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Senator Anne Gobi Announces Climate Vulnerability Funding for Charlton, Spencer & Ware

BOSTON – Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) has announced that three communities in the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex district will be receiving grant funding through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program. Grant funding to each community will provide technical support, climate change data, and planning tools to identify hazards and develop strategies to improve resilience. Charlton will receive \$15,000, Spencer \$16,000 and Ware \$17,000.

“Extreme weather events have wreaked havoc in our area of the state before. We have seen firsthand the damage done and how hard it can be to recover as a community,” said Senator Gobi. “Preparing cities and towns for anything and everything is a no-brainer and I am pleased to see that Charlton, Spencer, and Ware will all be receiving funding.”

The MVP program will be led by an experienced Project Coordinator from the towns with a core team of town staff and volunteers representing town planning departments, emergency managers, conservation commissioners, economic councils, the business community, and other key stakeholders. Technical assistance will be delivered by state-certified MVP Program providers using a standardized toolkit for assessing vulnerability and developing strategies, and newly developed climate projections and data from the Northeast Climate Science Center at UMass-Amherst.

Upon successful completion of the program, municipalities will be designated as a “Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Community”.

If you have any questions, please contact Senator Gobi’s office at 617-722-1540.

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