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Representative Kane, Senator Moore Announce Grant for Shrewsbury's Home Farm Water Treatment Plant *Shrewsbury Awarded \$200,000 Through State's Gap II Funding Grant*

SHREWSBURY – State Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury) and State Senator Michael Moore (D-Millbury) announced that Shrewsbury's Home Farm Water Treatment Plant was awarded \$200,000 in funding through the Commonwealth's Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Gap II Funding Grant Program.

Shrewsbury's Home Farm was one of 36 drinking water and wastewater facilities across Massachusetts to receive a Gap II Grant, which is awarded to help these facilities reduce energy use, increase energy efficiency and generate renewable energy. The \$4 million offered in this latest round of the gap funding grant program will expedite implementation of previously assessed energy efficiency and clean energy generation projects at municipal treatment facilities. The program, made available by Alternative Compliance Payments from retail electricity suppliers, is designed to fill the last "gap" in project financing, enabling facilities to use utility incentives and funds from other sources to build or install selected energy efficiency and clean energy projects.

"I applaud the Baker-Polito Administration, Secretary Beaton and Commissioner Suuberg's commitment to efficient and environmentally conscious energy practices here in the Commonwealth," stated Representative Hannah Kane. "The gap funding grant program provides

an invaluable partnership between the state and municipalities in order to reduce energy use, generate renewable energy and increase energy efficiency. I am incredibly pleased that Shrewsbury will be able to install a new 60 kW solar photovoltaic system at the new Home Farm Water Treatment Plant with the \$200,000 in awarded funding announced today.”

“Finding ways to achieve our clean energy goals continues to be a priority for our Commonwealth,” said Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury), who formerly served as an Environmental Police Officer. “Congratulations to Home Farm Water Treatment Plant on being awarded grant funding. This investment will generate significant savings over the long-term, and reflects our commitment to the environment and future generations.”

Today’s awards are expected to lead to the installation of \$17 million in clean energy improvement projects and leverage \$1.3 million in additional energy utility incentives. These 36 projects, taken together, are projected to generate approximately 9.6 megawatt hours in annual electricity savings or on-site energy generation, sufficient to power 234 households and reduce carbon emissions by 3,015 tons and are projected to result in savings up to \$1.3 million annually. All projects are expected to be completed and operational by the end of 2019.

“Massachusetts is a national leader when it comes to energy efficiency and development of renewable energy, and the gap grants program will help the Commonwealth maintain its status,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton, who made the announcement in Ware. “The gap funding grants provide a positive return on investment, not only for the facility involved, but also for the state and the energy utilities that have provided incentives. We all stand to gain from this innovative program.”

In 2014, the first round of gap funding grants awarded 21 water and wastewater facilities more than \$1.7 million, funding 30 projects and reducing enough electricity to fully heat and power 897 Massachusetts homes each year for 15 years.

More information on the gap funding grant program can be found [here](#).

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