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June 11, 2010

Mayor Clare Higgins
City of Northampton
240 Main Street
Northampton, MA 01601

Dear Mayor Higgins:

Congratulations on the City of Northampton'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 City of Northampton 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.

As you know, thirty five cities and towns from across Massachusetts were designated as the Commonwealth's first Green Communities by Governor Deval Patrick on May 25, 2010. Shortly thereafter, the Green Communities Regional Coordinators contacted each Green Community to inform them of their grant allocation amount. The City of Northampton is eligible to apply for \$198,500. A formulaic allocation was established due to the number of Green Communities

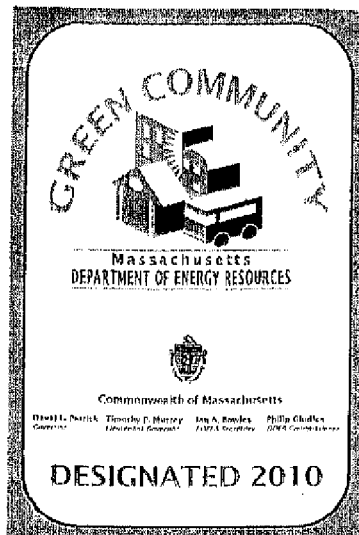
designated and the total amount of grant funds that are available for Fiscal Year 2010, which is \$8,100,000. This formula consisted of a base grant per community of \$125,000, plus an amount adjusted for population/income with an additional \$10,000 for as-of-right renewable generation. The grant application deadline was Friday, June 4, 2010 at 5:00 pm. We received the City of Northampton's grant application by the deadline and are in the process of reviewing the materials submitted. In the event we have any questions, a member of the Green Communities staff will follow up with the application contact you provided and we anticipate that awards will be announced no later than June 30, 2010.

SOLAR SOLID WASTE COMPACTORS

In addition to the grant funding, Green Communities will be receiving BigBelly solar solid waste compactors ("compactors"). In order to receive these compactors, the City of Northampton will need to execute a user agreement, which is attached to this letter. Included in the user agreement is the number of compactors your community will be receiving. Please be sure to read the user agreement carefully, complete the required sections including the implementation plan and the signature page and return it to the attention of Cliff Sullivan at the Department of Energy Resources by: **Tuesday, June 22, 2010**. The "Certificate of Inspection and Acknowledgement of Receipt" should be completed upon delivery of the compactors by BigBelly Solar, the vendor who is providing the units.

SIGNS

Each designated Green Community will be receiving four (4) 12" x 18" aluminum signs to be displayed in your community. These signs are in the process of being printed and will be distributed soon. The sign design is as follows:



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Green Communities has been asked about communities purchasing additional signs. Additional signs can be purchased for \$22.94 each by contacting any of the following MassCor service representatives at:

Cathleen Ayers
508-850-1072
caayers@doc.state.ma.us

Lynn Gilbode
508-850-1073
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Debbie Correia
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CERTIFICATES

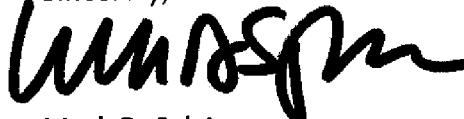
Each Green Community will also receive an official certificate for display pronouncing the city or town's designation as a Green Community along with the designation date and the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Energy Resources Commissioner's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

PRESS EVENTS

We have received requests for local public events to announce the Green Communities designation and to announce grant awards. It is important that each community coordinate any public event with the Green Communities Division and we recommend that public events be scheduled once signs, certificates, grant awards and solar compactors have been received. If the City of Northampton would like to hold a Green Community designation event, we ask that you contact me directly at (617) 626-7339 or by email at mark.sylvia@state.ma.us.

Again, Congratulations on becoming a Green Community. The Green Communities Division looks forward to working with the City of Northampton to meet the goals 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,



Mark D. Sylvia

Director Green Communities Division

Cc: Chris Mason