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Town of Blandford

Return Address:

Name of City or Town

Board of Assessors, Town of Blandford

1 Russell Stage Road, Suite 4

Blandford, MA 01008

Fiscal Year \_\_\_\_\_ Application for

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**Forest-- Agricultural or Horticultural -- Recreational Land Classification**

**General Laws Chapter 61, §§ 1 & 2 – Chapter 61A, § 6 – Chapter 61B, § 3**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete all sections that apply. Please print or type.

**A. IDENTIFICATION.** Complete this section fully.

Name of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

No. Street

City/Town

Zip Code

Property Covered by Application:

Location	Parcel Identification (Map-Block-Lot)	Deed Reference (Book & Page/Cert. No.)	Total Acres	Acres to be Classified

**B. TYPE OF CLASSIFICATION.** Check the classification you are seeking and provide the required information.

**FOREST**  Attach State Forester's Certificate and Approved Forest Management Plan.

**AGRICULTURAL or HORTICULTURAL**

1. Current use of land. List by classes established by the Farmland Valuation Advisory Commission, if applicable.

Land Use by Class	No. of Acres	Specific Use, Crops Grown
a. Vegetables, Tobacco, Sod and Nursery Cropland		
b. Dairy, Beef and Hay Cropland		
c. Orchards, Vineyards and Blueberries Cropland		
d. Cranberries		
e. Christmas Trees		
f. Productive Woodland (Attach copy of State Forester's Certificate and Approved Management Plan if initial application, or new/revised plan)		
g. Cropland Pasture, Permanent Pasture and Necessary and Related Land		
h. Contiguous Non-productive Land		
i. Other Agricultural or Horticultural (Specify)		

2. Statement of income in preceding year. Supporting documentation, including copies of your federal and state tax income returns, may be requested to verify your income.

a. Gross sales from agricultural or horticultural use.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

b. Amount received under MA or US Soil Conservation or Pollution Abatement Program.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total (Provide a detailed description of the source of the farm income listed above).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Previous use of land. Was the land valued, assessed and taxed as classified agricultural or horticultural land under c. 61A for the prior 2 fiscal years? Yes  No

If no, was the use of the land during the prior 2 fiscal years the same as the current use described above? Yes  No

If no, describe in detail the use of the land during the prior 2 fiscal years \_\_\_\_\_

If no, was your farm income during either of the prior 2 fiscal years less than the amount reported above?

Yes  No

If yes, list the income for the year \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal year \_\_\_\_\_

**RECREATIONAL**  Land may qualify based on its condition or recreational use.

1. Is the land retained in substantially a natural, wild or open condition? Yes  No

Is the land in a landscaped or pasture condition or managed forest condition? Yes  No

If managed forest, attach copy of State Forester's Certificate and Approved Management Plan if initial application, or new/revised plan.

Does the land allow to a significant extent the preservation of wildlife and other natural resources? Yes  No

If yes, indicate which natural resources are preserved:

Ground Water/Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/>	Clean Air <input type="checkbox"/>	Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/>
Rare/Endangered Species <input type="checkbox"/>	Geologic Features <input type="checkbox"/>	Scenic Resources <input type="checkbox"/>
High Quality Soils <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify) _____	Other (specify) _____

2. Is the land used primarily for recreational use? Yes  No

If yes, indicate for which recreational activity:

Archery <input type="checkbox"/>	Picnicking <input type="checkbox"/>	Camping <input type="checkbox"/>	Nature Study & Observation <input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing <input type="checkbox"/>	Golfing <input type="checkbox"/>	Hang gliding <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-commercial Youth Soccer <input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking <input type="checkbox"/>	Target Shooting <input type="checkbox"/>	Hunting <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Non-commercial Flying <input type="checkbox"/>
Boating <input type="checkbox"/>	Skiing <input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming <input type="checkbox"/>	Horseback Riding <input type="checkbox"/>
			Commercial Horseback Riding & Equine Boarding <input type="checkbox"/>

How often is the land used for recreational activities? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people use the land for those activities? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the land open to the general public? Yes  No

If no, to whom is its use restricted? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the land used for horse racing, dog racing or any sport normally undertaken in a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure? Yes  No

**C. LESSEE CERTIFICATION.** If any portion of property is leased, the following statement must be signed by each lessee.

I hereby certify that the property I lease is being used as described in this application and that I intend to use the property in that manner during the period to which the application applies.

Lessee	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**D. SIGNATURE.** All owners must sign here to complete the application.

This application has been prepared or examined by me. Under the pains and penalties of perjury, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, it and all accompanying documents and statements are true, correct and complete. I also certify that I have signed and attached a Property Owner's Acknowledgement of Rights and Obligations under classified forest, agricultural or horticultural or recreational land programs, as part of this application.

Owner	Date
_____	_____
_____	_____

*If signed by agent, attach copy of written authorization to sign on behalf of taxpayer.*

**DISPOSITION OF APPLICATION (ASSESSORS USE ONLY)**

Ownership <input type="checkbox"/>	All <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>GRANTED</b>	Date Voted/Denied _____
Min. Acres <input type="checkbox"/>	Part <input type="checkbox"/>		Date Notice Sent _____
Use/Condition <input type="checkbox"/>	Deemed <input type="checkbox"/>		Board of Assessors
Gross Sales <input type="checkbox"/>	All <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DENIED</b>	_____
	Part <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Deemed <input type="checkbox"/>		Date _____