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December 16, 2010

Mr. Andrew W. Maylor Town of Swampscott 22 Monument Avenue Swampscott, MA 01907

Dear Mr. Maylor:

Congratulations on the Town of Swampscott's designation as a Green Community! This designation is quite an achievement and reflects the hard work and tireless efforts your community has exhibited in meeting the Green Community Grant Program's five criteria. Having met these criteria, the Town of Swampscott is now an energy leader in Massachusetts, poised to reduce its energy costs, improve the local environment and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects with funding through the Green Communities Grant Program. The purpose of this letter is to confirm your Green Communities designation in writing and provide you with program information and activities that you should be aware of.

Along with this designation the Town of Swampscott has been awarded a grant of \$143,800. A formulaic allocation was established due to the number of Green Communities designated and the total amount of grant funds that are available which is \$4,000,000. This formula consisted of a base grant per community of \$125,000, plus an amount adjusted for population/income with an additional \$10,000 for those designated communities that adopted as-of-right

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renewable generation. To receive this grant award, the Town of Swampscott will be required to submit a project application proposing how these funds will be spent. The Green Communities Division ("Division") will begin accepting grant applications on December 17th and all grant applications must be received by 5pm on January 21, 2011. The Green Communities' Grant application with submission instructions is located <u>here</u>.

## SOLAR SOLID WASTE COMPACTORS

In addition to the grant funding, Green Communities will be receiving BigBelly solar solid waste compactors ("compactors"). Your Regional Coordinator, Joanne Bissetta, will be contacting you soon regarding the number you will receive as well as the type of model options available. Your preference regarding the particular model must be provided to your Regional Coordinator no later than 5pm on December 28, 2010.

## <u>SIGNS</u>

Each designated Green Community will be receiving four (4)  $12'' \times 18''$  aluminum signs to be displayed in your community. These signs are in the process of being printed and will be distributed at a future event.



Designated Green Communities that wish to purchase additional signs may do so by contacting any of the following MassCor service representatives listed below. The cost for each additional sign is \$22.94.

Cathleen Ayers 508-850-1072 <u>caayers@doc.state.ma.us</u> Lynn Gilbode 508-850-1073 Imgilbode@doc.state.ma.us

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## **CERTIFICATES**

Each Green Community will also receive an official certificate for display pronouncing the city or town's designation as a Green Community along with the designation date and the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Energy Resources Commissioner's signatures. The certificates are in the process of being printed and will be distributed at a future event.

## PRESS EVENTS

We anticipate requests for local public events to announce Green Communities designations and to announce grant awards. It is important that each community coordinate any public event with the Division and we recommend that public events be scheduled once signs, certificates, grant awards and solar compactors have been received. If the Town of Swampscott would like to hold a Green Community designation event, we ask that you contact the Green Communities Deputy Director, Meg Lusardi at (617) 626-7364 or by email at <u>meg.lusardi@state.ma.us</u>.

Again, congratulations on becoming a Green Community. The Division looks forward to working with the Town of Swampscott to meet the objectives of the Green Communities Grant Program and to support you in meeting your local energy goals. Thank you for your commitment to a greener energy future for Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

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Mark D. Sylvia Director Green Communities Division

Cc: Victoria A. Masone, P.E.