

Name of Undertaking: Riverside Farms Land Expansion

Proponent:

- (i) Ashley Hann, Riverside Farms
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The Undertaking:

- (i) Expansion of current farm land base by 3 acres.
- (ii) Additional land is required to expand horticultural production of strawberries, root crops and market vegetables.

Description of the Undertaking:

Riverside farms has been operating for 5 years and currently has 1 acre of field production and 2 greenhouses. Current crops include root vegetables such as potatoes, carrots, turnip etc., as well as strawberries and a variety of market vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers, etc. All current production is being sold direct to the local market and there is strong demand for additional produce. In order to meet demand Riverside Farms is working to acquire additional land in the immediate area of the current operation.

Riverside farms has applied for a 3 acre lease of agricultural land in the Upper Humber River area, as shown on the attached maps below (Map 1 - General Location & Map 2 _ Land Applied for). This land is vital for the purpose of expanding horticultural production of strawberries and root crops. The land has been previously cleared of all forest by Corner Brook Pulp and Paper during the winter of 2020.

Once acquired, stumps will be removed and the land will be levelled and the soil improved for horticultural production. It is intended to develop 2 acres of strawberries and 1 acre of mixed root crops including potatoes, carrots, turnip, cabbage, broccoli, and other vegetables for the local market. The farm currently uses organic farming techniques and does not rely on the use of any chemical pesticides.

- (i) **Geographic Location:** The land applied for is located on the attached map. Map 1 shows the general area and Map 2 shows a close up of the site with the approximate area of the

land applied for. It is located immediately adjacent to the existing farm on the east side between the current farm and a forested area. The land is dry with no water courses or wetlands on it, or immediately near it. The area is accessed by travelling west on a forest road for 8 km from Route 420 at a point approximately 8 km north of the TCH.



Map 1: General Project Area Location



Map 2 : Area applied for with Crown Land File# 200.20.2998

- (ii) **Physical Features:** The 3 acres applied for was logged during the winter of 2020 and all heavy timber has been removed leaving stumps, brush and groundcover behind. The land is relatively level and there are no water bodies on or near it. The Humber River is the closest body of water and it is approximately 160 m to the west of the land applied for. Soils are good for agricultural production and can be improved with standard agricultural practices for the production of a variety of agricultural crops.
- (iii) **Construction:** The heavy timber has already been cut off the land and construction will involve removing all stumps, brush and vegetative cover from the land, levelling it and removing large rocks. Soil will be improved using limestone and fertilizers such as kelp and compost . It is anticipated that 100 % of the acquired 3 acres can be cleared and put into production. The plan is to have all 3 acres cleared and readied for production in the first year and that all areas will have soil improvements and be put into production over a 3 to 5 year period. The goal for year one will be to put 1 acre into production.
- (iv) **Operation:** The additional 3 acres of land will become part of the working farm and will be used for production of a variety of horticultural crops including traditional root vegetables and other market vegetables. Field production will be supported by seedling production in established greenhouses. Standard horticultural practices will be used and while there will be some use of granular fertilizers there will be no use of chemical pesticides of any kind. Riverside farm has an up-to-date Environmental Farm Plan.
- (v) **Occupations:** The current farm employs one person with some additional day labourers during the busiest times. With additional production on the new 3 acres there will be need for 1 or 2 additional workers on a seasonal basis.
- (vi) **Project Related Documents:**
 - a. Copy of Environmental Farm Plan Certificate

Approval of the Undertaking:

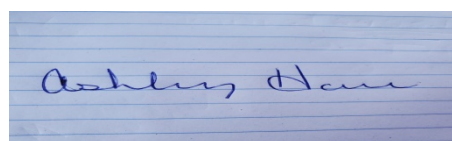
Once the application for Crown Land is approved and the agricultural lease is processed the project should be good to proceed without any additional permits or approvals.

Schedule: Project construct will begin as soon as the agricultural lease is finalized in the Fall of 2020 or Spring of 2021.

Funding: To date all development of Riverside Farms has been funded by the farm owner, Ashley Hann. With the expanded land base Riverside Farms will try to access provincial funding through the Agriculture Branch for land development and any other support available.

Date: _Aug 7th, 2020

CEO



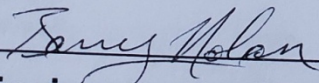


Environmental Farm Planning

Let it be recognized that

Ashley Hann
Riverside Farms

has completed the Newfoundland and Labrador
Environmental Farm Plan Workbook, and is
committed to sustainable agriculture and
environmentally responsible production in our
Province.



**Environmental Farm
Planner**

May 18, 2016

Date

