



TOWN OF HOLLAND

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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October 27, 2021

Bryan C. Haughey
Chief of Police/Emergency Management Director
Town of Holland Police Department
27 Sturbridge Road
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Dear Chief Haughey:

At their October 26, 2021 meeting, the Holland Conservation Commission discussed the Environmental Hazard Mitigation Grant which you are applying for.

The Commission voted unanimously to support your endeavors in securing this grant and believes it will go a long way in making our community a safer place for all residents and first responders.

Please let us know if there is anything more we can do to assist in this program.

Sincerely,

Jessica Wales
Chair, Holland Conservation Commission

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FINANCE BOARD
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November 3, 2021

Kara Runsten, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Manager
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Subject: Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Runsten:

I write on behalf of the Holland Finance Board in support of Holland being considered by EEA for an MVP Planning Grant. The grant would be crucial in enabling an assessment of our vulnerabilities and developing a cost-efficient strategy for improving our resilience to the growing impact of climate change on the environment. Dealing with the likely impacts of climate change might be the most critical challenge we are facing. The success of the MVP Planning project in Holland is very much dependent on development of a prioritized plan that can be integrated into the Town's finances. The Finance Board is very interested in becoming part of the project team in working to formulate an effective mitigation plan.

We look forward to working with EEA and Holland's emergency management team to assess our hazard vulnerability and to develop strategies to build Holland's resilience.

Sincerely,



Andrew J. Harhay, Chair
Holland Finance Board





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LAKE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
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November 17, 2021

Kara Runsten
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Manager
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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Boston, MA 02114

RE: Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant

Dear Ms. Runsten,

At their November 17, 2021 meeting, the Town of Holland Lake Oversight Committee discussed the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Planning Grant for which Chief Haughey is applying. The Committee voted unanimously to support this grant application and believes the work proposed is essential for the safety and well-being of the residents of our town, as well as the future preservation of our beautiful lake.

Please let us know if there is any more information we can provide to support this crucial project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Cayer".

Doug Cayer
Chairman, Holland Lake Oversight Committee

cc: Chief Brian C. Haughey
Lake Oversight Committee



November 3, 2021

Kara Runsten, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Manager
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Subj: Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant

Greetings,

Please accept this correspondence as a letter of support for the Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant application. I am the Highway Surveyor for the Town of Holland and I have been in my position uninterrupted since the year 2000. I am also a lifelong Holland resident.

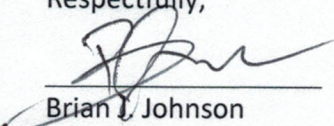
In my capacity as Highway Surveyor, I manage and supervise the operation of the Holland Highway Department. The Highway Department maintains all public ways in the Town and these operations are carried out by Highway Department personnel who I directly supervise, or by outsourced contractors hired by the Town. I am directly involved in both the planning and work phases of all Highway Department activity regardless of who performs the work.

The Highway Department is also responsible for the general maintenance of the Hamilton Reservoir Dam and is responsible for the control of water flow in the Reservoir by operation of the dam sluice gate.

Recently, in the summer of 2021, many roadways became flooded and significantly damaged during an episode of extreme rainfall within a short period of time which also exacerbated runoff into the Reservoir and other water bodies in the Town.

It is very important that we minimize damage to our infrastructure from natural causes and I am interested in participating in the planning process.

Respectfully,



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October 22, 2021

Bryan C. Haughey
Chief of Police/Emergency Management Director
Town of Holland Police Department
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA 01521

Dear Chief Haughey:

The FHRA has reviewed the information you sent regarding the Environmental Hazard Mitigation Grant which is being applied for.

The FHRA is in full agreement with the need for this and wishes to support your endeavors in securing this grant. We agree it will enhance the safety of our residents and their properties

We all greatly appreciate you spearheading this project and please let us know if there is anything more we can do to assist you.

Sincerely,

Bob Kamay

Robert Kamay, President
Friends of Hamilton Reservoir Assoc.

cc: FHRA Board Members



October 26, 2021

Kara Runsten, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Manager
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Town of Holland FY22 MVP Planning Grant Application

Dear Ms. Runsten:

The Last Green Valley Inc. (TLGV) strongly supports the Town of Holland's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Grant Application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

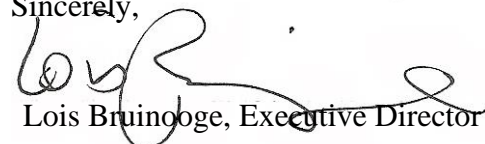
Holland is seeking to establish a multi-phase project consisting of an environmental hazard vulnerability assessment followed by implementing mitigation strategies and physical protective measures that will protect the health and safety of persons and property. Holland's overall goal is to adopt procedures that center on the protection, restoration, and management of the town's ecological systems to safeguard public health, provide clean air and water, increase natural hazard resilience, and sequester toxic and carbon emissions.

Holland is one of 35 towns within the federally designated Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (formerly known as the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor) that is also recognized as a Massachusetts Heritage Area pursuant to Chapter 272 of the Acts of 2010.

TLGV is the management entity for the Corridor, and this project is consistent with and supports many of the Visions and Strategies in its 10-year management plan including the following: promote sustainable development compatible with the region's natural and cultural resources; promote conservation and development techniques and policies that protect water quality and supply; protect forest resources and large blocks of unfragmented forest; promote scientifically-based green and renewable energy sources and energy conservation; encourage land use planning and design that will lower harmful emissions and prevent air quality degradation; promote scientifically-based green technologies and low-impact development techniques; facilitate informed decisions regarding alterations of the natural flow of water across the landscape; ensure adequate supplies of water; and reduce and eliminate point and non-point source pollution.

We look forward to working with the Town of Holland on this project and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lois Bruinooge, Executive Director