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July 20, 2011

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone  
City of Somerville  
City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave  
Somerville, MA 02145

Dear Mayor Curtatone:

Congratulations on the City of Somerville'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 Communities Designation and Grant Program's five criteria. Having met these criteria, the City of Somerville 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 Designation and Grant Program. The purpose of this letter is to confirm your Green Community's designation in writing and provide you with program information and activities that you should be aware of.

Along with this designation the City of Somerville has been awarded a grant of \$362,175. A formulaic allocation has been established that consists 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 renewable generation. To receive this grant

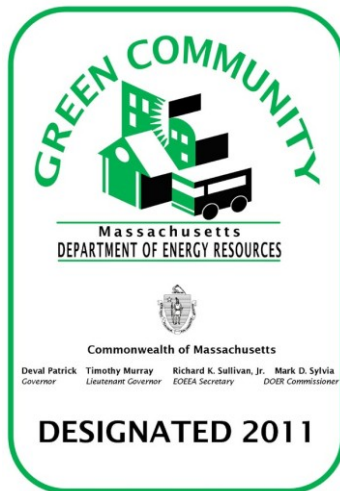
award, the City of Somerville will be required to submit a project application proposing how these funds will be spent. The Green Communities Division ("Division") will begin accepting grant applications on July 20th and all grant applications must be received by 5pm on August 22, 2011. The [Green Community Grant application process](#) is similar to the steps your city or town took to submit its Green Communities Designation application.

### **SOLAR SOLID WASTE COMPACTORS**

In addition to the grant funding, Green Communities will be receiving 5 BigBelly solar solid waste 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 August 3, 2011.

### **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 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  
[caayers@doc.state.ma.us](mailto:caayers@doc.state.ma.us)

Lynn Gilbode  
508-850-1073  
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Debbie Correia  
508-850-1071  
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### **CERTIFICATES**

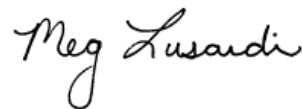
Each Green Community will also receive an official certificate for display pronouncing the city or town's designation as a Green Community along with the designation date and the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Department of Energy Resources Commissioner's 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 City of Somerville would like to hold a Green Community designation event, we ask that you contact your Regional Coordinator, Joanne Bissetta, at (978) 694-3315 or by email at [Joanne.Bissetta@state.ma.us](mailto:Joanne.Bissetta@state.ma.us).

Again, congratulations on becoming a Green Community. The Division looks forward to working with the City of Somerville to meet the objectives of the Green Communities Designation and 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meg Lusardi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Meg Lusardi

Director Green Communities Division

Cc: David Lutes