

WESTFIELD FARMSTEAD

*Cultural Landscape Master Plan &
Landscape Improvements*
Westfield, Massachusetts

Project Data

Date: 1996 to 2001

Size: 300 acres

Context: Western Massachusetts

Project Description:

The program included 1) existing conditions assessment, 2) landscape classification, 3) land-use and management proposals and 4) design implementation.

The 300 acres stretching beyond a former eighteenth century tavern in Westfield, Massachusetts comprise typical components of a New England farm landscape: woodlands, wetlands, streams, open pastures and early successional fields. After assessing the property's existing conditions, proposals were developed to enhance the landscape character and to accommodate adaptive use and conservation strategies. The proposals included a re-designed front entry and dooryard garden, plantings, conservation strategies, roadway re-alignments and an impoundment. Site designs were prepared for a new barn with fruit and vegetable garden, which required relocating the riding rink. EDC Principal Thomas Elmore was Project Manager while with another firm. Elmore Design prepared final designs for the Entry and Parking Court, Dooryard Garden, and Rear Terrace with Garden. These designs were installed in 2001 and all plantings were period appropriate and zone hardy.



Existing Conditions - 1996