



## TOWN OF LEE

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Rebecca Tepper, Secretary  
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs 100  
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Boston, MA 02114

**RE: Planning Assistant Grant – Application submitted on behalf of Town of Lee**

Dear Secretary Tepper,

The Town of Lee Select Board fully supports the FY27 Planning Assistance Grant application submitted by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission on behalf of the community.

Overall, the Town recognizes a need to preserve its agricultural heritage and support the efforts of farmers in the community. The town has made significant strides in updating its planning documents during the past several years, including both a Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Town wishes to continue these efforts by developing a Farmland Protection Plan for the community. The development of a Farmland Protection Plan allows the town to address a range of current and long term agriculturally related goals, including protecting important farmlands from development, partnering with local farmers to expand agricultural activities on town lands, and coordinating and expanding the role of the Agricultural Commission.

To complement these efforts, as part of this request the town also plans further amendments to its zoning bylaws that guides new development where appropriate, supports sustainable development practices, and addresses housing and renewable energy.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this application.

Sincerely,

Sean Regnier, Chair  
Lee Select Board