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Recognizing outstanding decarbonization, clean energy and environmental efforts among agencies, public higher education institutions, municipalities, and individuals in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TOWN OF WARWICK

The Town of Warwick, located in Franklin County, Massachusetts, has been a Massachusetts Green Community since 2015. Prior to becoming a Green Community, Warwick's Building and Energy Committee (BEC) was established to support the Town's sustainability efforts. Both the adoption of the stretch code and solar development zoning were important policy achievements that the BEC worked hard to make sure were agreeable to Warwick's constituents. Support for these policies, and eventually Green Community status, came from a wide array of residents who prioritized environmental protection while recognizing the financial benefits associated with the adoption of sustainable practices and operations.



Warwick Accomplishments



Since becoming a Green Community in 2015, the Town of Warwick has cut its energy use by **more than twenty percent (20.8%)**.



The Town of Warwick has implemented **a host of decarbonization efforts, including:**

- air sealing the town hall
- heating the town hall and fire department with air source heat pumps
- hosting an out-of-town solar field, and
- purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles for the town.



The Town's **Building and Energy Committee (BEC)** has effectively communicated its sustainability and energy efficiency efforts to its population of ~750 through newsletters, tabling at festivals, and even entering its electric zero radius mower in its Old Home Day Parade.