

1.1: Project Location: *

Buckland

1.2 Applicant Type: *

Municipal Government

Regional Planning Activity:

Franklin County Commission

EOHED Region:

Pioneer Valley

MassDOT Highway Division:

District 1

MVP Community:

MVP

Gateway City:

N/A

Housing Choice Community:

No

Green Community:

Green

Rural or Small Town

Both

1.3 Applicant Organization Name: *

Town of Buckland

1.4: CEO Name: *

Dena Willmore

1.5 CEO Title: *

Select Board Chair

1.6: Applicant Organization Legal Address: *

17 State Street

1.7: City/Town: *

Buckland

1.8: State: MA

1.9: Zip Code: *

01370

1.10: Telephone: *

(413) 625-6330

1.11: Email: *

twadmin@town.buckland.ma.us

1.12: Project Contact Name/Title (if different):

Heather Butler

1.13: Contact Tel.:

(413) 625-6330

1.14: Contact Email:

twadmin@town.buckland.ma.us

1.15: Select the one item below that best describes the type of development that is being supported by the public infrastructure project proposed in this application: *

Mixed-use development (Residential with commercial, retail, and/or other development)

Housing development (Housing only)

Economic Development with job creation and/or retention (No housing)

Small town road improvement project to enhance transportation safety (formerly STRAP)

1.16: Name of Proposed Project: *

Charlemont Road Reconstruction & Culvert Repair

1.17: Amount Requested: * \$1000000.00

1.18: Total Budget: * \$1000000.00

1.19: Project Abstract: Brief description (No more than 100 words) of the proposed public infrastructure project and associated private development. *

Funding will correct the broken and dangerous pavement on Charlemont Road from Upper Street to Avery Road as well as necessary repairs to the partially failed culvert over Taylor Brook at Avery Road. Charlemont Road connects Route 112 and Route 2 and is a primary means of access for residents in Buckland, Ashfield, Hawley and Charlemont. It provides regional access to Mohawk Trail Schools, Berkshire East Mountain Resort, Zoar and many other businesses and tourist attractions in the area.

1.20 ATTACHMENT: *In Section VIII, attach a letter of support for this project from the municipal CEO.*

2.1: Project Address/Parcel ID(s): *

Charlemont Road, Buckland

2.2: Describe the project site, including any unique challenges that may exist at this location: *

The project is 28' x 2,200' of road surface, drainage and guardrail from Upper St. to Avery Rd, to include culvert.

Charlemont Rd is a 3.3 mile road (Buckland's portion) that extends from Buckland Center to Route 2, through the Town of Charlemont. The road is in very poor condition and does not conform to Complete Streets or ADA requirements. Charlemont Rd is heavily used and serves as a cut through from Route 2 to Route 112. It is also a primary route to Buckland center and accesses all public services, including the post office and library.

The existing culvert is composed of multiple sections and was built and added on to over time. The collapsed portion is a repurposed seamed boiler vessel. The roadway is now one-way because the embankment once held up by the culvert is no longer stable enough to carry vehicle weight. School transportation no longer uses this road because of its condition. Public safety seldom uses the road unless responding to an incident on Charlemont Rd.

2.3: Is the entire project site publicly owned? *

Yes

No

2.4: If yes, describe the type of public ownership (select all that apply).

Public land

Easement

Leasehold

Other: Identify:

Right of Way

2.5: If No, explain how the site will be publicly acquired/owned by the project start date. *

2.6: What is the primary (largest) component of the proposed public infrastructure project? (Select One)

*



Roadway / Streetscape Improvements



Public Utility Project (Gas, Electric, etc.)



Bridge / Culvert Repair or Replacement



Other: Identify:



Water / Sewer Infrastructure

2.7: Project Description – Describe the public infrastructure project for which you are requesting grant assistance. Include details about the planned construction work and how this project will advance the host community’s housing, economic development and/or community revitalization goals, or if STRAP, how it will enhance transportation safety. *

The project area will extend from Upper Street (FY18 MassWorks) up Charlemont Rd towards Route 2. It has been a designated detour during periods of construction on Route 2 and on Route 112. Non-local traffic, including large tractor trailer trucks, have become adept at using the road as a cut through when traffic is heavy on Route 2, especially during leaf peeping season. See Traffic Count data attached. In 2003-2004 a 1.5 mile section of the road was reclaimed and resurfaced with oil and stone using Chapter 90 money. Unfortunately the oil and stone did not last a full year because heavy truck traffic was detoured down Charlemont Rd while Route 2 was under construction. In response MassDOT completed a 1.8 mile section with a 2" overlay. It is this overlay that is now compromised and deteriorating at a rate faster than our highway department can keep up and at a cost that exceeds the town's budget for road repairs. Routine maintenance can no longer hold the pavement together, especially at the base of the road where it meets Upper St.

An early August storm partially collapsed a culvert at Avery Rd, closing one lane of traffic, makes this project even more immediate.

In 2019 the Buckland Police Department responded to an average of 10-12 calls for service per month on Charlemont Rd. Many of those calls were from accidents where motorists misjudged their speed versus the condition of the road. The Buckland Fire Department responded to 32 calls for service to Charlemont Rd in 2019. It was noted by both Chiefs that if Charlemont Rd is closed and they are required to detour they will add between 30-40 minutes to their response time depending on the

apparatus. The NFPA requires response in 20 minutes or less.

The culvert at Avery Rd was in disrepair but is now partially collapsed due to a recent storm event. Travel is restricted to one lane. It is truly only a matter of time before the culvert completely fails and we are forced to close the street at Avery Road. We will seek MVP funding for replacement.

Charlemont Rd is the access for students and faculty travelling from Hawley, Ashfield and Charlemont to the Mohawk Trail Regional High School on Route 112. Although contracted school transportation services no longer use the road because of its poor condition there are six students that live on Charlemont Rd.

The Berkshire East Mountain Resort is located on South River Road in Charlemont is a draw to tourists all year long with its winter skiing and tubing and mountain biking and tree canopy tours in the summer. Other recreation based businesses Zoar, Crabtree Rafting, are located off Route 2 and Routes 112 rely on this alternate access. Recreation is one of the area's primary economic drivers. In addition, the Buckland Recreation Area is located on Route 112 and hosts a summer day camp which attracts almost 100 campers from the area. Most of these families would use Charlemont Road to access the Recreation Area. The Tour of the Hilltown Bike Race uses Charlemont Road as part of its course, capitalizing the scenery and the uphill features for its cyclists.

There is strong residential interest in this project as evidenced by the letters of support. The Town's Highway Department receives regular complaints from residents who do not understand why the Town does not "fix" their road. We continue to patch potholes and repair what we can but recognize true repair is beyond four person staff and local financial resources. Importantly, our repairs do not address the public safety concerns.

Charlemont Rd is an important road to many in our area and needs to be reconstructed. Buckland is working with Weston & Sampson, using Chapter 90 funds, to continue engineering studies of the project area. The Town seeks funds for the reconstruction of the road and engineering and repairs to the culvert. It will seek MVP funding for full replacement of the culvert.

2.8: ATTACHMENT: *In Section VIII, attach a site plan, conceptual drawing, and/or construction concept design that clearly demonstrates the location and proposed work.*

2.9: Provide the planned schedule/timeline for the public infrastructure project for which the community is seeking MassWorks funding. *

Milestone

Start Date

End Date

Design / Engineering / Permitting *

12/1/2020

2/1/2021

Bidding Open / Close *

3/1/2021

4/5/2021

Construction Start *

5/3/2021

50% Construction *

6/1/2021

Construction Complete *

6/30/2021

2.10: Which of the following permits, licenses, and/or approvals are required for this project? (Check all that apply). For selected items, indicate if secured and the actual/anticipated dates of filing and issuance.

Required Permits/Licenses/Approvals

Secured?

Filing Date (Actual or Anticipated)

Issue/Decision Date (Actual or Anticipated)

Article 97 Land Disposition

MEPA

Chapter 91 License

401 Water Quality Certification

Superseding Order of Conditions

Water Management Act Permit

MassDOT Access Permit

Mass Historic Commission Review

Planning Board

Conservation Commission

Zoning Board

Sewer Extension Permit

Utility Relocation

Other:

2.11: What percentage of the project design is complete? * 20 %

2.12: Will the project require coordination with a utility company? *

Yes

No

2.13: If Yes, identify the utility company(ies) involved:

Eversource, Comcast

2.14: Will the project include work on a state roadway and/or at an intersection with a state roadway? *

Yes

No

2.15: If yes, identify the state roadway(s) that are involved:

2.16: Is this specific site included in a regional Land Use Priority Plan, Designated Priority Area, or similar plan that identifies regional priority development and/or preservation sites? *

Yes

No

2.17: If yes, identify the Area and Plan:

2.18: If No, explain why the site is a local priority and to what extent it is consistent with a regional priority. *

Charlemont Road is a primary travel way between the Towns of Buckland, Hawley, Charlemont and Ashfield. It connects Route 2 to Route 112 it is used daily to access Buckland Center, the Mohawk Trail Regional High School, and businesses located on Routes 112 and 2. Everyone that lives or works in this area is impacted by the condition of the road and would benefit from it's reconstruction. Furthermore the area's primary economic base is tourism and ensuring that visitors can safety access the area's businesses is critical to our region's success. Mohawk Trail High School employs 110 people, Bershire East employs 450 people, and Zoar employs, 150 people creating a total of 710 jobs in our region that are impacted by this road.

2.19: Has the municipality applied to, or received a grant from, the Complete Streets Program for any portion of this project? *

Yes

No

3.1: Provide a breakdown of the project budget, by spending category, using the table below. This table should reflect the total cost of the public infrastructure project ONLY. DO NOT include expenses associated with a private development and/or for adjacent but separate infrastructure work carried out by the municipality or other entities. Enter the amount(s) requested from MassWorks for each category and the amount(s) covered by matching funds, if any. Please note that no more than 10% of the MassWorks request may be for pre-construction costs such as surveying, design/engineering, permitting, etc., except in the case of STRAP applications, which may include the full costs of all items.

Spending Category	MassWorks Funds Requested	Match / Other Funds	Total Project Budget	Source of Match / Other Funds
Design / Engineering / Permitting	\$80000.00	\$0.00	\$80000.00	Appropriation
Bidding	\$1500.00	\$0.00	\$1500.00	
Construction *itemization required (see below)	\$916000.00	\$0.00	\$916000.00	
Construction Admin.	\$2500.00	\$0.00	\$2500.00	
Total	\$1000000.00	\$0.00	\$1000000.00	

3.2: ATTACHMENT: * In Section VIII, attach an engineer’s cost estimate that details the construction total. Applicant may submit a worksheet from the MassDOT Construction Project Estimator, or similar document

3.3: Is the construction work planned as a non-participating scope item on a MassDOT TIP project? *

Yes No

3.4: If yes, identify the TIP Project Number, if available, and indicate whether the MassWorks project will be entirely or partially included in the non-participating scope of work.

3.5: If applicable, describe the source(s) of the Match/Other Funds (appropriation, loan authorization, donation, etc.), whether they are subject to a vote of approval by Town Meeting or Council, and by what date (actual or anticipated) the applicant expects to secure the funds.

The Town has \$220,000 in capital highway reserves which is available without further Town Meeting vote. The Town will seek MVP grant funding with the intentions of offsetting the need for further reliance on Chapter 90 funds.

4.1: Has the municipality implemented best practice(s) in housing and/or economic development as part of the Commonwealth's Community Compact Program? *

Yes No

4.2: Does the municipality have a current Master Plan in place? *

Yes No

4.3: Is the project located in a federally designated Opportunity Zone? *

Yes No

4.4: If Yes, is this project expected to benefit from an Opportunity Fund investment? Note: Applicants answering yes, will be required to provide the name of the Fund and/or the managing entity, during the review. *

Yes No

4.5: Indicate which of the following additional economic development tools/strategies have been adopted (and are currently in effect) within the municipality generally and at the project site specifically. (For each checked item, one or both of the items on the right must be checked.)

	Development Tool / Strategy	Within Municipality	Within Project Site
<input type="checkbox"/>	40R Smart Growth or Starter Home District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	43D Expedited Permitting District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Improvement District, Main Streets, or similar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	By-Right Zoning, Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	By-Right Zoning, Multi-family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compact Neighborhood Designation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Choice Neighborhood / Economic Development District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Development Incentive Program Zone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Production Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed-use / cluster zoning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax Increment Financing District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Center Housing Tax Increment Financing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Renewal Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.6: Does the municipality have an active housing moratorium or any type of restriction of new housing? *

Yes No

4.7: Is any part of the project in the current 1% annual chance (100-year) floodplain, the current 0.2% annual chance (500-year) floodplain, and/or within 0.1 miles of a water body? *

Yes No

4.8: Does the project site have a history of flooding? *

Yes No

4.9: Will the project result in a net increase in impervious area at the site? *

Yes No

4.10: If yes to any of the above, describe how the project design will mitigate flood risks and/or heat-island impacts based on available climate change science and data.

4.11: Will the project provide other positive environmental benefits to the community, such as ecological restoration, improved air/water quality, pretreatment of stormwater discharge, etc.? *

Yes No

4.12: If Yes, describe the benefits provided by this project.

This project includes drainage and culvert repair.

4.13: Does this project support imminent private development that is located within a half mile of a transit station (defined as a subway or rail station, or a bus stop serving as the convergence of two or more fixed bus routes that serve commuters)? *

Yes No

4.14: If Yes, identify the transit type(s) and the names of the transit station(s) or stop(s).

4.15: Does project support imminent private development that is renovating/restoring a previously developed site? *

Yes No

4.16: If Yes, identify the site address and describe the prior use(s).

4.17: Does this project support imminent private development that is creating new housing with a density of at least four units/acre? *

Yes No

4.18: If Yes, describe the level of housing density that will be leveraged by each private development supported by this project.

4.19: Does the project support imminent private development containing a mix of residential and commercial uses, with a residential density of at least four units to the acre? *

Yes No

4.20: If Yes, describe the types of commercial uses, as well as the level of housing density, that will be leveraged by each mixed-use private development supported by this project.

4.21: Does this project directly or indirectly benefit and/or support economic development in the region? *

Yes No

4.22: Are two or more communities carrying out this project jointly to implement an initiative that has been developed through a regional planning effort? If YES, attachment required. *

Yes No

4.23: ATTACHMENT: *In Section VIII, attach a letter from each involved community outlining their participation and support for the project.*

5.1: Does the public infrastructure project support immediate new development in and around the project area? If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, skip to Section VI. * (NOTE: Applicants for small town (STRAP) road projects should answer No and continue to next section.)

Yes

No

5.2: Will the public infrastructure project directly serve or connect to a private development project?

Yes

No

5.3: Will the public infrastructure project be on parcels of land that are either, a) part of the private development project site, or b) adjacent to the private development project site?

Yes

No

5.4: Will the public infrastructure project involve the construction of improvements that are required as a condition in a permit or approval for a private development project?

Yes

No

If you answered Yes to any of the above, continue to answer the remaining questions in this section regarding the private development project. If you answered No to all, skip to Section VI.

5.5: Provide a detailed description of the private development project(s) that includes the scope of the development, progress on permitting, expected public benefits, and project phasing, if any.

5.6: Is this private development project allowed by-right in the municipality's current zoning?

Yes

No

5.7: Is a zoning amendment required for this private development project to move forward?

Yes

No

5.8: Is the private development project at least at 25% design?

Yes

No

5.9: Does the private development project have all required permits and approvals to commence construction?

Yes

No

5.10: If No, identify what permits and/or approvals are outstanding and the anticipated timeframe within which they plan to secure them.

5.11: Please provide the anticipated schedule/timeline for the private infrastructure project.

Milestone

Start Date

End Date

Design / Engineering / Permit

Construction Start

50% Construction

Construction Complete

5.12: Is the financing for the private development project fully secured?

Yes

No

5.13: If No, please indicate the status of the financing, if there are any significant contingencies, and by when the private developer expects to secure the resources needed to proceed.

5.14: Indicate all of the applicable benefits of the private development project:

Number of benefitted private development projects associated with this application:

Lot area (acres) of all housing and/or mixed-used private development projects:

Lot area (acres) of all commercial-only private development projects:

Total lot area (acres) of all private development projects:

0

Total estimated construction value (\$) of all private development projects:

Square footage of all office and/or retail space to be created, including restaurants:

Square footage of industrial space to be created, including warehouses:

Total square footage of all commercial space to be created:

0

Number of NEW market-rate units to be created for rent/lease:

Number of NEW market-rate units to be created for homeownership:

Number of NEW affordable units to be created for rent/lease:

Number of NEW affordable units to be created for homeownership:

Total number of all NEW housing units to be created:

0

Total density (units/acre) of all NEW housing units:

If any affordable, specify the lowest income limit to be used (65% AMI, 80% AMI, etc.):

%

Number of NEW permanent full-time jobs to be created:

Number of NEW permanent part-time jobs to be created:

Total number of all NEW permanent jobs to be created:

0

Total number of construction jobs to be supported by the private development project(s):

Total number of existing full-time jobs to be retained: *

*Count only existing jobs that are at risk for loss if the public infrastructure project is not completed.

5.15: Provide the following information for the entity responsible for the private development project:

Proponent Entity/Company:

Contact Name/Title:

Phone:

Email:

5.16: Has the municipality provided the private development project with local benefits or incentives?

Yes

No

5.17: If Yes, explain the type of benefit or incentive:

5.18 Can the private development project proceed independently without this public infrastructure work?

Yes

No

5.19: **ATTACHMENT: *In Section VIII, attach a letter from the private development proponent confirming and explaining this answer.***

6.1: Does the public infrastructure project meet or exceed any of the thresholds for MEPA review set forth in 301 CMR 11.03? If Yes, check all relevant thresholds and indicate if ENF and/or EIR are required. * (For each checked item, one or both choices on the right must be selected)

Yes No

	Threshold	ENF Required	EIR Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rare, threatened, or endangered species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wetlands, waterways, and tidelands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wastewater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Air	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Solid and hazardous waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical and archeological resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Areas of environmental concern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.2: Does the private development project identified herein, meet or exceed the MEPA thresholds as set forth in 301 CMR 11.03? If Yes, check all relevant thresholds and indicate if ENF and/or EIR are required. * (For each checked item, one or both choices on the right must be selected)

Yes No

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Historical and archeological resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Areas of environmental concern	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.3: List any filings that have been made or will be made with the MEPA Office in connection with the public infrastructure project and/or the private development project described above, and whether the review is expected to be a full scope or a limited scope.

6.4: Does the private developer, or any of its contractors/subcontractors, plan to construct any portion of the public infrastructure project? *

Yes No

7.1: Does the applicant require a formal vote of an elected/appointed executive body to authorize the submission of this application? *

Yes No

7.2: ATTACHMENT: In Section VIII, attach a certified copy of the vote taken by the executive body.

7.3: If No, are you authorized to submit this application on behalf of the applicant entity, by virtue of your executive officer position (CEO, CFO, etc.), or as a designee of an executive officer? *

Yes No

I,
Heather Butler (Submitter Name), hereby certify that I am duly authorized to submit this application on behalf of
Town of Buckland (Applicant Organization Name), and further certify, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that the responses to the questions provided in this application, and the attached documentation, are true, accurate, and complete. I understand that EOHED will rely on the information provided in this application in deciding whether to award a grant, and that the Commonwealth reserves the right to take action against the applicant, or any other beneficiary of a grant, if any of the information provided is false, inaccurate, or misleading. I hereby also affirm that, if awarded, the applicant has the capacity to carry out the MassWorks-funded project in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Heather Butler	Town Administrator	8/28/2020
Name	Title	Date

NOTE: Do not attach additional and/or supplemental narrative responses. All questions must be answered in their respective sections within the space provided within the application.

REQUIRED

Attachment Type	Referenced Question #	Description	Upload Here
Municipal CEO Letter	1.20	Letter from the municipal CEO outlining support for the specific project in this application.	Attachment 1.20 Municipal CEO.pdf
Project Site Plan	2.8	Site plan, conceptual drawing, and/or construction concept design that clearly delineates the project location and the proposed public infrastructure work.	Attachment 2.8 Concept Design Plans Charlemont Road.pdf
Budget Detail	3.2	Engineer's cost estimate or other itemization of the construction expenses for the project	Attachment 3.2 Budget Details Charlemont Road.pdf
Letter from Regional Partner(s)	4.23	If applicable, letter(s) from any community participating in a joint regional project	
Letter from Developer(s)	5.19	Letter from private development proponent explaining the response to the question about the specific dependence or independence from the public infrastructure project.	
Certified Municipal Vote	7.2	If applicable, certified copy of the vote taken by the municipality's executive body	Attachment 7.2 Certified Copy of Municipal Vote.pdf

OPTIONAL/ADDITIONAL

Attachment Type	Description	Upload Here

Other Site Images	Site photographs, illustrations, and/or maps	Attachment Other Site Images.pdf
Other Support Letters	Other and miscellaneous support letters	Attachment Other Support Letters.pdf



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August 19, 2020

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Secretary Kennealy,

As Chair of the Select Board for the Town of Buckland, I would like to add my support of Buckland's application for the MassWorks Infrastructure Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road from Upper Street to Avery Road.

These necessary improvements are significant to our area because this road is a critical access route, and highly traveled connection from Buckland to Charlemont. It is used regularly by locals and many visitors to our area who are driving to the Berkshire East Mountain Resort and other recreational areas in the neighboring town of Charlemont. Additionally, it is used by rescue vehicles, school buses and plow trucks. These vehicles are experiencing greater wear and tear traveling over the numerous potholes and crumbling pavement. Emergency response times are slowed due to the treacherous condition of this section of Charlemont Road.

We have very limited Chapter 90 resources to support road infrastructure maintenance projects on this scale. It is our hope that the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development will support the Town of Buckland as we apply for this grant. This project will make a significant difference to our community.

Sincerely,

Dena Willmore

Dena G. Willmore, Chair
Buckland Select Board

TOWN OF BUCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

SELECT BOARD

ZACHARY TURNER, CHAIR

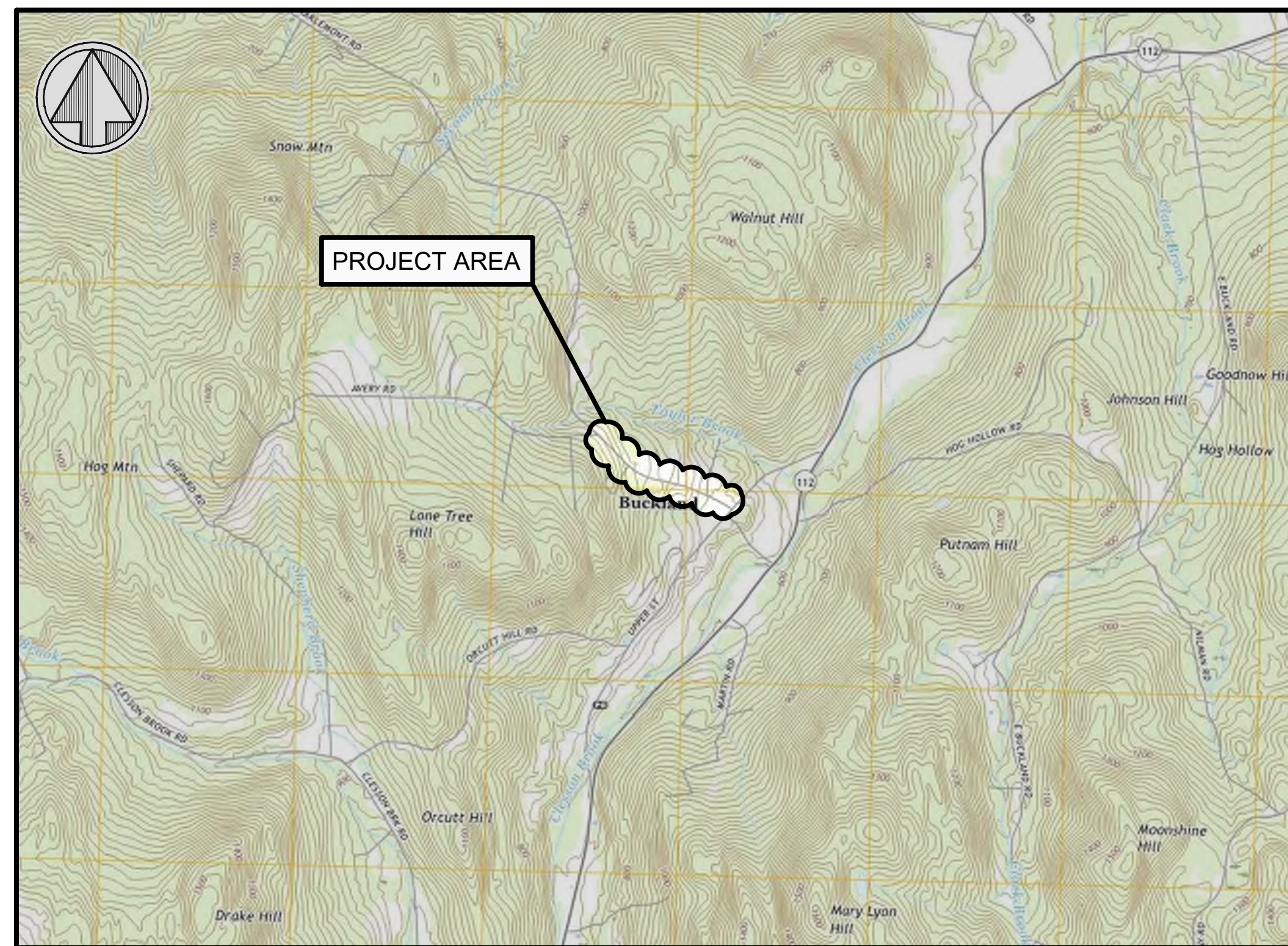
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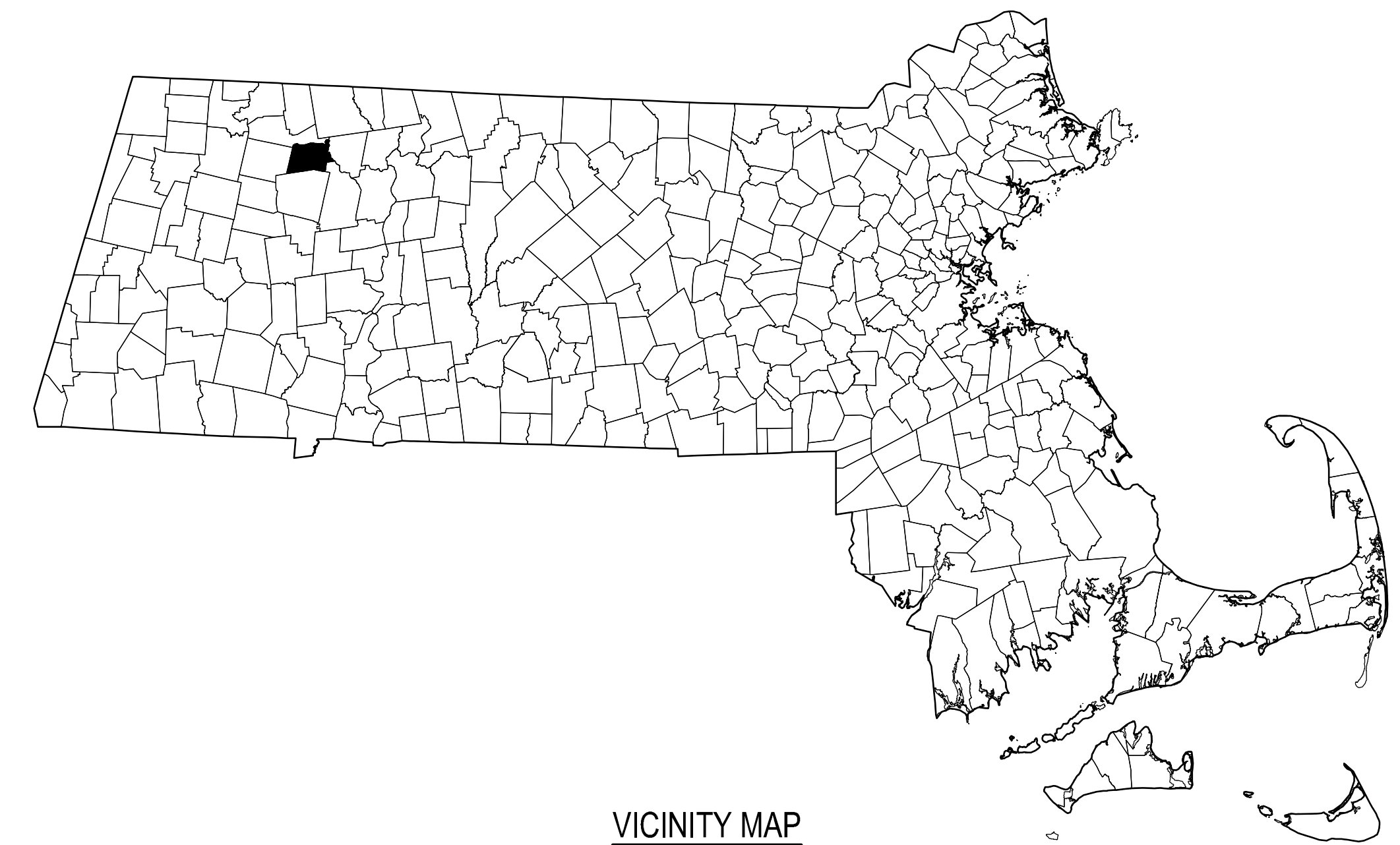
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN CHARLEMONT ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



AUGUST 2020



LOCATION MAP
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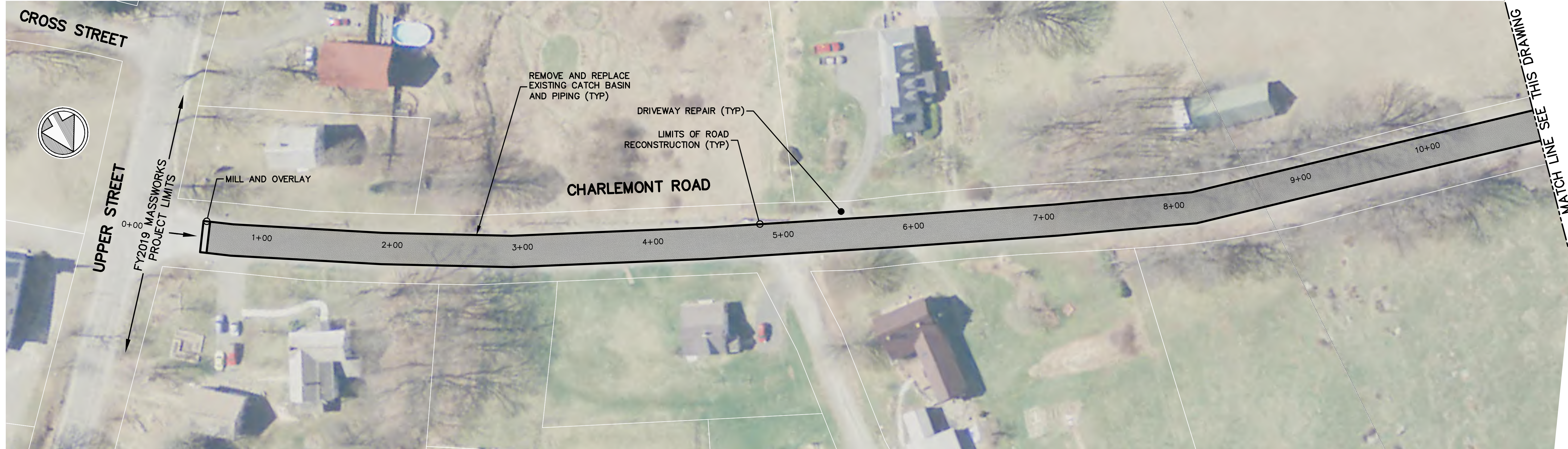


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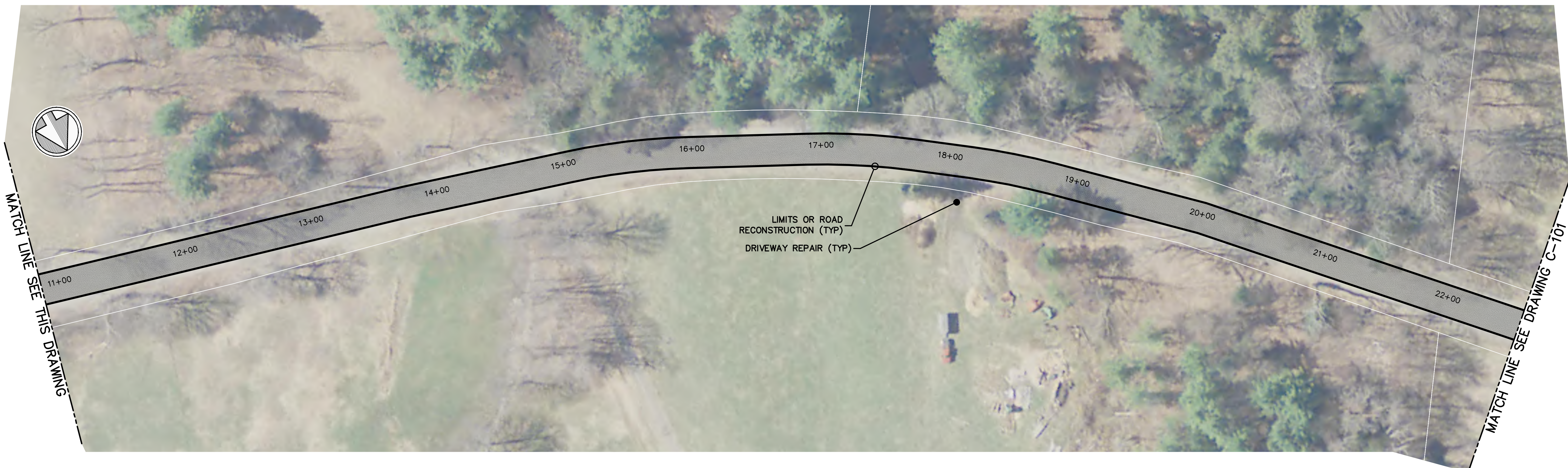
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273 Dividend Road, Rocky Hill, Connecticut

**2020 MASSWORKS
APPLICATION**



PLAN
SCALE: 1"=40'
0 40' 80' 120'



PLAN
SCALE: 1"=40'
0 40' 80' 120'

2020 MASSWORKS APPLICATION

Project:
TOWN OF BUCKLAND,
MASSACHUSETTS
SELECT BOARD
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
CHARLEMONT ROAD ROADWAY
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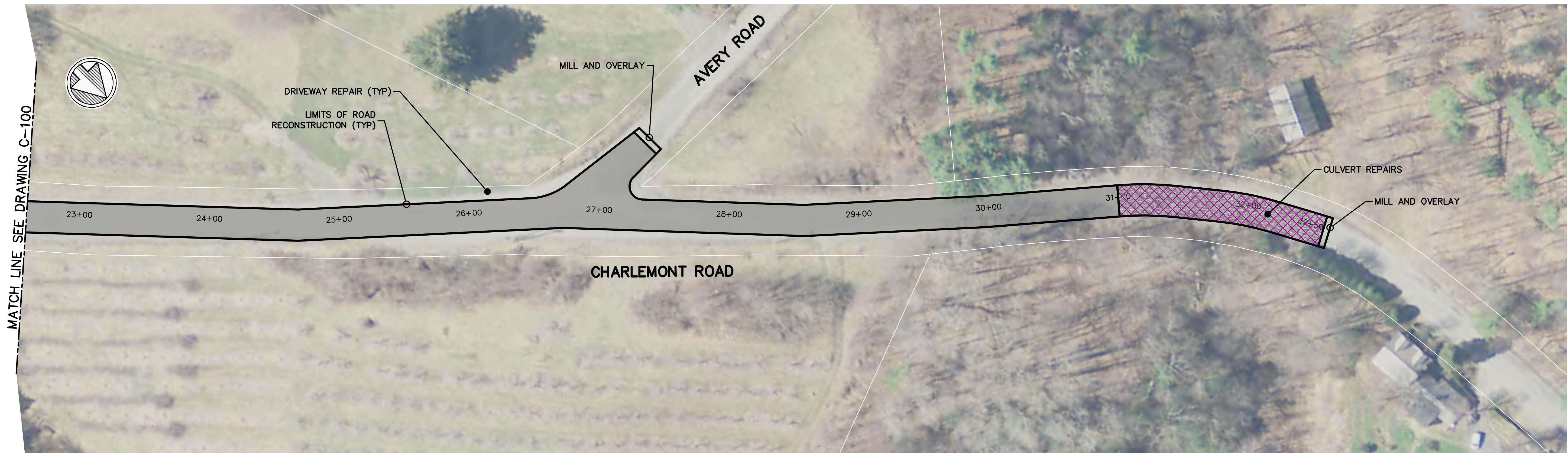
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CONCEPTUAL DESIGN
CHARLEMONT ROAD ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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**2020 MASSWORKS
APPLICATION**

PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS
Charlemont Road Roadway Improvement Project
Buckland, Massachusetts

Item No.	Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity	Unit Cost	
DRAINAGE PIPE COMPLETE IN PLACE					
1a	15-inch HDPE drain pipe	LF	250	\$ 100.00	\$ 25,000.00
CATCH BASINS AND APPURTENANCES					
2a	Precast concrete catch basin	EA	5	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 37,500.00
SURFACE RESTORATION					
3a	Loaming and seeding	LS	1	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT					
4a	Temporary trench pavement	LF	250	\$ 20.00	\$ 5,000.00
4b	Milling	SY	100	\$ 30.00	\$ 3,000.00
4c	Road reconstruction	SY	8,800	\$ 32.00	\$ 281,600.00
4d	2-1/2-inch binder course curb-to-curb pavement	TON	1,260	\$ 110.00	\$ 138,600.00
4e	1-1/2-inch top course curb-to-curb pavement	TON	770	\$ 110.00	\$ 84,700.00
4f	Bituminous driveway aprons	SY	60	\$ 45.00	\$ 2,700.00
4g	Additional pavement	TON	80	\$ 150.00	\$ 12,000.00
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION					
5a	Environmental protection	LS	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
GUARD RAIL					
6a	Guard rail	LF	50	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,000.00
CULVERT REPAIRS					
7a	Culvert repairs	LS	1	\$250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
UNIFORMED OFFICERS					
8a	Uniformed police officers for traffic control	HR	40	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,000.00
MOBILIZATION					
9a	Mobilization (not to exceed 5%)	LS	1	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 30,900.00
				Construction Cost	\$ 916,000.00

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND
MASSACHUSETTS**



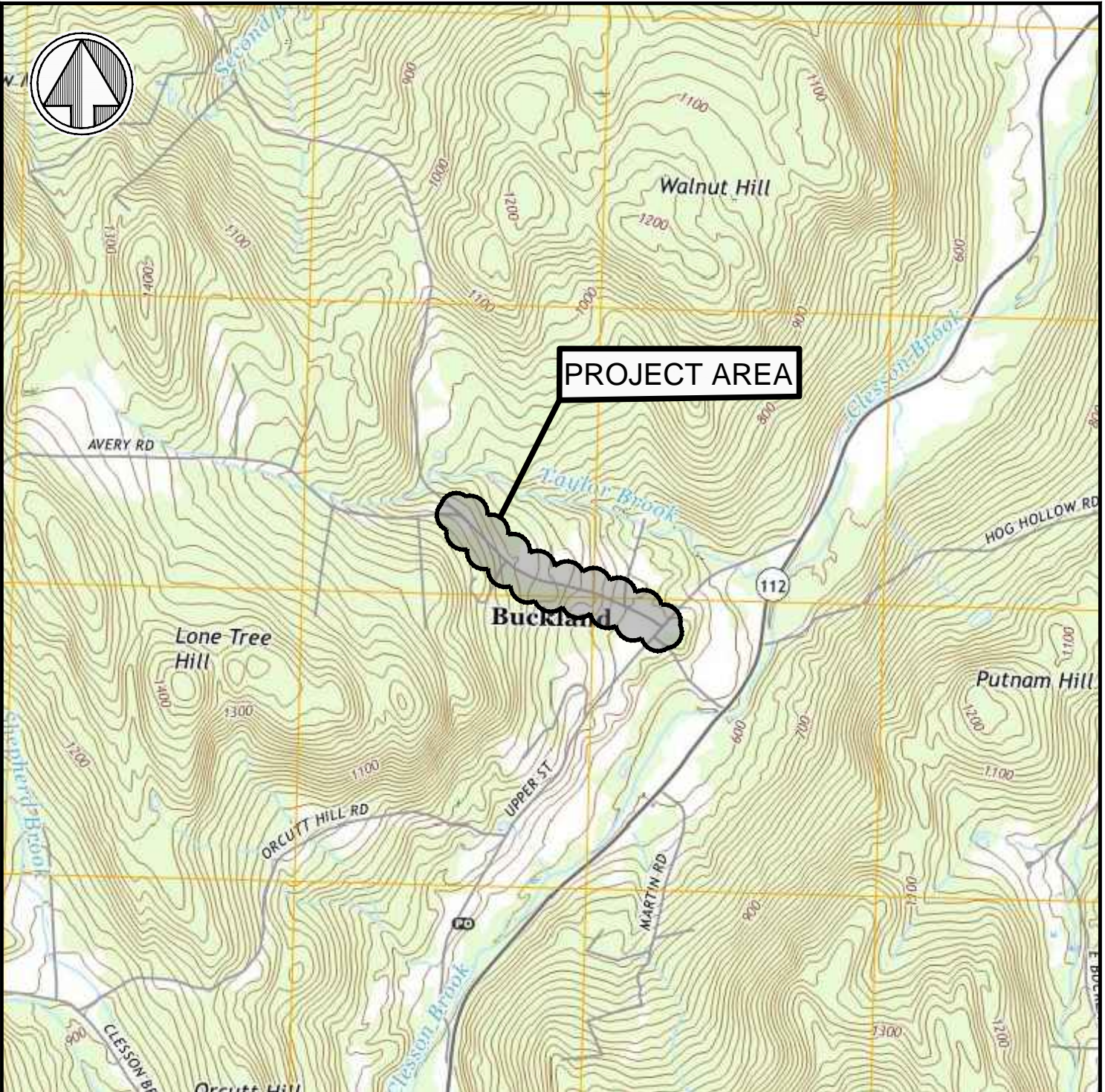
August 26, 2020

On August 25, 2020 the Town of Buckland Select Board voted to approve the submission of a 2020 MassWorks / STRAP grant application for the purpose of reconstructing Charlemont Road from Upper Street to Avery Road and to further make necessary repairs to the culvert over Taylor Brook at Avery Road until a permanent replacement can be made.

A True Copy Attest:

Heather Butler

Heather Butler
Town Administrator
Town of Buckland



LOCATION MAP (USGS ASHFIELD, MA QUADRANGLE)
CHARLEMONT ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
BUCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

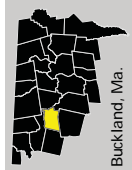
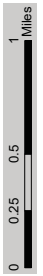
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- Principal Arterial
- Rural Major Collector
- Local
- Stream, River
- Lake, Pond



Town of Buckland

Functional Classification

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MassDOT Traffic Counts

Town	Road	Location	AADT	Count Date
Buckland	Route 112 (Ashfield Road)	South of Route 2	3900*	3/10/2020*
Buckland	Route 112 (Ashfield Road)	at Ashfield Town Line	2200	2019
Buckland	Charlemont Road	west of Avery Road	275	2018
Charlemont	Route 2	btwn W Oxbow Rd & E Oxbow Rd	4775	2018
Charlemont	South River Road	west of Buckland Town Line	155	2016
Shelburne	Route 2	west of Cooper Ln Ave	9850	2017

Relevant 2019 Mass DOT AADT traffic count numbers:

Charlemont Road at Avery -- 275

Charlemont at Upper -- 372

Route 112 at Clesson Brook Road -- 2,188

South River Road near Route 2 in Charlemont -- 1,593

Route 2 in Charlemont -- 2,443

Route 2 at East Oxbow in East Charlemont -- 5,061

Route 2 near Copper Lane Ave -- 10,562













THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

August 27, 2020

Mr. Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Buckland 2020 MassWorks Application

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are pleased to register our support for the application submitted by the Town of Buckland for MassWorks Infrastructure grant assistance for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road from Upper Street to Avery Road.

Charlemont Road is a critical access route for residents of both Buckland and Hawley to reach Route 112 and Route 2. This particular stretch of road, between Upper Street and Avery Road, is in extreme disrepair, making it very unsafe to travel in the winter months.

Like many other rural communities, Buckland has limited Chapter 90 resources to support road infrastructure maintenance projects of this scale. Charlemont Road, being a critical artery for many residents of this region, including school buses and public safety vehicles, certainly requires immediate attention.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you give this application all due consideration. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact either of our offices should you require further information.

Sincerely,

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ADAM G. HINDS, *State Senator*
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Natalie Blais".

NATALIE BLAIS, *State Representative*
First Franklin District

AGH/ck

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND
MASSACHUSETTS**



August 19, 2020

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Secretary Kennealy,

As the Highway Superintendent in the Town of Buckland I am writing to urge you to support the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road.

The improvement of Charlemont Road is significant because Charlemont Road is a direct connection from Route 2 in Charlemont and Buckland center, which then connects to Route 112. The road also services Berkshire East Mountain Resort which is both a recreation and economic draw year-round.

From a Public Works perspective, the repairs are needed to improve access in the area for fire trucks, ambulances, school buses, and plowing in the winter. This road's base is in poor condition and has been patched time and again over the years to keep it passable. In 2003 the Town used Chapter 90 money to reconstruct a 1.5 mile portion of the road and several years later MassDOT paid for a 2 inch overlay for the additional 1.8 miles of the road. The portion of road that we are seeking funding for now was part of that overlay, however, that area has now been compromised and is failing rapidly. All indications are that this road will continue to worsen unless we are able to reconstruct it correctly. Further, the deterioration is happening at a rate that our department can't keep up with the repairs. Temporary repairs are also more expensive than we can afford within our department's road repair budget, as patching isn't eligible under the Chapter 90 program.

The Town of Buckland appreciates the MassWorks program as it allows the Town to move forward with larger infrastructure projects that it would not be able to achieve using local revenue or Chapter 90 funds.

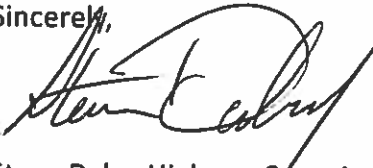
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August 19, 2020

This project on Charlemont Road will complement the recent improvements to Upper Street, creating a safer travel route for all those who travel through Buckland Center on their way to or from Routes 2 and 112.

I hope EOHCD will support Buckland in this as this project will make a significant difference to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Daby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Steve Daby, Highway Superintendent

TOWN OF BUCKLAND
MASSACHUSETTS



Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

August 20, 2020

Dear Secretary Kennealy,

As the Chief of Police in the Town of Buckland I am writing to urge you to support the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road.

The improvement of Charlemont Road is extremely significant as it is a highly traveled connection to Charlemont and Route 2 for residents of our surrounding towns as well as all residents of Buckland. This road is a major connector from Buckland center to Route 2 and Route 112.

From a Public Safety perspective, the repairs are needed to improve access to the facilities and homes by fire trucks, ambulances, school buses, and plows during the winter months. Currently the deteriorating condition of this road is making it very difficult for our public safety personnel to navigate. This project would improve safety for the residents of Charlemont Road and all those who travel on it.

Of additional significance, Berkshire East Mountain Resort and other recreational areas are located on Charlemont Road or along Route 2 in neighboring Charlemont. Charlemont Road is our primary access to these locations. We respond to emergency calls at these locations in all seasons and the current condition of the road slows our response time significantly.

It is my hope that the EOHCD will support Buckland's MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant as this project will make a significant difference to our community.

Sincerely,

James Hicks
Buckland Chief of Police

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Buckland Fire District
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Email: bucklandfire@gmail.com

August 19, 2020

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Secretary Kennealy,

As Fire Chief of the Buckland Fire District, and Emergency Management Director for the Town of Buckland, I would like to add my support of Buckland's application for the MassWorks Infrastructure Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road from Upper Street to Avery Road.

This improvement is significant to our area because this road is a critical connection from Buckland to Charlemont. It is used regularly by locals and many visitors to our area who are driving to the Berkshire East Mountain Resort and other recreational areas in the neighboring town of Charlemont. This grant would facilitate repairs that would significantly improve the emergency response time for these businesses and residents alike. The Hilltowns utilize mutual aid at a significant level. Charlemont Road is the quickest route from the Upper Buckland fire station to access the towns of Charlemont, Rowe and Heath. Improving the condition of this road will not only decrease our response time for responding to an emergency, but it will also mitigate the wear and tear to our rescue vehicles.

We sincerely hope that the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development will support the Town of Buckland as we apply for this grant. This project will make a significant difference to our community.

Sincerely,

Herbert R. Guyette
Fire Chief
Emergency Management Director

The Mohawk Trail School System
Mohawk Trail Regional School District | Hawlemont Regional School District

Sheryl L. Stanton, Superintendent of Schools
Melissa A. Dunnet, Business Administrator
Leann Z. Loomis, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

24 Ashfield Road
Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts 01370
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August 27, 2020

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Mr. Kennealy,

I am writing to urge your support of the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of portions of Charlemont Road in Buckland.

Charlemont Road is regularly used by students and families traveling to/from pick-up points for our regular bus routes through Buckland Center. In addition, our cross-country and downhill ski teams use the road as they travel for practices and competitions at the Berkshire East ski area, and members of our staff that work at both the Hawlemont Elementary School and Sanderson Academy in Ashfield take the route as well.

While much of the road is in disrepair, several portions are particularly problematic. Most recently a lane of the road has been cordoned off because of a collapsing culvert near the corner of Charlemont Road and Avery Road. The road is also plagued by numerous potholes and washed out areas. It is not unusual for vehicles on these portions of the road to travel in the opposite travel lanes to avoid these obstacles, creating very unsafe conditions for District students and staff. Much of road is steeply graded, creating especially hazardous conditions in the winter months.

Thank you for consideration of this request. Please contact me at (413) 625-0192 x1010 or (ssanton@mtrsd.org) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Sheryl L. Stanton, Superintendent of Schools
Mohawk Trail Regional School and Hawlemont Regional School Districts



BERKSHIRE EAST MOUNTAIN RESORT

66 Thunder Mountain Road
PO Box 727
Charlemont, MA 01339
413-339-6617

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

August, 13, 2020

Dear Mr. Kennealy,

On behalf of Berkshire East Mountain Resort, Zoar Outdoor Adventure Resort, Berkshire Whitewater and Warfield Farm Inn, I am writing to urge you to support the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road.

Many of our customers travel on Charlemont Road when coming to recreate at our Charlemont businesses year round. The condition of the road does not provide the best guest experience and, because it is often used by pedestrians and cyclists, it can be unsafe as drivers swerve around potholes and travel over a narrow section that is one lane due to a culvert in desperate need of attention.

The worst section of the road is the portion for which this grant application addresses, and we would be very appreciative if the money was made available to fix the road correctly.

I hope EOHCD will support Buckland's request as fixing this one road will make such a big difference to our entire community.

Sincerely,

Melissa Roberts
Chief Financial Officer
Schaefer Resort Management LLC

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Town of Hawley
8 Pudding Hollow Road
Hawley, MA 01339
(413) 339-5518
Fax 339-4959

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

August 18, 2020

Dear Secretary Kennealy:

We, the Select Board in the Town of Hawley are writing to urge you to support the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road from Upper Street to Avery Road.

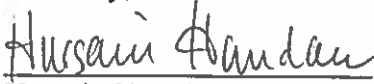
Hawley is a direct neighbor to Buckland and Hawley residents use Charlemont Road regularly to access Route 112, the East and West ends of Hawley to 8A, and Route 2. The road, particularly in the area between Upper Street and Avery Road, is in extreme disrepair - traveling on it is difficult, especially during the winter months. Like many Towns in this area the Town of Buckland relies on grant funds to perform major road repairs to its more travelled roadways. Charlemont Road is often travelled by all our area residents, as well as by school busses and public safety vehicles. This roadway is also a planned detour route for the MassDOT Route 2 reconstruction project and has served in the same detour capacity during the recent reconstruction on Route 112.

Good roads make great regions and we know that improvements to this very well used road will make our local community stronger.

We respectfully ask that you support Buckland's MassWorks 2020 Grant application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Hussain Hamdan, Chair


Robert Root
HAWLEY SELECTBOARD


Robert Maclean



TOWN OF ASHFIELD

OFFICE OF THE
SELECT BOARD

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selectboard@ashfield.org

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

August 17, 2020

Dear Secretary, Kennealy:


As the Select Board in the Town of Ashfield, we are writing to urge you to support the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road from Upper Street to Avery Road.

Our Town neighbors Buckland and our residents use Charlemont Road regularly to connect to Route 2. The road, particularly in the area between Upper Street and Avery Road is in extreme disrepair and traveling on it is difficult, especially during the winter months. Like many Towns in this area the Town of Buckland relies on grant funds to perform major road repairs to its more travelled roadways. Charlemont Road is well travelled by all our areas residents, including school busses and public safety vehicles.

Please support Buckland's MassWorks 2020 Grant application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Steven Gougeon
Select Board Chair

**TOWN OF SHELBURNE
OFFICE of the SELECT BOARD
51 Bridge Street
Shelburne, MA 01370
(413) 625-0300 x.1**

August 19, 2020

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Secretary Kennealy:

I am writing in support of the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road from Upper Street to Avery Road.

Charlemont Road is well traveled. The road serves as a vital connector route between Route 2 and Route 112 therefore, a preferred route when transporting children to area schools and when accessing many of the recreational activities offered in this area (skiing, white water rafting, mountain biking, State Parks, etc.).

The road, particularly in the area between Upper Street and Avery Road is in extreme disrepair and traveling on it is difficult, especially during the winter months. Like many Towns in this area, we have limited resources to accomplish road reconstruction projects of this magnitude and must rely on grant funds to perform major road repairs.

For these reasons, I sincerely hope that you will look favorably upon the Town of Buckland's 2020 MassWorks Grant application.

Sincerely,



Andrew Baker, Chairman
Shelburne Select Board

Town of

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Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 2101

August 24, 2020

Re: Support for Town of Buckland Project

Dear Secretary Kennealy:

The Charlemont Selectboard supports the MassWorks Grant application by the Town of Buckland.


Our South River Road connects to Charlemont Road at the town line. Our own road will require your attention in the future. Our side of the road is on our own long list of projects.

Buckland's Charlemont Road is one of our alternate emergency routes from town depending the emergency and its location. It is a essential link for our towns and the area in general.

We respectfully ask that you support Buckland's MassWorks 2020 Grant Application for Charlemont Road.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Marguerite Willis, Chair


Sarah Reynolds

Ward Plumbing and Heating
54 Charlemont Road
Charlemont, MA. 01339

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

August, 10, 2020

Dear Mr. Kennealy,

As a business owner whose shop is located on Charlemont Road in Buckland I am writing to urge you to support the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road.

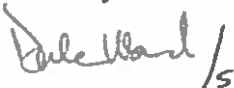
I have written to you as a private citizen about the toll that is being taken on the road because of the increased traffic on Charlemont Road, primarily, but not solely, due to the growing popularity of Berkshire East Resort. Today I am writing because of my growing concern about the deterioration of a key culvert that I must cross as I go to and from my clients and my shop. Several weeks ago the north east end of the culvert began to collapse and the retaining wall began to erode. This is an especially difficult culvert to repair as it is about 20 feet below the road bed and thus the town crew cannot even begin to do any repairs on it. The road is now down to one lane over the culvert.

If the culvert collapses entirely, it will add about 12 miles each way to reach most of my clients (my client base tends to be in the Shelburne Falls area rather than the Charlemont area). I and my team go back and forth between 5 and 10 times a day as our trucks cannot be fitted to carry an endless number of parts from the shop. The economic toll on my business, already stressed because of COVID-19 is unfathomable to me and the thought of that culvert collapsing creates great stress.

The culvert and the worst section of the road is the portion for which this grant application addresses, and we would be very appreciative if the money was made available to fix the road correctly and quickly.

I hope EOHCD will support Buckland's request as fixing this one road will make such a big difference to our entire community.

Sincerely,



Dale N. Ward *DNW*

Address:

54 Charlemont Road, Buckland (mail: 54 Charlemont Road Charlemont 01339)

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

August, 10, 2020

Dear Mr. Kennealy,

As a resident of Avery Road in Buckland I am writing to urge you to support the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road.

We have watched the traffic on our road increase significantly in recent years as commuters are directed off Route 2 during months of construction on Routes 2. In addition, because of the commercial success of Berkshire East and the popularity of recreation on the Deerfield River, significant traffic takes the "short cut" up Charlemont Road. This traffic is not limited to cars but includes tractor trailers and construction vehicles. Unfortunately, this increased traffic and vehicle weight has hastened the rate of which our road has deteriorated.

We travel this road every day!

Despite the Town of Buckland efforts to patch Charlemont Road year after year the patches do not hold. The holes in the road reopen and are larger and deeper. Some drivers are so desperate to avoid the holes they are driving on the other side of the road in order to dodge where the road is breaking up and full of holes.

Please help us make the road safe for all those who travel it and most importantly our emergency vehicles!

The worst section of the road is the portion for which this grant application addresses, and we would be very appreciative if the money was made available to fix the road correctly.

The improvements to Charlemont Road would enhance the safety of travel for all pedestrians, cyclists and motorists who use it.

I hope EOHCD will support Buckland's request as fixing this one road will make such a big difference to our entire community.

Sincerely,



Regina Purinton

Address: 3 Avery Road Buckland, M

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370



Craig Purinton

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
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August, 12, 2020

Dear Mr. Kennealy,

As a resident of Charlemont Road in Buckland and a daily user of the road (I am CFO of Berkshire East and Zoar Outdoor) I am writing to urge you to support the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road.

We have watched the traffic on our road increase significantly in recent years as commuters are directed off Route 2 during months of construction on Routes 2. In addition, because of the commercial success of Berkshire East (which I am grateful for!) and the popularity of recreation on the Deerfield River, significant traffic takes the "short cut" up Charlemont Road when coming from and going to the south. This traffic is not limited to cars but includes tractor trailers and construction vehicles. Unfortunately, this increased traffic and vehicle weight has hastened the rate of which our road has deteriorated.

The worst section of the road is the portion for which this grant application addresses, and we would be very appreciative if the money was made available to fix the road correctly.

Charlemont Road is also used frequently by pedestrians and cyclists and the repairs would enhance the safety of travel for all who use it.

I hope EOHCD will support Buckland's request as fixing this one road will make such a big difference to our entire community.

Sincerely,

Melissa Roberts
8 Charlemont Road
Buckland

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
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August 11, 2020

Dear Mr. Kennealy,

As a nearly 40-year resident of Charlemont Road in Buckland I am writing to urge you to support the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road.

We have watched the traffic on our road increase significantly in recent years as commuters are directed off Route 2 during months of construction on that vital artery. In addition, because of the commercial success of Berkshire East (which we applaud) and the popularity of recreation on the Deerfield River, significant traffic takes the "short cut" up Charlemont Road when coming from and going to the south. This traffic is not limited to cars but includes tractor trailers and construction vehicles. Unfortunately, this increased traffic and vehicle weight has hastened the rate of which our road has deteriorated.

I am also particularly concerned about the failing culvert at the bottom of the hill passed Avery Road. As you can imagine, if that culvert fails completely this major east/west alternative to Route 2 will be closed. This culvert is within the worst section of the road that is the portion for which this grant application addresses, and we would be very appreciative if the money was made available to fix the road correctly.

In addition, the improvements to Charlemont Road would enhance the safety of travel for all pedestrians, cyclists and motorists who use it. I hope EOHCD will support Buckland's request as fixing this one road will make such a big difference to our entire community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana G. Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Address: 7 Charlemont Road, Buckland, Massachusetts

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

Michael Kennealy, Secretary
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
One Ashburton Place, Room 2101
Boston, MA 02108

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Sincerely,



Ciara and Jack Hayden
131 Charlemont Rd
Buckland MA, 01338



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MassWorks Infrastructure Program
Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
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Boston, MA 02108

August, 10, 2020

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Sincerely, Joseph P. Scalise



Address: 32 Charlemont Rd
Buckland, MA 01330

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
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Sincerely,



Monica Reynolds
39 Avery Rd
Buckland MA 01338

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August 12, 2020

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Sincerely,



(Muga Nayak)

Address: 73 Avery Rd
Buckland

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Sincerely,

Andrée M Duval

ANDRÉE M. DUVAL
Address:

102 Charlemont Rd
Buckland, MA 01338

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Sincerely,

Cassandra & Grant Hoffman

Address:

124 Charlemont Rd

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Sincerely,

Catherine Istrie

Address: 85 Charlemont Rd.
Buckland, MA 01338
(mailing: Charlemont - 01339)

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Sincerely,

BRENDA, NICHOLAS & JEFF SPENCER

JEFF SPENCER

Address: 79 CHARLEMONT RD
~~ST~~ BUCKLAND, MA
01338

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Sincerely,



Address: 59 CHARLEMONT RD

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Sincerely, *Peter Ward*
Karolyn Ward

Address: *53 Charlemont Rd Buckland*

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Sincerely,



Address:

59 Charlemont Rd.
Charlemont, MA 01339

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Sincerely,


CAITLIN BUDNEWILL

Address:

59 Charlemont Rd.
Buckland, MA 01338

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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Sincerely,

Jacob Thurber

Address:

46 Charlemont Rd
Buckland Ma 01338

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370

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August, 13, 2020

Dear Mr. Kennealy,

As a resident of Avery Road in Buckland I am writing to urge your support for the Town of Buckland's application for a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for the reconstruction of Charlemont Road, which I must use daily to go in and out of town.

Traffic on Charlemont Road has significantly increased in recent years as commuters, tractor trailers and construction vehicles are directed off Route 2 during months of construction on Routes 2, and who use Charlemont Road as a "short cut" to Berkshire East and the various recreation sites on the Deerfield River. Unfortunately, this increased traffic and vehicle weight has dramatically hastened the rate of which our road has deteriorated.

While large portions of the road need repair, the worst section is the portion for which this grant application addresses, and we would be very appreciative if the money was made available to fix the road correctly.

Improvements to Charlemont Road would enhance the safety of travel for all pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists and motorists who use it.

It is my earnest hope that EOHCD will support Buckland's request, since fixing this one road will make such a big difference to our entire community.

Sincerely,



G. Lawrence Langford
65 Avery Road
Buckland, MA 01338

Cc: Heather Butler, Town of Buckland, 17 State Street, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370