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Senator Gobi and Representative Smola Announce PARC Grant for the Town of Ware

BOSTON – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** are happen to announce that the Town of Ware has been awarded $50,000 in grant funding through the Massachusetts Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program**.**

These PARC funds will be used for a Grenville Park Road Restoration project. The project will rehabilitate the roads in the park, as well as design and install formal parking spaces. This is the maximum grant award in the Small Town grant category (towns with less than 35,000 residents).

"I want to congratulate the Town of Ware for being awarded these grant funds," said Senator Gobi. "This project will increase access to Grenville Park, which already provides beautiful walking trails, picnic areas and diverse outdoor recreation areas."

"I'm very excited that Ware has secured these funds through the PARC Grant Program," said Representative Smola. "We live in one of the most the most beautiful parts of the state and this project will encourage people to get out and enjoy the outdoors."

The PARC Program (formerly the Urban Self-Help Program) was established in 1977 to assist cities and towns in acquiring and developing land for park and outdoor recreation purposes. Any town with a population of 35,000 or more year-round residents, or any city regardless of size, that has an authorized park /recreation commission is eligible to participate in the program. Communities that do not meet the population criteria listed above may still qualify under the "small town," "regional," or "statewide" project provisions of the program.

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