

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION
OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION
ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY/TOWN OF SOUTHWICK

Date of this Notice: February 1, 2016

Notice of proposed acquisition is hereby given to:

- (X) Chair of the Select Board of the Town of Southwick, or
() Mayor or City Manager of the City of

Separate notice will be given by the Department to the appropriate: County Commissioners, Regional Planning Agency, and the members of the General Court representing the district in which the land is located.

In compliance with G. L. c. 7C, Section 37, the Commonwealth Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Agricultural Resources (the "Department"), hereby gives notice that it proposes to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction ("APR") on the real property identified herein for the purpose of protecting in perpetuity its superior and productive agricultural resources by preventing their conversion to other uses.

The application received by MDAR indicates that the property is owned by Robert E. Arnold Tobacco Corporation and consists of parcel (s) located on the west side of Berkshire Avenue in the Town of Southwick as approximately represented on the attached map¹. The APR may encompass all or parts of the area shown.

The current use of the property is primarily for broadleaf tobacco, strawberries, pumpkins, asparagus and corn.

Following the recording of the APR, the use of the subject property is limited to agricultural use as more particularly set forth in the APR document, the General Laws [Chapter 184, Sections 31], and the Regulations of the Department [330 CMR 22.00 et seq].

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, by:

Ronald Hall, APR Program Coordinator

¹ Map available to view in the Assessors' Office