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**VALLEE ANNOUNCES FRANKLIN TO RECEIVE SUSTAINABILITY GRANT**

**BOSTON, Mass.** –State Representative Jim Vallee (D-Franklin) today announced that the Town of Franklin has been awarded a Municipal Sustainability Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). The \$500 grant will fund an idling reduction campaign toolkit.

“I would like to congratulate the Town of Franklin for receiving this very important grant,” said Vallee. “It is a testament of the town’s commitment to sustaining the environment in any way it can.”

Over the last 18 years, MassDEP has awarded over \$42 million in grants to municipalities to build strong recycling, composting, and household hazardous waste programs. In recent years, the municipal grant program was broadened to include water conservation, air and water quality protection, and climate protection initiatives.

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