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Sen. Moore, Rep. Kane Announce Sustainability Grant Awarded to Shrewsbury

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Representative Hannah E. Kane (R-Shrewsbury) announced that the Town of Shrewsbury has been awarded a grant through the Recycling Dividends Program coordinated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Funds through the Program are available to municipalities in the Commonwealth that implement specific programs and policies proven to maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction. Shrewsbury is slated to receive a grant in the amount of \$14,400.

“This grant funding is critical to supporting new opportunities for sustainability in the Town of Shrewsbury,” said Senator Moore. “As a former Environmental Police Officer, I recognize the importance of actively promoting environmental protection. I commend the Town on their efforts to secure this grant and I am confident that the funding will assist with their ongoing efforts to reduce solid waste.”

“I am very pleased that Shrewsbury has been awarded this grant from the Department of Environmental Protection, and I am confident that these funds will allow our town to continue pursuing our commitment to environmentally sound policies,” stated Representative Kane. “Massachusetts’, and Shrewsbury’s innovative efforts to reduce waste and engage in environmental protection makes for healthier communities and brighter futures for our children. I commend Shrewsbury for their efforts to secure this important funding.”

Before 1990, Massachusetts residents recycled about 10 percent of their discarded materials. In 1990, Massachusetts adopted its first Solid Waste Master Plan, a blueprint for managing solid

waste that is generated, reused, recycled, recovered and disposed in the Commonwealth. Since then, government and citizen efforts have led to a 47 percent recycling rate overall, which is among the best in the nation. However, waste generation continues to increase while the growth in recycling has leveled off.

Grant funds awarded through the Recycling Dividends Program may be applied to recycling and composting equipment; mattress recycling; Pay-As-You-Throw programs; waste reduction enforcement; school recycling; and organics capacity development projects. Approximately 238 communities received grants totaling \$2.3 million in 2017. To learn more about the Program, please visit www.mass.gov.

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