INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR PERMITS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS LOCATED AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

The State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture, will accept agricultural crop permit proposals through October 31, 2016, from interested parties wishing to farm any of the following lands of the Connecticut Department of Correction:

- 43.4+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the Cheshire Correctional Institution, located off Highland Avenue and Jarvis Street in Cheshire, consisting of grass hayland on gently sloping to rolling lands. Said land is shown on Schedule A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- 10+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the former Gates Correctional Institution, located off North Bride Brook Road in Niantic, consisting of gently sloping croplands. Said land is shown on Schedule B, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- 22.4+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the Enfield Correctional Institution and Osborn Correctional Institution, located off Shaker Road in Enfield and Bilton Road in Somers, consisting of grass hayland on gently sloping to rolling lands. Said land is shown on Schedule C, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

- 78.6+/- acres of farmland on the grounds of the Enfield Correctional Institution and Osborn Correctional Institution, located off Taylor Road and Shaker Road in Enfield and Bilton Road in Somers, consisting of corn fields and grass hayland on gently sloping to rolling lands. Said land is shown on Schedule D, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Proposals will be accepted on each of the parcels described above. Food and fiber producing agricultural activities (row crops, hay, fruits and vegetables, etc.) and their overall impact on the productivity and condition of the land by the submitted proposals will be taken into consideration by the State. The selected permittees will be required to submit and utilize a soil conservation plan and follow best management practices for utilization of the land during the term of the agreement. The conservation plan should contain measures to minimize soil erosion and maintain the productivity of the land. The permittee will be required to establish a permanent cover on the areas being actively farmed in accordance with the conservation plan, including at the end of the permit period.

In accordance with C.G.S. 22-6e, the permits are to be for a term of five years, with the option to renew for an additional five years at the discretion of the Commissioner of Agriculture. The submission of proposals will not be binding on the State of Connecticut, nor does it constitute a competitive bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals not in the best interest(s) of the State of Connecticut.

Anyone wishing to submit a proposal must forward a completed **Connecticut Department of Agriculture Permit Proposal Form for Agricultural Use of Vacant Public Land ("Permit Proposal Form")**, plus any accompanying materials to: ***The Resource Preservation Unit, Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Room G-8, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106***. Proposals must be postmarked or hand-delivered by October 31, 2016. The Permit Proposal Form is available online at **www.ctfarmlink.org**. Additional information and the parcel location map(s) are included with the Permit Proposal Form. If you are unable to access the internet, have any questions or need to request additional information, you may call (860) 713-2531 or email lance.shannon@ct.gov .

Schedule A
Department of Correction Fields (43.4+/- total acres)
Cheshire, CT

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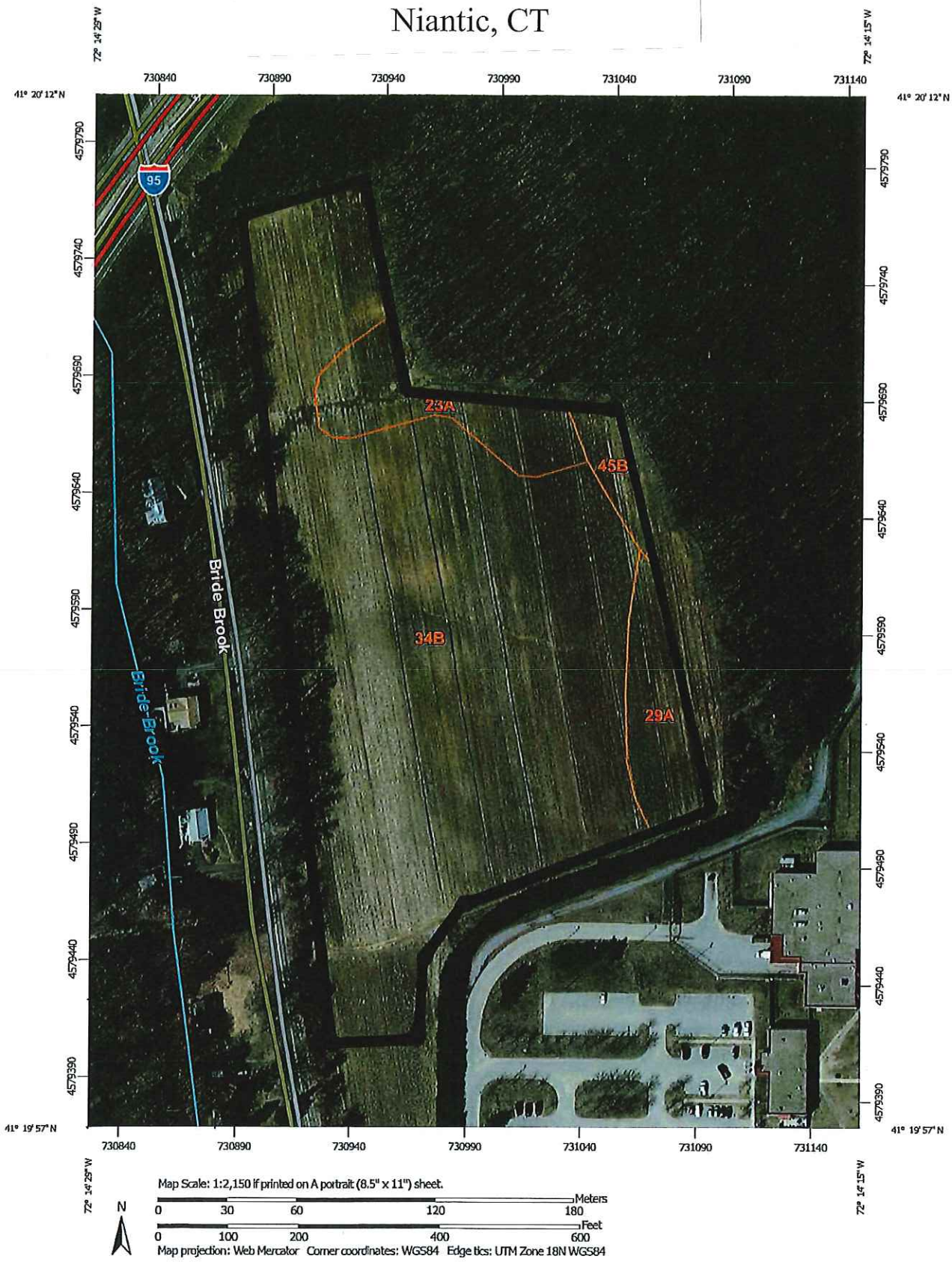
0 400 800 1,600 2,400 3,200 Feet

1 inch = 1,000 feet

Schedule B
Department of Correction Field (10 +/- Acres)
Niantic, CT



Schedule C
Department of Correction Fields (22.4 +/-Acres)
Enfield and Somers, CT

Legend

0 255 510 1,020 1,530 2,040 Feet

1 inch = 550 feet

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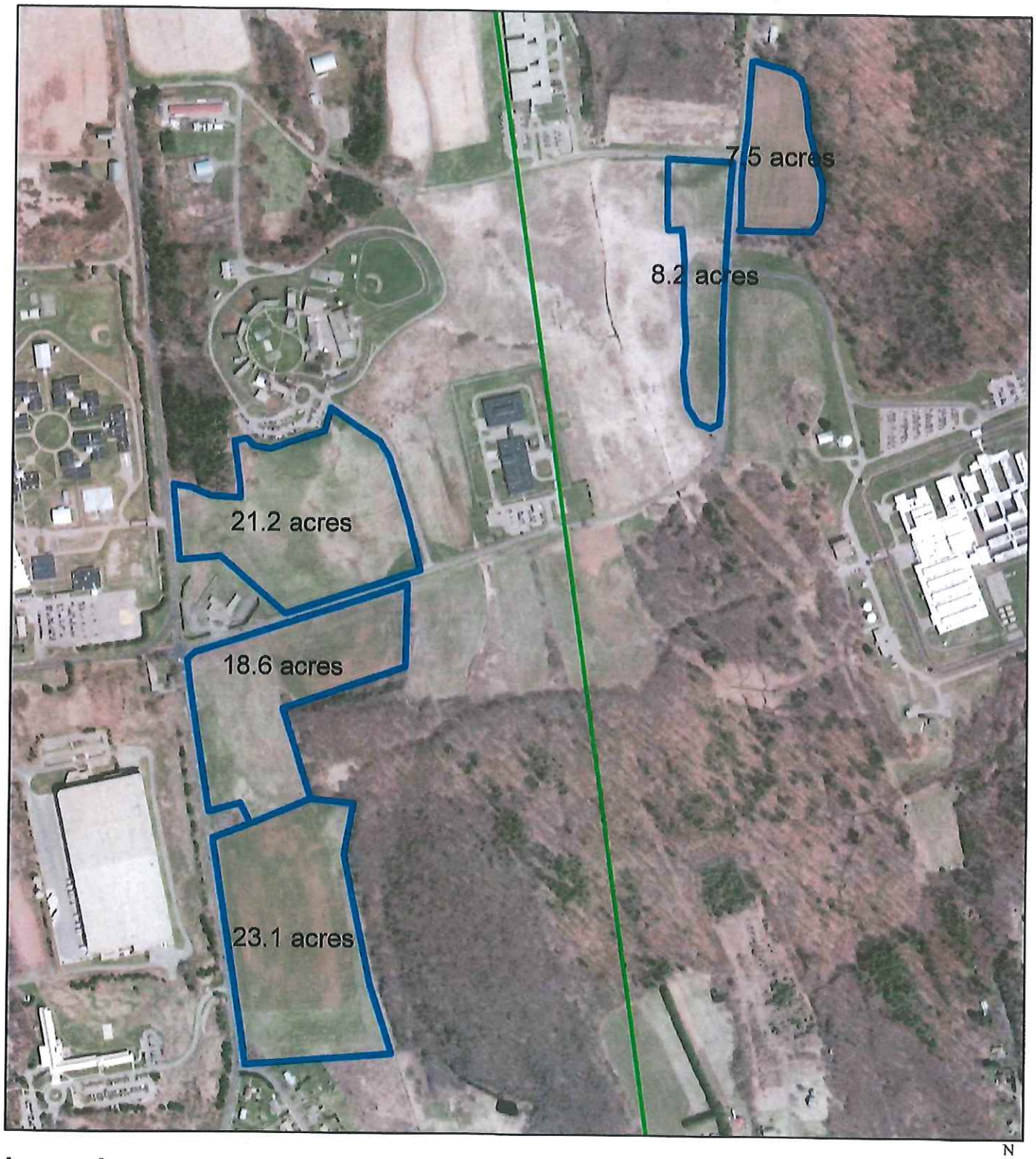
Schedule D
Department of Correction Fields (78.6+/- Acres)
Enfield and Somers, CT



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1 inch = 750 feet

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Permit Proposal Form for Agricultural Use of Vacant Public Land

The Connecticut Department of Correction and The Connecticut Department of Agriculture

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Entire area: _____ Portion of the premises: _____ If portion, identify: _____

Written description and plan for agricultural use of land (attach additional sheets, if necessary):

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How does the proposed use meet any limiting conditions placed on the land by the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Correction or any other state agency:

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Proposed Annual Fee: Fee per acre: $

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Proposed Term of Use:

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Other Comments:

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Awarded permits will require a Best Management Plan and/or Soil Conservation Plan prepared in accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service and approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

In addition, awarded permits require approval of the State Properties Review Board and approval of the Attorney General as to form, including legal sufficiency. The Commissioner of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Correction reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

Please return proposal to:

Department of Agriculture
Resource Preservation Unit
State of Connecticut
165 Capitol Avenue, Rm G-8
Hartford, CT 06106

Call (860) 713-2531 or email lance.shannon@ct.gov with any questions or requests for additional information.

Signed and submitted by: _____ Date: _____