

Attachment A of the Charlotte Park and Wildlife Refuge Agricultural Lease, between the Town of Charlotte, Lessor, and Tim van de Weert, Lessee

The following is a list of conditions that will apply to the 2024 - 2026 agricultural lease.

- To protect fields from erosion, maintain the Park for recreational uses, and protect and promote wildlife habitat, agricultural use is limited to hay only.
- Mowing (haying) of all 113 acres will be accomplished at least once per year. Hay bales are to be moved off site as soon as feasible, when ground is dry or frozen.
- Farming practices with the goal of improving field and soil conditions will be preferred.
- Units E, F and G (approximately 24 acres) will be managed for field-nesting birds with mowing delayed until August 1. Lease payment may be reduced or waived for restricted fields.
- Riparian and designated buffer areas, hedgerows, field accesses, and lawns surrounding benches are excluded from the lease area and are managed by the Park Oversight Committee.
- The Route 7 right-of-way is excluded from the lease area, and is managed by the Park Oversight Committee and mowed by the Charlotte Road Commissioner.
- The lessee will be responsible for any damage to Park trails, culverts, and trail signs within or near the lease area due to farming activity.
- The Park Oversight Committee will be notified when field work is initiated. The farmer will meet with the Park Oversight Committee at least annually to share information about nutrient management, mowing (haying) schedule, and any issues that arise in the management of the agricultural units. The farmer may attend monthly meetings of the Park Oversight Committee.
- The lessee does not need to be certified organic by NOFA, but organic farming practices are preferred. The Park Management Plan restricts the use of herbicides and pesticides in the Park. The Park agricultural fields currently meet requirements for organic certification.