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Local Legislators Announce Climate Change **Preparedness Funding for Ware**

BOSTON - Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren), Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. (R-Spencer) are pleased to announce that Ware has been awarded \$17,000 through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant program.

The state will award communities throughout Massachusetts with funding to complete climate change vulnerability assessments and develop local resiliency plans. The MVP program assists communities define extreme weather, natural and climate related hazards at the local level. By identify existing and future vulnerabilities and strengths, officials will be able to develop and prioritize actions for the community that will reduce risk and build 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 Ware are taking the necessary steps to prepare for these changes."

"Extreme weather events have wreaked havoc in our area of the state before. We have seen firsthand the damage done and how hard it can be to recover as a community," said Senator Gobi. "Preparing cities and towns for anything and everything is a no-brainer and I am pleased to see the Town of Ware is taking the proper steps on behalf of their residents."

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