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Palmer Awarded Climate Vulnerability Preparedness Funding

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that Palmer has been awarded \$25,000 through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant program. Over \$2 million in grant funding has been awarded to 82 towns and cities across the Commonwealth to complete climate change vulnerability assessments and develop resiliency plans through the program. MVP provides communities with technical support, climate change data and planning tools to identify hazards and develop strategies to improve resilience.

“In the coming years, climate change is going to have an increasing impact on every community in Massachusetts,” said Representative Smola. “It’s great to see that officials in Palmer are taking the necessary steps to prepare for these changes.”

Through the MVP program, municipalities work through a community-based workshop process to identify key climate-related hazards, vulnerabilities and strengths, develop adaptation actions, and prioritize next steps. Results of the workshops and planning efforts will be used to inform existing local plans, grant applications, and policies, such as local hazard mitigation plans. The MVP program is led in each town by an experienced Project Coordinator from the town with a core team of town staff and volunteers representing town planning departments, emergency managers, conservation commissioners, economic councils, the business community and other key stakeholders. Upon successful completion of the program, municipalities are designated as a “Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program community,” which enables them to compete in the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs’ MVP Action Grant program.

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