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### **Gobi, Berthiaume Announce Agricultural Energy Grant for New Braintree Farm**

**BOSTON –Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) and Representative Donald R. Berthiaume (R-Spencer)** are happy to announce that Grass Roots Farm in New Braintree has been awarded \$25,000 through Agricultural Energy Grant Program administered by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture. These grant funds will be used to install a 24.96 kW Photovoltaic System on the farm's property.

"I want to congratulate Kristin and TJ for receiving these grant funds for this important project," said Senator Gobi. "Paired with their use of non-chemical fertilizers, Grass Roots Farm is truly an environmentally friendly family farm. I would also like to thank Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito and Commissioner Lebeaux for their continued commitment to renewable energy."

"Great job done by Grass Roots Farm in being chosen as a recipient of this grant," said Representative Berthiaume. "This funding will allow this farm to continue their agricultural operation while supplying clean sustainable solar power."

Grass Roots Farm has been owned and operated by Kristin and Tom "TJ" Bohan since 2004. What began as hobby farming of large gardens, chickens and a beef calf has expanded into commercial operation with a close personal relationship with members of the community. More information on the farm can be found on their website at [www.grassrootsfarm.net](http://www.grassrootsfarm.net).

The Agricultural Energy Grant Program is one of several within DAR's Division of Agricultural Conservation and Technical Assistance (DACTA). The division provides technical assistance, training, conservation, and funding to promote economically viable and environmentally sound agricultural practices in Massachusetts.

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