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100 Cambridge Street, 9th Floor
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Re: CMRPC Planning Assistance Proposal:
Central Massachusetts Buildout Analysis and Scenario Planning Pilot

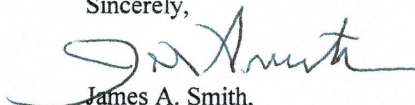
The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) has developed a proposal to submit to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) to provide funding to support our Regional Planning efforts. The Blackstone Valley is a diverse region with a rich history that is still apparent in the modern landscape – in mill villages, farms, and our remaining forests and wetlands. However, Blackstone Valley communities will likely experience significant changes in the coming decades due to housing pressure, climate change adaptations, state legislation, and economic development. In fact, our region is already one of the most rapidly developing areas of the state.


This project aims to develop a process for a quantitative buildout analysis and scenario planning exercise. This analysis will explore the likely impacts of future change on towns. It would explore potential population growth and best practice zoning updates that align with the goals of the Central Massachusetts regional plan. This analysis would also build on CMRPC's recent infrastructure planning by quantifying the cost and infrastructure required to support community growth scenarios.

The Town of Sutton is eager to support this project and is committed to working with CMRPC to better understand how our community might change over time and how we can shape future development to align with our community values. The buildout analysis and scenario planning exercise will provide us with data to make informed decisions about community development that prioritizes climate resilience, thoughtful housing development, and protection of our natural resources. As one of the communities participating in this pilot effort, we commit to providing 15 hours of staff time to provide input for and comments on CMRPC's analysis.

We encourage you to provide resources to support this effort.

Sincerely,


James A. Smith,
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