

Project Title: Ashman APR

Funding Request Form

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Submission Date: December 9, 2019

Full Name of Entity Submitting Application: Whately Agricultural Commission

(If submitted on behalf of an organization, please include a statement from an officer of the organization certifying organization's approval.)

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Purpose: Please check all that apply: ☒ Open Space ☐ Community Housing
☐ Historic Preservation ☐ Recreation

Full Description of Project: (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.) Please see attached
sheet.

Requested Attachments:

- Property address including Whately Assessor's Map, Lot/parcel number with current owner
- Copy of deed to Current Owner, if available
- Description of the property
- Maps if relevant
- Surveys, if available
- Appraisals and Agreements, if available;
- Budget detailing construction/maintenance costs, and funding/revenue sources, if any

Each project request must be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee using the Funding Request Form as a cover sheet. Applications should be submitted with nine (9) multiple copies.

Amount of Funding Requested: \$11,000

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The Agricultural Commission is requesting funds for the local contribution to an Agricultural Preservation Restrictions (APR) on property owned by Lawrence and Nancy Ashman. The property totals approximately 33 acres¹ and is located at 163 Long Plain Road.

The total APR value of this parcel is \$220,000. The requested local contribution of \$11,000 represents 5% of the APR value. The Agricultural Commission strongly supports providing full town match for the APR because agricultural land preservation is an important priority for the town, identified in our Master Plan and confirmed by willingness of Town Meeting to support APRs.

The 33-acre Ashman parcel fills a hole in a cluster of protected agricultural parcels in the heart of Whately's agricultural region (see attached map of nearby APRs). This parcel is currently leased to J.M. Pasiecznik Farms and has been used to grow butternut squash and potatoes. Of the approximately 22 acres of open land, 20.5 (93%) are considered state important soils. Approximately 11 acres are wooded.

Preservation of this property is entirely consistent with the town's goals and objectives as expressed in our Open Space and Recreation Plan. Specifically, protection of this land will further our goal of preserving and enhancing the rural and agricultural landscape which is an important contributor to our local economy, our ability to produce food, and our quality of life in Whately.

This project has been funded by the state Department of Agricultural Resources. Providing a local match of \$11,000 for this parcel will leverage \$209,000 in state funding. Providing CPA funds to cover a part of the local portion of the funding for this APR will allow the landowner to be fully compensated for protecting this land and will signal the town's support for agricultural land preservation to all landowners in town.

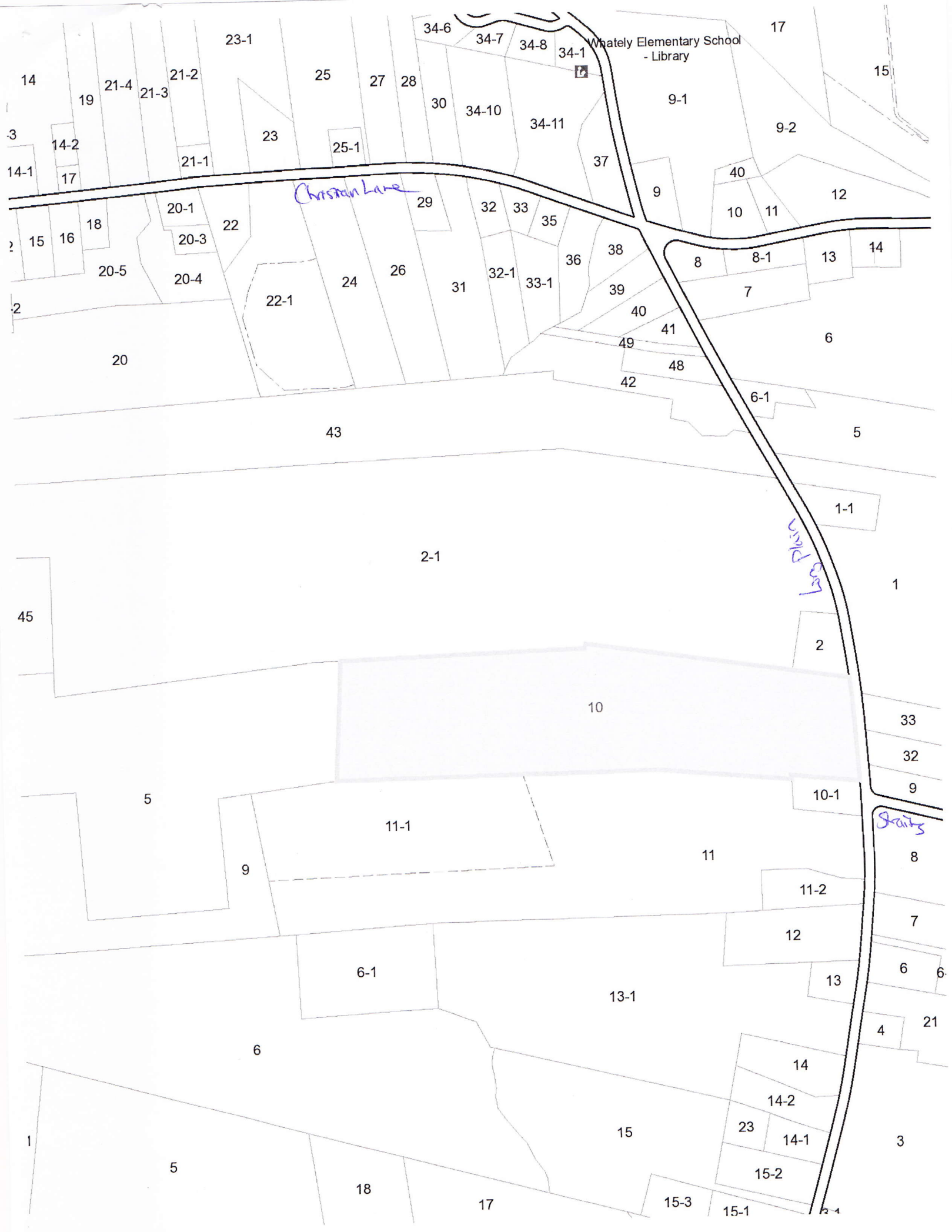
Summary of Ashman APR

33 acres on the west side of Long Plain Road, just north of the intersection with Straits Road.

State funding: \$209,000

Local contribution (requested from CPC): \$11,000

¹ Acreage figure is from Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Narrative for Final Vote 11-7-19.



The screenshot shows the OLIVER MassGIS Online Mapping Tool interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search for a location" and a "Zoom to a town" button. The map displays a detailed view of Whately, Massachusetts, with various land parcels outlined in pink. A yellow rectangular area is highlighted in the center, labeled "Ashman" in blue text. The map includes a scale bar at the bottom right, indicating a distance of 100 feet. The map is titled "Whately" and "Ashman".



Farmland	Acres	% of SELECTION
Farmland of statewide importance	20.5	61.9%
Not prime farmland	12.1	36.6%
All areas are prime farmland	0.5	1.5%
	33.1 ac.	100%

landuse	Acres	% of SELECTION
Open land	21.7	65.6%
Woodland	11.0	33.2%
Wooded wetland	0.4	1.2%
	33.1 ac.	100%

1 inch = 400 feet