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## **Representative Smola Announces Grants for Local Trails**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means)** is pleased to announce that the Town of Palmer has been awarded a \$280,000 Site Readiness Grant Award. These funds will be used to design the replacement of the Church Street Bridge over the Ware River. The bridge provides direct access to the Village of Thorndike and is critical to the redevelopment of the Thorndike Energy Mill Complex.

“I want to congratulate Palmer for being awarded this competitive grant,” said Representative Smola. “The Thorndike Mill Complex has incredible potential and this project will help further its development.”

The Site Readiness Program, administered by MassDevelopment, aims to increase the Commonwealth’s inventory of large, well-located, project-ready sites; to accelerate private-sector investment in industrial and commercial projects; and to support the conversion of abandoned sites and obsolete facilities into clean, actively-used, tax-generating properties.

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