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## INITIAL ELIGIBILITY PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

**DUE DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2019**

**TOWN OF NEEDHAM**  
**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
 c/o Park & Recreation Department  
 178 Rosemary Street  
 Needham, MA 02494  
[www.needhamma.gov/CPC](http://www.needhamma.gov/CPC)

- 1. Applicant:** Needham Community Farm **Submission Date:** 12/06/2019
- 2. Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email:**
- Needham Community Farm \_\_\_\_\_  
 P.O. Box 920877 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Needham, MA 02492 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Name:**  
 Susan Shaver, President (781) 789-6060
- 3. Purpose:**  
(Please select all that apply)
- Open Space
  - Community Housing
  - Historic Preservation
  - Recreation
- 4. Project Name:** Growing Bed Area Expansion
- 5. Project Location/Address/Ownership (Control):**  
 Needham Community Farm, Pine Street Location (former Nike site).  
 Leased from Town of Needham
- 6. Amount Requested:** \$ 6,000
- 7. Estimated Total Project Cost (If Different):** \$ 6,000
- 8. Critical Dates: (If Applicable)**

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**Project Name:** Growing Bed Area Expansion

**9. Project Summary: In 100 words or less provide a brief summary of the project:**

The project would affect a growing area of approximately 5,000 to 5,500 square feet and would result in an approximately 20% increase in growing area. Additional and reconfigured growing beds are necessary to increase opportunities for gardening classes, public volunteer participants and community activities, while the NCF continues to supply fresh produce to the Needham Food Pantry and to the Needham Housing Authority sites. All soil currently in growing beds would be conserved. This project requires labor removing soil from current beds, placing new agricultural fabric, purchasing additional fabric, compost and soil materials; and constructing new beds.

**10. Community Need: In 100 words or less provide a brief statement of the need for and the benefits to the community.**

Needham Community Farm goals are to relieve food insecurity in Needham, educate about sustainable agricultural practices and engage the community in gardening activities at the Farm through voluntarism and classes. With 2,000 households in Needham food assistance eligible, increasing the Farm's growing area allows the Farm to better serve the demand for fresh produce among this population, while also increasing healthy, outdoor volunteer and educational opportunities for people of all ages. This year over 200 adult and youth volunteers, including 13 volunteer groups, spent time on the farm and about 150 adults, families and youths attended educational activities on farm.

**Note:** *This application enables the Community Preservation Committee to review the request to assess eligibility. You shall be notified by January 1 of your eligibility. If eligible you will be requested to supply additional information by February 1.*



December 6, 2019

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To the Town of Needham Community Preservation Committee:

On behalf of the Needham Community Farm Board of Directors I am submitting an Eligibility Application due today December 6, 2019. We are appreciative of the continued support the Town of Needham provides the Farm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Susan Shaver  
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