

**GREEN
ACTON**



**“When we tug at a single thing in nature,
we find it attached to the rest of the world.”**

— John Muir

<http://greenacton.org/>

Green Acton is a group of volunteers working to encourage and facilitate sustainability in Acton, Massachusetts.

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Recommendations for Green Advisory Board

- **Membership: 5 full + 2 associate members**
- **Representative from Schools**
- **Representative from Town Staff**
- **Letter from BoS Chair asking Schools to choose rep**
- **Monthly meeting (weekday morning or other daytime slot)**

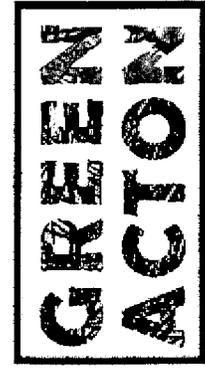


Draft Charter

The mission of the Green Advisory Board is to advise the Board of Selectmen on ways to conserve energy and resources, to assist in staying current with sustainable practices, and to educate citizens about options and methods of promoting wiser stewardship of the environment.

OR

The mission of the Green Advisory Board is to advise the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee on how to implement measurable improvements in the Town of Acton's use of resources.



Green Acton Top Recommendation

EPA Energy Challenge

An immediate possibility for getting free federal expertise for reducing energy usage in town buildings. Top priority.

<http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/energy/energy-challenge.html>

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THE EPA CHALLENGE

Community Energy Challenge: Promoting Energy Efficiency and Renewables in New England Cities and Towns

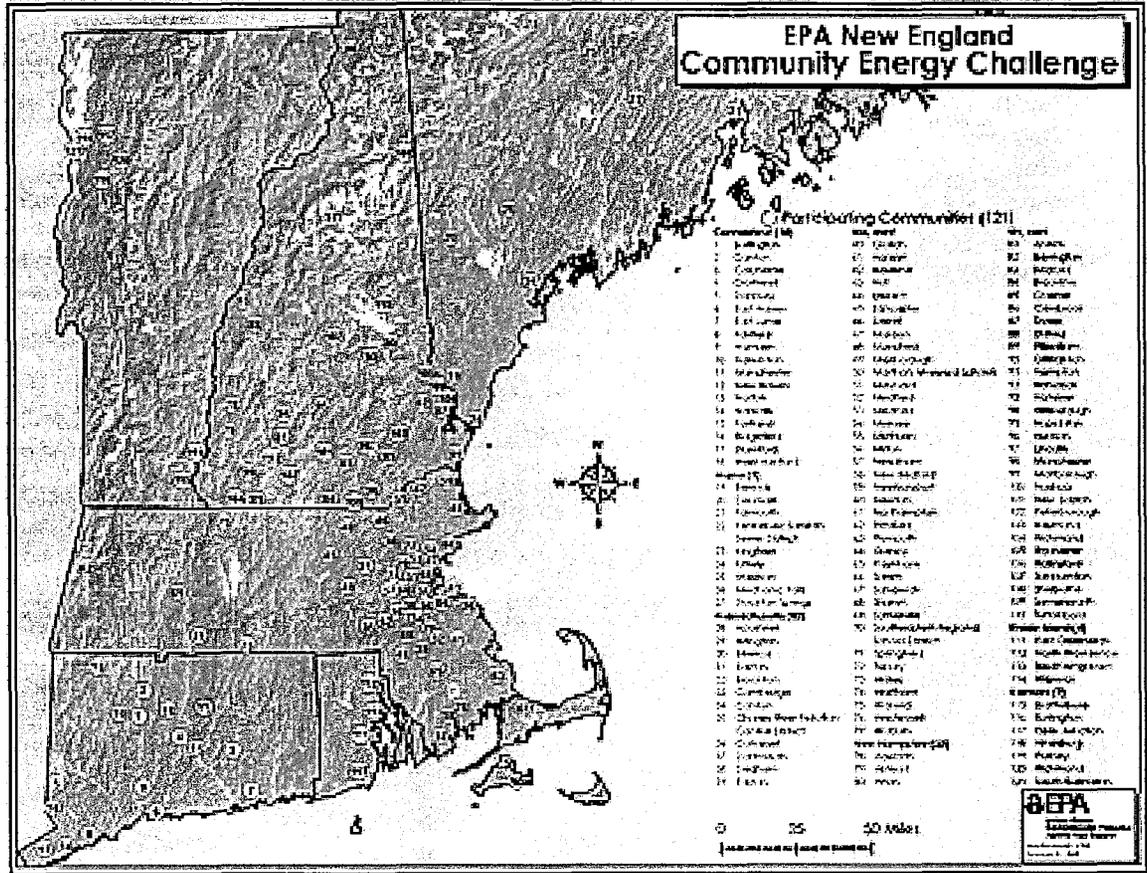
The Community Energy Challenge is an opportunity for municipalities across New England to identify simple and cost-effective measures that increase energy efficiency and renewable energy use while reducing air pollution and saving money.

Commit to 10 percent or more reduction over a specified time period

GREEN ACTION



Working for Local Sustainability



121 NE cities & towns, including Maynard, Woburn, Lowell



Other Recommendations that the Town might wish to consider:

- 2. Environmental Review Board**
- 3. Green Procurement**
- 4. Tree City Revival**
- 5. Zoning to Allow Alternative Energy**



Green Acton Top Recommendation for Schools

**The USGBC – UC Berkeley Center for the
Built Environment Building Evaluation**

**An immediate possibility to get free school
buildings evaluations and to pioneer
national green building standards!**

www.cbe.berkeley.edu/schools



Staff Initiatives Include:

- Sustainable Communities Commitment, signed by Steve LeDoux**
- School districts to sign up for UC Berkeley School Building Evaluation**
- Capturing staff green ideas – June & September '08**
- Energy efficient lighting installed in municipal properties**



Thank you for your commitment to Acton's sustainability.

Green Acton meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Half Moon Hill Common House off Central St. in West Acton.

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