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**From:** cfcrosby@gmail.com on behalf of Kate Crosby [kate\_crosby@newview.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2010 2:35 PM  
**To:** Roland Bartl; John Murray; Steve Ledoux; Paulina Knibbe (comcast)  
**Cc:** Christopher Schaffner  
**Subject:** UPDATE TODAY: Revision of Expedited Permitting requirement for Green Community designation

This just arrived from Joanne Bissetta of DOER (filling in because Kelly Brown, our regional representative, is out today).

-Kate

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**From:** Bissetta, Joanne (ENE) <Joanne.Bissetta@state.ma.us>  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 26, 2010 at 12:54 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Resolution on Expedited Permitting  
**To:** "kate\_crosby@newview.org" <kate\_crosby@newview.org>  
**Cc:** "Brown, Kelly (ENE)" <Kelly.Brown@state.ma.us>

Hi Kate

I'm forwarding this message to you now because Kelly is out today. I thought you'd like to know...

I know the GAB was contemplating trying to meet the May 14 deadline for Green Communities designation. Hopefully this decision will make the process a bit easier.

-- Joanne

**Joanne Bissetta, Green Community Coordinator, Northeast Region**

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**From:** Lusardi, Meg (ENE) [mailto:[Meg.Lusardi@state.ma.us](mailto:Meg.Lusardi@state.ma.us)]

**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2010 12:51 PM

**To:** Sullivan, Cliff (ENE); 'Ratte, Catherine'; 'Peggy Sloan'; 'Kim Lundgren'; 'Lauren Gaherty'; 'Schwarz, Felipe'; 'Johnston, Elizabeth'; E Baker

**Cc:** Sylvia, Mark (ENE); Bissetta, Joanne (ENE); 'Brown, Kelly (ENE)'; 'Barry, Jim (ENE)'; Pickering, Seth (ENE); Gaertner, Kurt (EEA)

**Subject:** Resolution on Expedited Permitting

**Importance:** High

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After much research and effort in all corners within EOEEA, we have made a decision to **retract** requiring that a Constructive Approval mechanism be in place for meeting the Expedited Permitting criterion, #2. We will be updating the Guidance on #2 as well as the Designation Application to reflect this change. We will be adding language that once a community is designated a Green Community, reporting requirements will include reporting on all permitting actions associated with green projects within the past year within as-of-right zoned districts and that if there is evidence that a community has not adhered to the 365 day permitting requirement, that they will be at serious risk of losing their Green Communities designation. Otherwise, the process outlined in the Guidance on Expedited Permitting remains in effect.

We appreciate your patience and efforts as we have worked through this decision, and trust that you will communicate this new information to all of your communities.

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Any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Regards,

Meg

**Meg Lusardi, Deputy Director**

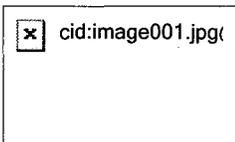
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