**Potential Agricultural Land**

**In Plots Greater Than 1/2 Acre**

Lincoln, MA

September 2013

Agricultural Land Legend

- Protected Lands *
- Potential Agricultural Land +
- Prime Farmland **
- Current Agricultural Land ++

Total Current Agricultural Land: 493 Acres

Total Potential Agricultural Land in Plots Greater Than 1/2 Acre: 1072 Acres

Information as of September, 2013 based on best available data.

**Prime farmland, as defined by the USDA, is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops, and is also available for these uses (the land could be cropped, pastured, rangeland, forest land, or other land, but not urban built-up land or water). It has the soil quality, growing season, and moisture supply needed to economically produce sustained high yields of crops when treated and managed, including water management, according to acceptable farming methods. In general, prime farmlands have an adequate and dependable water supply from precipitation or irrigation, a favorable temperature and growing season, acceptable acidity or alkalinity, acceptable salt and sodium content, and few or no rocks. They are permeable to water and air. Prime farmlands are not excessively erodible or saturated with water for a long period of time, and they either do not flood frequently or are protected from flooding. Examples of soils that qualify as prime farmland are Palouse silt loam, 0 to 7 percent slopes; Brookston silty clay loam, drained; and Tama silty clay loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes.**