



# Town of Harvard, MA

Climate Action Planning Services

## Project Summary

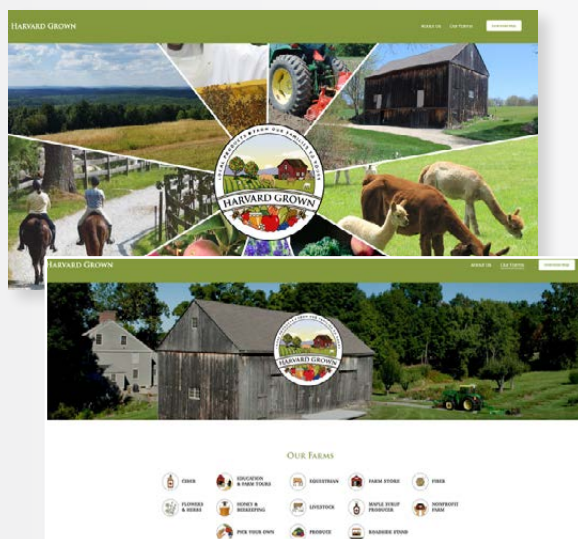
The Town of Harvard had a small budget and a short timeline to meet grant requirements related to the development of a Climate Action Plan that placed a large emphasis on its agricultural sector. KLA worked with the Town and its stakeholders to creatively develop two pathways to meet these requirements by working directly with the Agricultural Commission to develop an Agricultural Climate Action Plan. KLA also provided a template and guidance to the Town's Community Resilience Working Group to drive the development of a Town-wide Climate Action Plan.

Timeline: April - November 2020

## Project Highlight

One of the primary chronic stressors preventing Harvard farms from taking action to prepare for and reduce their contribution to climate change was the economic challenge of running a farm in Harvard. The KLA Team worked to address this by developing a brand, **Harvard Grown**, and a website and map to promote all of Harvard's community of farms as a collective destination.

Harvard Grown Website



## Activities & Outcomes

- Facilitation of a vision and goal-setting process
- Completion of a baseline GPC compliant GHG inventory for community-wide emissions and review of an LGOP compliant GHG inventory for government operations
- Delivery of two branding processes- one for the Town-wide action on climate; **Harvard's Climate Initiative**, and one for the Agricultural sector; **Harvard Grown**
- Design and execution of a 4-month process resulting in the creation of Harvard's Agricultural Climate Action Plan
- Facilitation of Harvard's Agricultural Commission to guide plan development
- Development of a Climate Resilience and Nature-Based Solutions Framework
- Completion of implementation blueprints for key strategies within the Agricultural Plan
- Creation of a climate action plan template and outline and associated guidance documents for Harvard's Community Resilience Working Group to build their own climate action plan
- Design and development of the [Harvard Grown website](#)

Excerpt from the Harvard Agricultural Climate Action Plan

