

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF LAND AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

May 25, 2023

The Honorable Tom Mercer Town Council Chairman Town of Franklin 355 East Central Street Franklin, MA 02038

Dear Councilman Mercer:

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am pleased to congratulate you and confirm that the Town of Franklin was selected as one of the entities EPA will begin negotiations with to award a cooperative agreement for a Cleanup Grant. The Town of Franklin submitted an outstanding application, and we deeply appreciate the tremendous commitment of time and energy that went into its preparation.

Since its inception in 1995, EPA's Brownfields Program has worked to help states, Tribal Nations, and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. We fully expect that these brownfield projects will provide benefits to the environment and economy of local communities. Jim Byrne, your Regional Brownfields Contact, will work closely with the Town of Franklin to negotiate the cooperative agreement prior to the grant award. You may contact Jim Byrne at 617-918-1389 or byrne.james@epa.gov.

Again, congratulations on being selected! We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

David R. Lloyd, Director

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Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

cc: Jim Byrne

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