



Nantucket Islands Land Bank Agricultural Policy

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The Nantucket Islands Land Bank’s Agricultural Policy hereby defines “farming” or “agriculture” on Land Bank properties to include the growing of fruits, vegetables, and cut flowers; meat and egg production; native plant propagation; and vegetable starts. The Land Bank primarily supports local food production by acquiring and making land available to farmers to continue the legacy of agriculture on Nantucket. Additional mechanisms the Land Bank employs to support local food production include establishing equitable access to affordable land, providing permanent infrastructure as necessary to start and sustain viable farming operations, and encouraging creative partnerships that may result in shared agricultural resources. As the Land Bank's enabling legislation prioritizes public benefits, it is recognized that locally sourced food and the production thereof, regenerative farming practices, pastoral views, public access opportunities, and agricultural programming represent significant public benefits in the farming of Land Bank properties.

This policy may be revisited and amended from time to time as requested by the Commission.