



SOUTH KINGSTOWN LAND TRUST

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Request for Proposal (RFP): Agricultural Lease(s) Available at 247 Tuckertown Rd., Wakefield

RFP Announcement: July 9th, 2021
Proposals Due: September 10th, 2021

The South Kingstown Land Trust, a 501c3 non-profit land conservation organization, seeks proposals to farm up to 17.5 tillable acres at 247 Tuckertown Rd. This location is approximately 5 minutes from downtown Wakefield by car. Wakefield is accessible by RIPTA bus service.

Maps of the lease areas are available at <https://newenglandfarmlandfinder.org/property/hollis-tucker-farm-17-acres-lease-wakefield-ri>. There are no restrictions on who may submit a proposal to farm these areas. However, due to the Conservation Easement governing the property's use, the parcel is not well suited for livestock, and the growing of turf is not permitted.

There are 17.5 tillable acres available as 1-2 leases. The western lease (11.5 acres) has been farmed by certified organic vegetable farmers for the last 10 years. The eastern lease (6 acres) has been hayed in the recent past. A one-acre protected pollinator patch abuts to the south. There are approximately 9 acres of prime soils on the western lease with 2.5 acres of state important soils. The eastern lease is 6 acres of farmland of statewide importance. A well currently services the western lease with a 1 h.p. pump on-site. A well is planned for 2021 installation on the eastern lease. No structures other than deer fencing and a moveable equipment shed may be erected on the property due to its Conservation Easement. The 11.5 acre lease already has deer fencing around the perimeter.

There are three small-acreage (<3 acres each) tenants on site including a research American chestnut orchard. Organic practices strongly preferred due to existing use and Conservation Easement's protection of the aquifer. Any use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides must be done in accordance with best management practices.

A farm management plan is on file prepared by Southern RI Conservation District. Property is used by landowner for special events from time to time, though not generally open to the public. Public will be kept out of lease areas during events.

This parcel is available to be shown by appointment. Contact Tyler Maikath, Land Management Director, at tyler.maikath@sklt.org to make arrangements.

Proposals are due by September 10, 2021 at 5 p.m. Please include the following as a PDF email attachment in an email to tyler.maikath@sklt.org.

1. Indicate which parcel(s) you are interested in leasing.
2. Describe the crops you wish to grow and your farming methods. Include as much detail as possible. Please describe what conservation measures you would implement. Proposals utilizing organic practices will receive top consideration.
3. Indicate what facilities you would require.
4. Outline the proposed terms of your lease. A five-year lease is typical for farmland on SKLT properties. Liability insurance is required. We lease our land at market-competitive rates.
5. Include information on your agricultural experience and business plan for the operation. If you have leased farmland in the past, please provide us with landowner contact information, if possible.
6. Include contact information for each applicant (email, phone, address).