Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CANTON
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
INVITATION FOR BIDS
Water Main Improvements
Contract 4

The Town of Canton (Town), Department of Public Works (DPW), invites sealed bids for water main improvements at various locations along Sherman St in Canton, MA. Sealed bids for Town Project No. 25-011W, "Water Main Improvements (Contract 4)", shall be received in the Department of Public Works Administration & Engineering Office at 801 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021 until **12:00 p.m.** Local Time on **December 12, 2025**, at which place and time said Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Salah Meeting Room, 2nd Floor of the Town of Canton, Town Hall.

The Project shall consist of improving roughly 10,000 feet of various size water mains along Sherman St and the Fuller St neighborhood. The new water main work will also include new hydrants and new services. There are 3 locations with potential contaminated soils; soil protection, soil storing, testing, and disposal are also a part of this work. Locations with a potential for contaminated soil are 1 Beaumont Street, 782 Washington Street, and between 311 Sherman Street and 319 Sherman Street. Surface restoration work includes temporary and permanent trench patching on all streets. Sidewalks, curbs, driveways, yard features, and grass areas will be restored in-kind. The project also includes temporary by-passing piping and services on all project streets. The project shall be substantially completed including permanent trench paving by November 13, 2026, or within 207 consecutive calendar days from the date specified in Section 00650 Notice to Proceed. The Owner requires all services and pipe installed under this contract to be in place and active no later than November 13, 2026.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Kleinfelder, One Beacon Street, Suite 8100, Boston MA 02108. Biding Documents will be available on **November 28, 2025 at 12:00 pm**. Electronic Bidding Documents may be obtained free of charge in PDF format by contacting Ruthann Ismael at **RIsmael@kleinfelder.com** and becoming a registered bidder. Hard copies of the Bidding Documents will not be available. Only bidders registered with Kleinfelder will receive Addenda.

There will be **No Pre-bid Meeting**.

TOWN OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On Petition of Jared Hite/James Hall; Special Permit and/or Variance, if necessary, are requested under the applicable provisions of the Canton Zoning By-Laws for dimensional relief to construct an addition to a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling on property in a Single Residence 'C' district located at 9 Cross Street, Canton, Massachusetts (Map/Lot 027_103).

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Salah Meeting Room, Second Floor, Memorial Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

Board of Appeals
Gregory L. Pando
Chairman

48-25-ENCB-SP-V

TOWN OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On Petition of Rachel Exilus-Sajous; Special Permit and/or Variance, if necessary, are requested under the applicable provisions of the Canton Zoning By-Laws for the keeping of commercials vans overnight on property in a Single Residence 'C' district located at 1111 Pleasant Street, Canton, Massachusetts (Map/Lot 058_109).

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Salah Meeting Room, Second Floor, Memorial Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

Board of Appeals
Gregory L. Pando
Chairman

49-25-SP-V

Ad For Bids

The CANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Metal Column Repairs at State Aided Development: Hemenway School Apartments (667-3) in Canton, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by RICHARD ALVORD ARCHITECTS.

The Project consists of but not limited to:

Selective Demolition; Repair to existing steel columns; Replacement and repair of wood decking framing; Replacement of steel stair guard panels;Steel Field Welding Connections field coating of al steel work.

The work is estimated to cost $208,652.00.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, General Building Construction, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until 18 December 2025 at 2:00PM EDT and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until 4 December 2025 at 2:00PM EDT and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

TRADES
Painting

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the CANTON HOUSING AUTHORITY. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under $50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO). The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLC (Chad.Howard@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.

The Contractor and all subcontractors (collectively referred to as "the Contractor") agree to strive to achieve minority and women workforce participation. The Workforce Participation benchmark is set at 6.9% for women and 15.3% for minorities. The Workforce benchmark percentages are a statutory requirement under MGL c. 149 § 44A(2)(G).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled
Date and Time: 19 November 2025 at 2:00 PM EDT
Address: 660 Washington Street, Canton MA, Canton, MA 02021
Instructions: None

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc.
433 Main Street
Hudson, MA 01749
978-568-1167

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. NO25P0306EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781)830-1200
Estate of: John Wilkin LeMar
Date of Death: 12/05/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Laurie LeMar of Randolph, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Laurie LeMar of Randolph, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/10/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 07, 2025
Colleen M. Brierley
Register of Probate

TOWN OF CANTON
PUBLIC NOTICE

Adoption of Rules for Hiring Outside Consultants relative to the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Canton Wetland Protection Bylaw Regulations

Public notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2025 the Canton Conservation Commission, in accordance the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Town of Canton Wetland Protection By-law (Article XV), and Canton Stormwater Management Bylaw (Article XXI) adopted a Rules for Hiring Outside Consultants which will become effective on December 1, 2025. The Rules for Hiring Outside Consultants was filed with the Town Clerk on November 13, 2025. A final version of the Rules for Hiring Outside Consultants is available on the Town of Canton website.

Paul Degnan, Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. NO25E0038PP
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION TO PARTITION
Norfolk Probate and
Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781)-830-1200

In the matter of:

Petition to Partition 295 Atkinson Avenue, Stoughton, MA 02072

To Charles King of Stoughton in said County and to all other interested persons;

A petition has been presented to said Court by Jerome M. Lawrence, Temporary Conservator of Gail Lawrence of Stoughton in the County of Norfolk representing that she holds as Joint Tenancy with right of survivorship a 50% undivided part or share of certain land lying in Stoughton in the County of Norfolk, and briefly described as follows: 295 Atkinson Avenue, Stoughton, MA 02072, The land with the buildings thereon situated in Stoughton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts on the Northwesterly side of Atkinson Avenue and being show as Lot 96 on a certain plan entitled "Plan of land in Stoughton, Mass." dated February 18, 1959, drawn by Arnold E. Schaier, C.E. particularly bounded and described as follows:

Southeasterly by said Atkinson Avenue, as shown on said plan seventy (70) feet:

Southwesterly by curved line at the junction of said Atkinson Avenue and Dean Road, as shown on said plan, forty-seven and 12/100 (47.12) feet;

still

Southwesterly by said Dean Road, as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty-five (125) feet;

Northwesterly by land of Josephine L. Graziano, as shown on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; and

Northeasterly by lot 97 as shown on said plan, one hundred fifty-five (155) feet and setting forth that the petitioner desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than six hundred and sixty-seven thousand four hundred and eleven dollars (667,411.00) and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such manner to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Canton before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the tenth day of December 2025 the return day of this citation.

WITNESS, Hon. Lee Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 20, 2025
Colleen M. Brierley
Register of Probate

SEND YOUR LEGAL NOTICES TO: SUBMISSIONS@THECANTONCITIZEN.COM

Notice of persons appearing to be owners of checks issued by the Town of Canton, which have not been cashed and are deemed abandoned, are listed below. Any persons claiming an interest in a check issued by the Town of Canton which has not been cashed and which has been deemed abandoned may file a claim form on or before one year after the date of publication of this notice. Claim forms are available on the Town of Canton website at town.canton.ma.us. Date of Notice: November 20, 2025.

CHECK #	VENDOR/EMPLOYEE NAME	CHECK DATE	CHECK AMT.
761753	30 WHITE SISTERS WAY LLC	2/16/2024	2,068.80
765186	ADAMS, LUKE	6/14/2024	19.32
769242	ALICIO VALLE	11/27/2024	510.00
336441	ALMONTE , YAQUELINA	9/13/2024	140.32
337102	AMICO , ANNA	12/12/2024	65.48
766076	ARCO/MURRAY NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION	7/12/2024	950.00
765662	ARON BLYE	6/28/2024	148.70
764281	ARVEDON, AMY MELISSA	5/17/2024	84.67
764286	BASS, SUSAN ELISABET	5/17/2024	10.05
761285	BEYOND YOUR LIMITS INCLUSIVE FITNESS	1/26/2024	300.00
766391	BEYOND YOUR LIMITS INCLUSIVE FITNESS	7/26/2024	540.00
767143	BEYOND YOUR LIMITS INCLUSIVE FITNESS	8/30/2024	180.00
767417	BEYOND YOUR LIMITS INCLUSIVE FITNESS	9/13/2024	180.00
768381	BEYOND YOUR LIMITS INCLUSIVE FITNESS	10/24/2024	180.00
336291	BURGOS BENEDICTO , EVA	9/13/2024	140.32
767553	BURR DR. ROBERT	9/19/2024	279.34
763207	C AND M CUSTOM CARPENTRY INC	4/5/2024	59.98
763208	C AND M CUSTOM CARPENTRY INC	4/5/2024	81.23
762766	CALIXTE, JEAN MARY	3/22/2024	101.70
762768	CAMELOT ENTERPRISES	3/22/2024	73.00
768393	CANTON HOLDINGS LLC	10/24/2024	3,450.00
336390	CRESPI , SUSAN	9/13/2024	140.32
336303	DACKO , SINEAD	9/13/2024	140.32
764325	DAKOTA CARPENTER	5/17/2024	60.00
769597	DANIELS, JAMES MICHAEL	12/12/2024	11.25
765235	DARROW RYAN S	6/14/2024	59.61
769080	DOBRIANSKYI, VASYL	11/21/2024	30.08
336185	DOHERTY , ANNIE	9/13/2024	140.32
767740	DOHERTY, SEAN TERRENCE	9/26/2024	10.64
764893	DOWLING, JOHN ROBERT	5/31/2024	143.63
765240	DRORY RONEN	6/14/2024	2,225.51
336310	ELGAR , CHRISTOPHER	9/13/2024	147.82
760908	ESSOR, ASHLEY JANE	1/12/2024	22.19
762827	ETIENNE-DUPIE, SARNIA LOUISE	3/22/2024	167.48
336974	FEENEY , JOHN	10/31/2024	268.48
765891	GAUGHAN DAVID F & PAMELA S	7/5/2024	20.00
336561	GOMES , MANUEL	9/13/2024	654.96
766262	GUIRADO & CANTOR LAW, P.C.	7/19/2024	187.65
762863	HADZHIEV, MARTIN DIMITROV	3/22/2024	33.30
764376	HANSON, MANDI APRIL	5/17/2024	120.06
767757	HOGAN WILLIAM	9/26/2024	17.36
766269	ICCD PARTNERS	7/19/2024	3,752.00
761115	JACK WOODS	1/19/2024	130.00
764400	JIAO TONG	5/17/2024	533.75
769830	JUSTIN & MARY SANTOS	12/19/2024	20.55
336035	KELLIHER , CHERYL	9/13/2024	140.32
762063	KESSLER, MARK DAVID	2/23/2024	15.04
768804	KEVIN KULAS	11/7/2024	270.00
769139	KEVIN KULAS	11/21/2024	135.00
769636	KEVIN KULAS	12/12/2024	405.00
334759	KOEN , KAYLEIGH	3/8/2024	43.70
336887	KULAS , KEVIN	10/17/2024	1,950.54
762066	LOBODA, ANDRIY	2/23/2024	26.21

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762624	LONDERGAN, SCOTT ALEXANDE	3/15/2024	41.68
762629	MADDEN, DREW DAVID	3/15/2024	51.49
765526	MALONEY, SHANNON R	6/21/2024	40.02
762913	MARQUES DE CASTR, GIOVANNI	3/22/2024	68.18
769840	MARY LOK	12/19/2024	28.55
769841	MASS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION	12/19/2024	50.00
769147	MASS. PARTNERSHIP FOR DIVERSITY IN	11/21/2024	2,000.00
765547	MASSACHUSETSS PARTNERSHIP FOR DIVERSITY	6/21/2024	75.00
762919	MCCARTHY, CHARLES J	3/22/2024	105.13
765320	MCCORMACK, KATHY JANE	6/14/2024	51.83
335973	MCKEEN , TESSA	9/13/2024	140.32
335004	MENDEZ-DEGRAW , TALYA	4/19/2024	57.90
763483	MOONEY VIRGINIA S	4/12/2024	98.70
769983	MTI ENTERPRISES, INC	12/26/2024	150.00
335624	NEE , JOSEPH	8/2/2024	42.52
769867	NICOLE MAGUIRE	12/19/2024	15.75
761358	NOGUEIRA, PATRICIA P	1/26/2024	45.66
336365	OWUNWANNE , IHUOMA	9/13/2024	147.82
336248	PABON , ELIZABETH	9/13/2024	147.82
766472	PATRICK KELLY	7/26/2024	29.98
765984	PEARL KLAYMAN FAMILY TRUST	7/5/2024	16.43
767242	PEREZ-SANCHEZ, ROSERLIS PENELOPE	8/30/2024	325.58
766474	PHIL PENNACCHIO	7/26/2024	30.00
763292	READ, WILLIAM ROCKWELL	4/5/2024	37.07
768498	REGAN, JOSEPH C	10/24/2024	427.50
766650	RIGGINS, EMANUEL LEE	8/2/2024	7.84
767380	ROBERT H WAXMAN	9/6/2024	25.61
336370	RODRIGUEZ , MICHELLE	9/13/2024	140.32
769531	RYAN OTTO	12/5/2024	100.00
336372	SANIEE , OLYA	9/13/2024	140.32
336142	SEGAL , AMY	9/13/2024	140.32
766660	SELF-HELP INC	8/2/2024	172.84
765606	SHAHEEN, SHABNAM	6/21/2024	43.22
769837	SHANNON LAMARR	12/19/2024	22.25
763997	SHAW FARM OF CANTON LLC	5/3/2024	7.57
763002	SHEEHAN, JOHN P	3/22/2024	56.27
336257	SMETANA , ALLISON	9/13/2024	140.32
763010	SPIRO, RRAPI	3/22/2024	56.70
763011	SPIRO, RRAPI	3/22/2024	65.78
767269	STEIN, ALEXIS MADISON	8/30/2024	23.41
768411	SUSAN DUNPHY	10/24/2024	475.00
769725	SUSANA-RAMOS, FRANCISCO ANTONIO	12/12/2024	115.40
766032	TEDDY MACK LLC	7/5/2024	46.38
763021	TEEHAN, DEIRDRE MARY	3/22/2024	49.35
335991	THILL , AMANDA	9/13/2024	147.82
762487	TIMOTHY CONWAY	3/8/2024	48.42
768910	TOUSSAINT, FRANTZ	11/7/2024	20.00
335225	TURCOTT , STEVE	6/14/2024	765.65
335665	TURESKI , CAITLIN	8/2/2024	391.83
764015	VALCOVIC, ANDREW CLARK	5/3/2024	270.41
766993	VOGMAN, TATYANA	8/16/2024	89.53
763050	VYAZOVSKY, ALEKSEY	3/22/2024	76.24
768929	WILLIAM WILSON	11/7/2024	155.00

Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. NO25P3050EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781)830-1200
Estate of: Richard F. Carr II
Date of Death: 08/25/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Beth Williamson-Ruse of Mansfield, MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Beth Williamson-Ruse of Mansfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/17/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 13, 2025

Colleen M. Brierley

Register of Probate

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. NO25P2481EA
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Norfolk Division
Estate of: George A. Herzlinger
Also Known As: George Arthur Herzlinger
Date of Death: August 10, 2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner Regina E. Herzlinger of Westwood, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Regina E. Herzlinger of Westwood, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Canton's Brookwood Farm celebrates 20 years of feeding the community

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through the development of new markets in under-served communities and through relationships with local hunger relief organizations.

While the annual CSA program begins in early June, Smith said the first public event of the season is its annual seedling sale, which is typically held in early to mid-May. "It's a well-loved event where people come to get really well-produced seedlings for their own gardening," she said.

The farm grows produce for its CSA shareholders, to sell at local farmers markets and at Brookwood's own farmstand, and to support local organizations. They sell the produce at the Roslindale Farmers Market every season and supply the Mattapan Farmers Market with produce to sell for about six weeks during the summer.

Brookwood also delivers produce five days a week to other hunger relief organizations, including the Canton Food Pantry, Rosie's Place, St. Matthew's Church Food Pantry in Dorchester, the Milton Community Food Pantry, and the Germantown Neighborhood Center Food Pantry in Quincy.

The Brookwood team consists of salaried employees as well as a number of volunteers, many of whom return each year. Volunteers not only help with farming tasks but also pitch in at the farmstand — setting up tables, unloading produce, and making sure that things run smoothly. They may also package and deliver produce for donation.

In addition to the volunteers, Brookwood hosts people at the farm who wish to learn more about the growing process. "We welcome folks, whether they're students or employees from a corporation, to come and spend some time on the farm," Smith said.

The visitors learn about Brookwood's operations or perhaps something specific to the season during which they are visiting. They then do some work in the field before taking a break or learning more about the farm. "People could help with planting things; sometimes they're harvesting something," said Smith. "Sometimes they're helping to take out row cover (fabrics that protect plants) or ground cloth or stakes, depending on the season."



Brookwood Farm will hold its annual End of Season Sale November 23 in the greenhouse.

The farmers at Brookwood grow a wide variety of crops, including different greens, root vegetables, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, eggplant, radishes, salad turnips, and occasionally melons. They also purchase various types of fresh produce for sale or distribution, typically items that are more difficult to grow. For instance, Smith said they buy corn from small local farms and fruit, mushrooms and eggs for their CSA customers and to sell at the farmstand.

Smith said Brookwood has around 400 CSA members, who have the option of purchasing a variety of share types (veggie, fruit, mushroom, egg) in the spring, summer or fall growing seasons. Full shareholders receive a weekly allotment of seasonal crops while half shareholders receive their assortment of produce every other week. The farm also offers a pick-your-own flower share that runs for the duration of the summer season. "[CSA members] have a lot of choices about how they can participate," Smith said.

Brookwood Farm has grown considerably over the course of its 20 growing seasons, starting in 2006 with one acre of land and then expanding to 2.5 acres. A few years later, Brookwood arranged with the Trustees of Reservations to use some of the land at the Bradley Estate. They now have a heated greenhouse at the Blue Hills site as well as two coolers, an outdoor wash station, and a deer fence. A second deer fence at the Bradley Estate is planned for 2026.

Looking toward the future, Smith said they would love to have better infrastructure at the Brookwood site. "That is something we are going to work on with the DCR," she said. "We would love to farm more land at one or both sites so that some of the land can be rested, because we've been intensively cultivating the land for much of our existence. It can make it difficult over time since you're depleting the soil."

Brookwood's farmers plant cover crops like peas, red wheat, and vetch (a legume) in areas where crops have been planted earlier, which helps to hold the nutrients in the soil in place.

Smith hopes to one day have an indoor climate-controlled space at the Blue Hills site that would house the coolers and wash station for the employees, giving them protection from the elements. She would like the space to provide real bathrooms instead of port-a-potties and to provide a spot for CSA customers to pick up their shares. She would also like to have a high tunnel — a structure that is similar to a greenhouse and allows for growing plants in the ground in the winter.

Smith is proud not just of the physical growth that has taken place at Brookwood Farm, but of the work of the farm staff. "I think that it's important that over time, Brookwood has grown the community, but also, more specifically, grown farmers," she said. "Some people come in with a variety of different experiences, but by working here, they are gaining a lot as far as their knowledge about farming. Folks have gone on to other roles in the farming or food industry after being on our staff."

Smith added that technological advancements have aided modern-day farmers, who can now be found taking photos of their crops and entering crop information onto a laptop, as opposed to a paper notebook or ledger, which often did not hold up well against the elements.

Also key to the growth and success of the farm are its 400-plus members, who pay an annual fee ($55) to gain access to CSA share opportunities and numerous other member benefits while supporting Brookwood's food access goals. Donations are also greatly appreciated, and as it wraps up its 20th growing season the farm has issued a call to action in hopes of raising $20,000 before the new year through its '20 for 20' campaign. For more information about becoming a member, donating, volunteering at the farm and more, go to brookwoodcommunityfarm.org.

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