– leases w/ 5 year terms (2016-2021); Southbury Farms Presv.– 5 Agric. Permits w/ 10 year terms (2017-2027); Dept. of Corrections Farmland– 4 Agric. Permits w/ 5-year terms (2017-2022)

Connecticut Farmlink Program

balance as of 08/19: \$254,477

Connecticut Farmland Trust and Land For Good partnerships for ctfarmlink.org website, one-on-one farmer consultations, education & outreach to beginning farmers & farmlandowners