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## **City of Framingham Awarded Two Design Studies, Valued at \$150,000 by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, to Explore Strengthening Energy Resiliency in the City**

**Framingham, MA** - The City, through Framingham's Department of Capital Projects and Facilities Management, is proud to announce that it has been awarded two design studies by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) to explore how it can strengthen energy resiliency in Framingham.

With the rising frequency and scale of climate-related hazards such as severe weather and flooding in Framingham, the City recognizes that the energy resiliency and sustainability of local homes, businesses, and municipal facilities is now more critical than ever.

The studies will assist the City to develop designs for energy resiliency systems that will benefit Concord Street and A Street neighborhoods, supporting critical resiliency assets such as emergency shelters, fire stations, and public housing. Municipal facilities covered by these studies include Framingham High School, the new Fuller Middle School, McCarthy Elementary School, Mass Bay Community College / Farley School, Fire Station #5, Fire Station #2, and the A Street Pumping Station.

Energy resiliency was identified as a significant priority in [Framingham's Community Resiliency Building \(CRB\) Workshop](#) that helped the City earn the designation as one of the State's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness communities.

With the design studies valued at \$150,000, the City can make vital progress towards some of its highest energy resiliency priorities. Those include identifying opportunities for energy storage and backup power across municipal facilities, improving the passive survivability of local facilities to withstand prolonged emergency events, and completing a microgrid feasibility study.

Working with its local institutions such as the Framingham Housing Authority and the Mass Bay Community College, the City of Framingham is excited to team up with the MassCEC and with the Willdan Group, which will act as the technical consultant in the project, to explore innovative solutions to improve the energy resiliency of the community.

### **About MassCEC**

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is dedicated to growing the state's clean energy economy while helping to meet the Commonwealth's clean energy, climate, and economic development goals. Since its inception in 2009, MassCEC has helped clean energy companies grow, supported municipal clean energy projects, and invested in residential and commercial renewable energy installations creating a robust marketplace for innovative clean technology companies and service providers. MassCEC constructed and operates the Wind Technology Testing Center and the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal. Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides chairs MassCEC's board of directors.