

*Helping Massachusetts Municipalities Create a Cleaner Energy Future*



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# Massachusetts

## Cleaner energy is part of our future

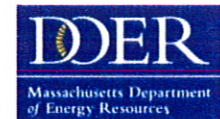
Priorities of the Patrick Administration

- **Green Communities Act**
- **Global Warming Solutions Act**
- **Green Jobs Act**

The landmark Green Communities Act provides a strong foundation focusing on energy efficiency, investment in renewables and the creation of the **Green Communities Division**.



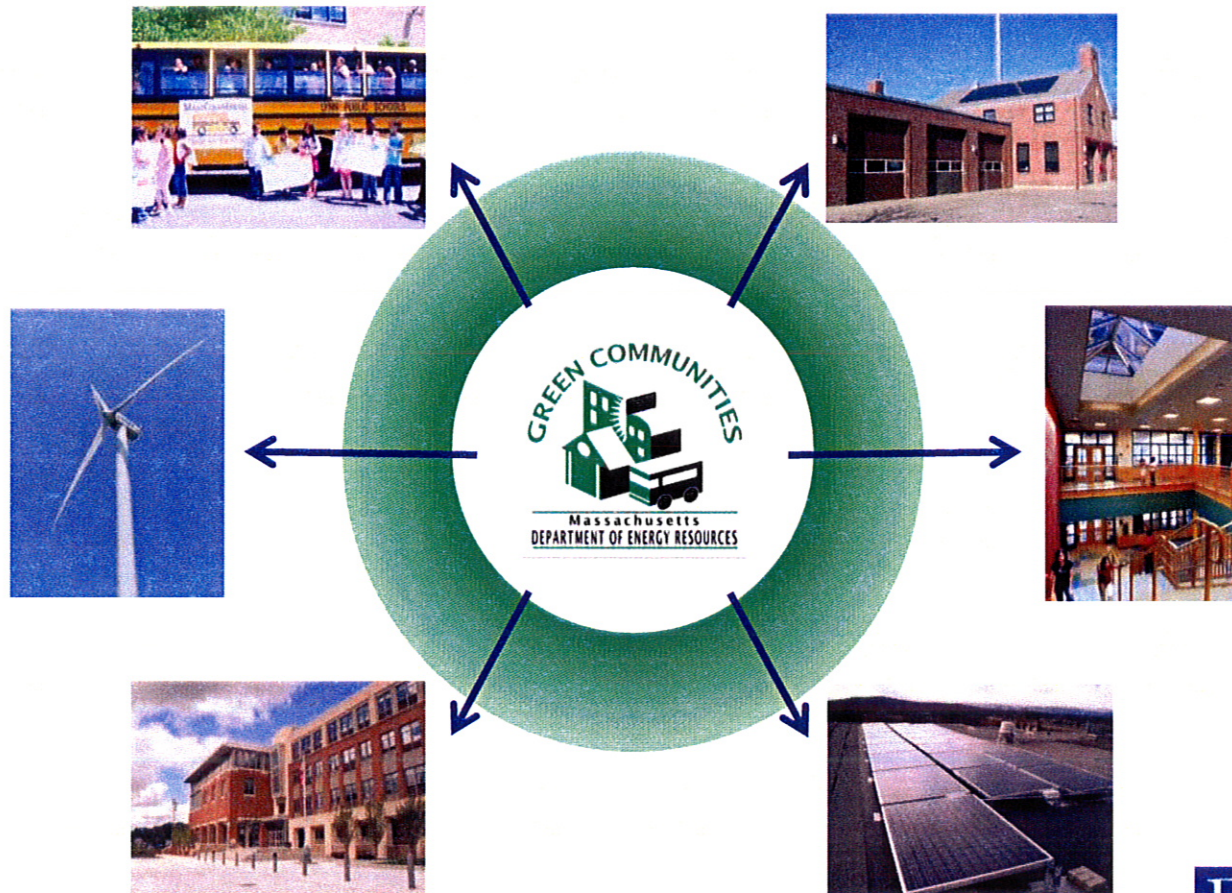
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# Green Communities Division

Serves as the hub for all Massachusetts cities and towns on energy matters



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# GOING GREEN, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

**Cities, towns and other local governmental bodies can reduce their energy costs by:**

1. Establishing an Energy Committee / Designating an Energy Officer
2. Establishing an energy baseline for municipal buildings, schools, streetlights and all vehicles
3. Performing Energy Audits on municipal buildings
4. Implementing energy efficiency measures (e.g. town investments, utility rebates and incentives, grant programs and performance contracting)
5. Changing behaviors: (e.g. energy conservation policies)
6. Exploring renewable energy opportunities



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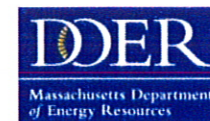


# Green Communities Division Programs & Resources

- Programs/Resources for Municipalities
  - MassEnergyInsight System
  - Green Communities Grant Program
  - Municipal Energy Efficiency Program
  - Energy Performance Contracting Technical Assistance
  - Website @ <http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/green-communities/>
  - Email updates via listserv – Sign up by sending an email to: [join-ene-greencommunities@listserv.state.ma.us](mailto:join-ene-greencommunities@listserv.state.ma.us)
  - Regional Coordinators

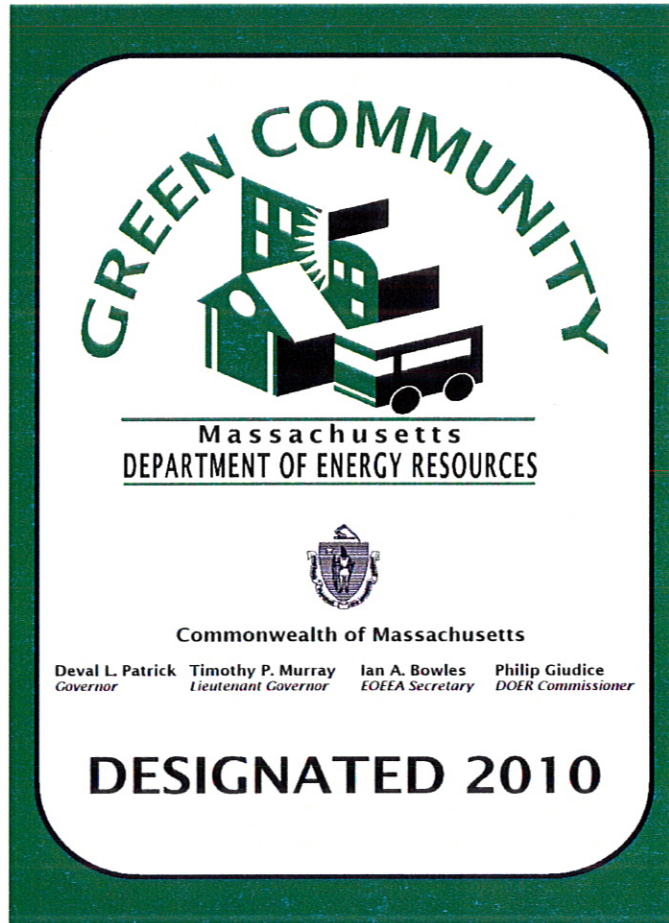


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# GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM



Provides grants to **qualifying** communities to fund energy efficiency initiatives, renewable energy, innovative projects

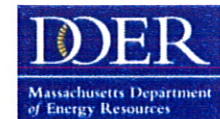
## Qualification Criteria

1. Adopt as-of-right siting, in designated locations, for RE/AE generation, or RE/AE R&D, or RE/AE manufacturing
2. Adopt expedited (12 month) application/permitting process
3. Establish an energy use baseline with a plan to reduce baseline by 20% in 5 years
4. Purchase only fuel-efficient vehicles
5. Require new residential construction and new commercial and industrial real estate construction to minimize life-cycle energy costs (**Adopt Stretch Code - 780 CMR 115, Appendix AA**)



<http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/green-communities/gc-grant-program/>

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# Green Communities Designation and Grant Flowchart

## Step 1

- Review Green Communities Designation Criteria Guidance
- Contact your Green Communities Regional Coordinator

## Step 2

- Discuss Green Communities Designation with Local Government
- Receive local approval to apply for Green Communities status

## Step 3

- Meet the 5 Green Communities Criteria and submit a Designation Application
- Receive Green Community Designation from DOER
- Apply for Green Community Grants



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