



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Preservation



FARMLAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, December 16th

9:00 – 10:50am

Held remotely through Cisco WebEx Meetings

A link is provided on the [FPAB webpage](#)

- 9:00 Introduction – inspirational message (Joan Nichols)
- 9:10 Approve previous meeting minutes - 08/26/2021 and 10/21/2021 (Robin Chesmer)
- 9:15 **Old Business**
- Agricultural Lands Regulation Review Updates (Jaime Smith)
 - Discuss meeting schedule for 2022
 - Rank goals to be addressed in 2022 meetings
- 10:15 **New Business**
- Expediting the PDR process
- 10:50 Close (Robin)

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Farmland Preservation Programs Report

Cam Weimar, Dec. 2021

Preserved Farmland (in Fee & PDR):	395 Farms	46,995 acres	(incl. Savin & Southbury)
Farmlands Under Agreement	23 Farms	1,724 acres	\$ 8,868,100
Total Farms Preserved or w/ Agrmt:	418 Farms	48,719 acres	
 Additional, eligible & active applics:	33 Farms	2,028 acres	\$ 11,505,850
Total eligible & active PDR applics:	56 Farms	3,752 acres	\$ 20,373,950

Current Funding Balances:	PDR Comm. Invest. Act, as of 12/09 :	\$ 3,337,152	(includes pending PDRs)
	PDR Alloted Bond Funds, as of 12/10:	\$ 4,044,055	(includes pending PDRs)

PDR & ACE Farms Preserved			<u>total funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>	<u>USDA-ALE (& #s)</u>	<u>Local</u>
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	9 farms	854 acres	\$ 7,008,600	\$ 2,672,145	\$ 3,006,524 7	\$ 1,329,931
CY 2021 cost-share contribution %:				38%	43%	19%
CY 2021 avg. per acre cost:			\$ 8,207	\$ 3,129	\$ 3,521	\$ 1,557
Past 5 years:	76 farms	7,432 acres	\$ 38,400,503	\$ 22,503,898	\$ 12,068,122 37	\$ 3,828,483

Meadowood Farm, part of TPL's Simsbury open space project, protected in November

Expecting four PDR closings in Dec. - two with USDA-ALE funding

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

Preserved: 16 farms 1,133 acres \$ 7,293,388 Active: 47 3,046 acres \$ 17,166,750

PDR Stewardship - Outreach, Farm Visits, & Enforcement

The Farmland Presv. Program is close to visiting every PDR preserved farm within CY 2021. Several issues on older PDRs.

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. Preserve; 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 12/09: \$257,780

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