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Gobi and Smola Announce Brimfield Green Community Grant

BOSTON – **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** and **Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** have announced a \$134,500 grant being awarded to the town of Brimfield through the Green Communities Program.

Brimfield was newly designated a Green Community after meeting the criteria required by the program.

"Congratulations to Brimfield on their hard work to fulfill the criteria to qualify as a Green Community," said Senator Gobi. "This municipal-state partnership has been so successful and provides so much assistance to communities as we strive for a cleaner, more sustainable Commonwealth."

"I'm thrilled that Brimfield has earned the Green Communities designation and will be receiving this funding," said Representative Smola. "The town's commitment to energy conservation and clean energy alternatives will go a long way both locally and throughout the Commonwealth."

The Green Community Designation and Grant Program provides a road map along with financial and technical support to municipalities that pledge to cut municipal energy use by an ambitious and achievable goal of 20 percent over 5 years and meet four other criteria established in the Green Communities Act.

Participation in the Program has grown steadily since the first group of 35 municipalities achieved designation status in July of 2010 to include over 200 cities and towns and over two-thirds of the state's population.

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