



## Online Resources

### Green Communities Division

Learn more about Green Communities, read the latest updates, and sign up for the Green Communities email list.



[www.mass.gov/energy/GreenCommunities](http://www.mass.gov/energy/GreenCommunities)

### Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

MassCEC is a quasi-public agency dedicated to accelerating the success of clean energy technologies, companies and projects in the Commonwealth, while creating high-quality jobs and long-term economic growth.

[www.MassCEC.com](http://www.MassCEC.com)

### Mass Save<sup>®</sup>

Mass Save<sup>®</sup> is an initiative sponsored by Massachusetts' gas and electric utilities and energy efficiency service providers that works closely with DOER to provide a wide range of services, incentives, trainings, and information about energy efficiency to help residents and businesses manage energy use and costs.

[www.MassSave.com](http://www.MassSave.com)

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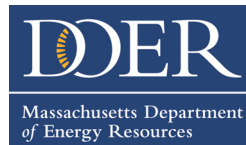
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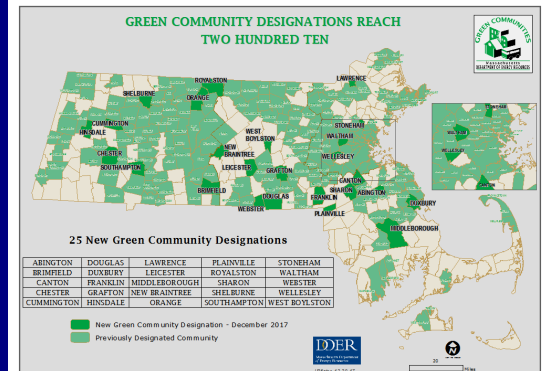
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Massachusetts  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES



Helping Massachusetts  
Cities and Towns Create  
a Clean, Affordable and  
Resilient Energy Future

## *Benefits of Being a Green Community*

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- CUT MUNICIPAL ENERGY COSTS
- ACCESS GRANTS FOR CLEAN, AFFORDABLE AND RESILIENT ENERGY PROJECTS
- REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS
- PROMOTE ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
- FOSTER RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES
- BECOME A CLEAN ENERGY LEADER AND A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

## *The Green Communities Division provides...*

- Local support from Regional Coordinators
- Education on benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Guidance and technical assistance for all of your energy questions and projects
- Funding opportunities for clean energy projects

## *DOER's Green Communities Division*

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The Green Communities Division offers a full range of energy initiatives and services to cities and towns. Contact your Regional Coordinator for more information.

**Regional Coordinators** — Four Green Community Regional Coordinators throughout the state offer technical assistance and support to public officials and local energy committees.

**Green Communities Designation and Grant Program** — In accordance with the Green Communities Act, up to \$20 million per year is available for qualifying communities to implement energy-efficiency measures, construct renewable energy projects, or pursue other avenues to reduce their fossil fuel energy consumption. The Division has awarded nearly \$100 million to designated Green Communities since 2010.



**Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) Grants** — Grants are offered once a year by the Green Communities Division. All municipalities, regional school districts, and water/wastewater districts, were invited to apply for funds to support clean energy projects at public facilities. These include ASHRAE Level 2 audits in oil or propane heated buildings, feasibility studies for zero-net energy construction, engineering studies, and assistance with solar PV development. Regional planning agencies can apply for funds to assist municipalities apply for Green Communities Designation and coordinate municipal energy activities.

**Municipal Energy Efficiency** — DOER collaborates with electric and gas utilities to administer energy efficiency services to local and regional government entities. We also provide educational materials to help plan and implement all types of municipal energy efficiency projects, including streetlights, vehicles, water/sewer facilities, and buildings.



**MassEnergyInsight** — Offered at no cost to all cities and towns, MassEnergyInsight (MEI) is an easy-to-use, web-based tool that benchmarks the energy performance of all municipally owned and operated buildings, as well as streetlights and vehicles.

**Energy Management Services Technical Assistance** — Energy management services (EMS) can be an effective tool for cities and towns looking to implement significant energy savings measures without upfront capital. EMS is a type of performance contracting through which guaranteed energy savings pay for the cost of installing the energy efficiency measures. DOER can assist communities in all aspects of EMS program development, including reviewing procurement documents.

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