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Matt Kelly, Chair,  
Franklin Town Council  
355 East Central Street  
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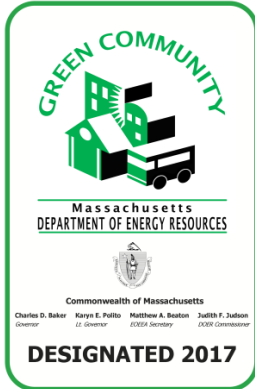
Dear Mr. Kelly:

Congratulations on the Town of Franklin's designation as a Green Community! This designation is quite an achievement and reflects the hard work and tireless efforts your community has exhibited in meeting the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program's five criteria. Meeting these criteria is proof of Franklin's position as an energy leader in Massachusetts, poised to reduce its energy costs, improve the local environment and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy projects with funding through the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program. The purpose of this letter is to confirm your Green Community designation in writing and provide you with program information and activities relevant to you as a newly-designated Green Community.

Along with this designation, the Town of Franklin has been awarded a grant of \$183,020. A formulaic allocation has been established that consists of a base grant per community of \$125,000, plus an amount adjusted for population and income. To receive this grant award, the Town of Franklin will be required to submit a project application proposing how these funds will be spent. The Green Communities grant application guidance with submission instructions will be provided to you in the next several weeks. In the meantime, please be sure to work with your Regional Coordinator, Kelly Brown at (508) 767-2703, to identify potential energy projects and coordinate with vendors and utility companies.

## SIGNS

Each designated Green Community receives four (4) 12" x 18" aluminum signs to be displayed in your community. While you are free to place these signs wherever you choose within your community, the Division recommends installing them in highly-visible, high pedestrian traffic areas (such as near municipal offices, schools, and downtown business districts, and/or within parks and along walking paths). If installed on roadways, the Division recommends hanging them at approximately eye-level for motorists, to maximize readability.



## CERTIFICATES

Each Green Community will receive an official certificate for display pronouncing the municipality's designation as a Green Community and including the designation date and signatures of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources.

Again, congratulations on becoming a Green Community. The Division looks forward to working with the Town of Franklin to meet the objectives of the Green Communities Designation and Grant Program and to support you in meeting your local energy goals. Thank you for your commitment to a cleaner energy future for Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Joanne Bissetta  
Acting Director, Green Communities Division

Cc: Jeffrey D. Nutting, Town Administrator

Jamie Hellen

Kelly Brown, Central Regional Coordinator