

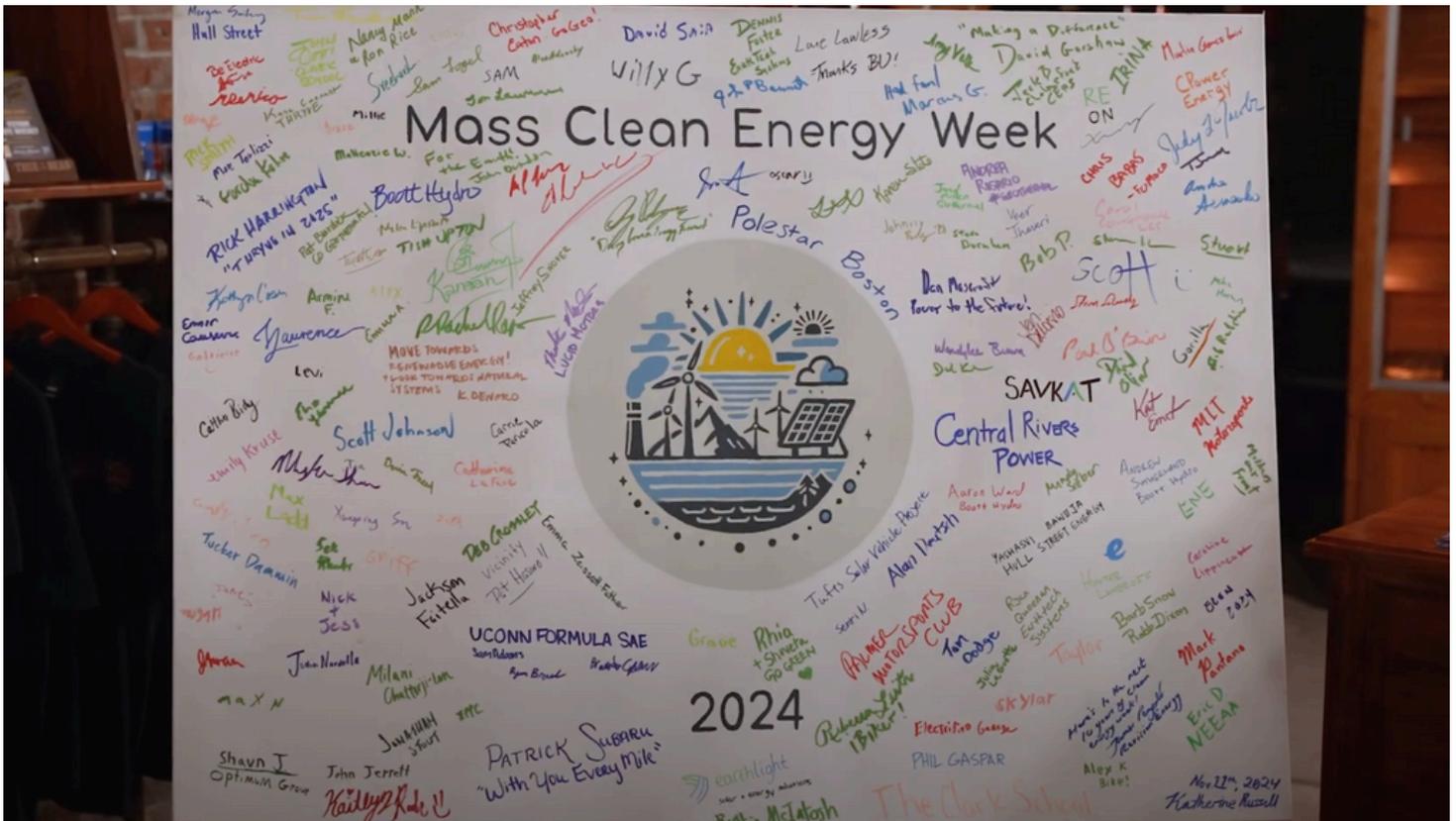


GREENPOWER PERSPECTIVES



A New Voice in New England's Clean Energy Future

MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN ENERGY WEEK: ONE MONTH AWAY



We are officially one month away from our flagship event: Massachusetts Clean Energy Week. In a year marked by rapid change and unprecedented challenges for the clean energy industry, this week will showcase resilience, innovation, and collaboration. Leaders from government, business, academia, and communities across the Commonwealth will come together to highlight progress, address obstacles, and share a collective vision for a sustainable future.

As part of the week, we will tour Spotlight Cities to show how local leadership is turning commitments into measurable progress and setting examples for communities across Massachusetts.

NEW ENGLAND CLEAN ENERGY WEEKS

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JUNE 22-26, 2026

BROCKTON: A CITY LEADING WITH HEART AND INNOVATION

Walking through the streets of Brockton revealed something remarkable that challenged every assumption about urban renewal and municipal leadership.

What was seen in Brockton was a masterpiece of leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to the people the city serves. The city embodies the fighting spirit of its most famous sons, Rocky Marciano and Marvin Hagler, channeling that same relentless drive into municipal excellence and community transformation.

The tour that was orchestrated was not just impressive, it was revelatory. From stopping before the Public Safety Building, a project that was not easy to get approved and built, but stands today as a testament to the team's determination, to witnessing the remarkable transformation happening throughout the city, it became clear that these are leaders who do not simply talk about change, but make it happen, one project, one street, one life at a time.

The Fire Chief understands that every upgrade and every improvement means the team can better protect the families they have sworn to serve. The Police Chief has pioneered initiatives proving that community safety and environmental stewardship strengthen each other in ways that benefit every resident. Pat Hill spoke with the quiet confidence of someone who understands that infrastructure is not just pipes and wires, it is the foundation upon which strong cities are built and flourish.

Mayor Sullivan's timing as a leader speaks volumes about his character. Taking office at the height of COVID-19, when uncertainty gripped every municipality, he chose action over hesitation. While other communities paused their progress, Brockton accelerated its own, investing in the city's future when courage was required most. His financial expertise became one of Brockton's secret weapons. Securing energy efficient lighting for the entire city for only \$42,000 was not just good governance, it was the kind of innovative problem solving that transforms communities.

Evidence of excellence appeared everywhere. At Campanelli Stadium, the million dollar LED conversion stands as a symbol of efficiency. At the Little Red Schoolhouse, city investment preserves history while building for tomorrow. Standing before the Marciano Statue, it became clear that Brockton knows how to honor its champions, and today, the current leadership team is writing the next chapter of championship leadership.

What moved visitors most was not only what has been accomplished, but how it has been accomplished. Every department head and every staff member who participated carried themselves with dignity and purpose that spoke to something deeper. This is not simply about solar panels, LED lighting, or energy efficient buildings. It is about a team of public servants who wake up every morning determined to prove that Brockton's best days are not behind it. They are being written right now.

Municipal leadership means shouldering immense responsibility while facing constant scrutiny. Every decision generates opinions, every initiative faces skeptics, and progress often receives less attention than problems. Yet what is being built in Brockton is nothing short of extraordinary. This is not simply the management of municipal services, it is the crafting of a renaissance story that will inspire communities throughout Massachusetts and beyond.

Mayor Sullivan's leadership makes clear why he is a strong finalist for Mayor of the Year. More importantly, Brockton has been selected as a highlighted community during Massachusetts Clean Energy Week, because its achievements deserve widespread recognition and replication.

The statues of Rocky Marciano and Marvin Hagler stand in the city as reminders of champions who rose from Brockton to conquer the world. On this tour, a new generation of champions was witnessed: champions of public service, of environmental responsibility, of community building. The leadership team carries forward that same fighting spirit, that same refusal to be counted out, that same determination to prove doubters wrong.

From the Welcome Center, to Grove Street's remarkable Brightfield project, to the support services on Manley Street for those who need it most, from the planned high school transformation to Brockton Hospital's forward thinking energy initiatives, every stop on the tour told the same story: Brockton is a city that takes care of its own.

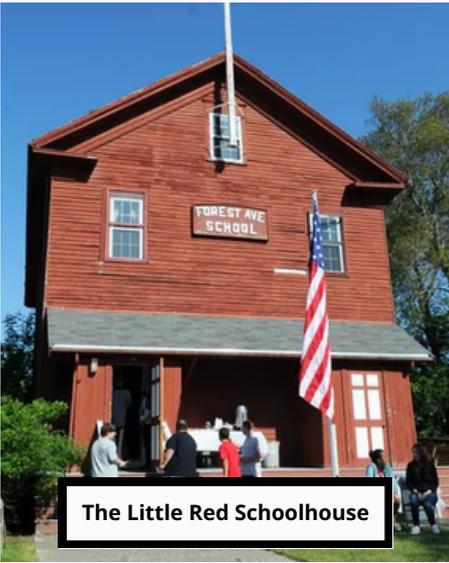
The partnership with Brockton extends far beyond Massachusetts Clean Energy Week. The city's vision deserves belief and support for continued success in the years ahead. The work underway is not only changing Brockton, it is setting an example for every city in America that refuses to accept decline as destiny.

Brockton demonstrates what dedicated municipal service accomplishes. It proves that when leaders combine expertise with compassion, neighborhoods do not merely survive economic challenges, they emerge stronger than before.

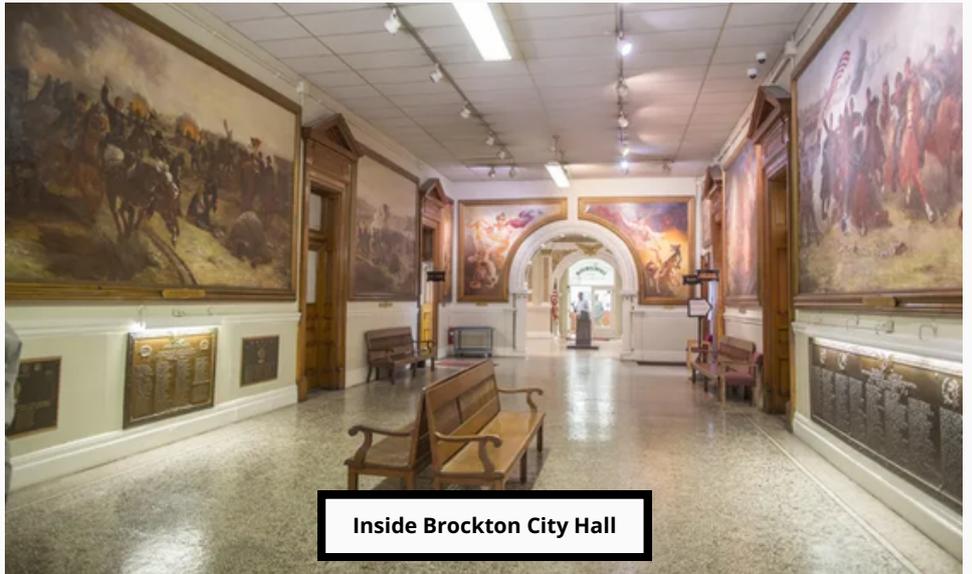
Brockton benefits from this leadership. Massachusetts benefits from this example. The story of Brockton is one of remarkable municipal achievements, driven by resilience, vision, and a commitment to community.



Mayor Sullivan and his team with the NREC team



The Little Red Schoolhouse



Inside Brockton City Hall



The Liberty Tree



Marvin Hagler Statue



Rocky Marciano Statue



Campanelli Stadium

FRAMINGHAM: A CITY DEFINING WHAT LOCAL LEADERSHIP CAN BE

Excellence in municipal leadership reveals itself not in grand gestures, but in the meticulous attention to detail that transforms everyday operations into extraordinary achievements. What was experienced in Framingham was not just a tour of municipal projects, it was a front row seat to the future of local government, delivered with such precision, passion, and purpose that it felt historic.

Shawn Luz orchestrated something nothing short of masterful. Across municipal tours throughout Massachusetts, there has never been such thoughtful curation, such deep knowledge, or such infectious enthusiasm for the work being done. The projects were not simply presented, they were painted as a living portrait of a community that has decided mediocrity is not an option. Expertise and dedication shone through every detail, every explanation, every moment of pride in Framingham's achievements.

Mayor Sisitsky's leadership has created something remarkable. From the moment visitors walked into Memorial Building to the final stop, it became clear that what has been assembled is not just a team, but a movement of public servants who genuinely believe they can change the world and are proving it every single day.

Brendon Wilkinson's operations management of capital projects represents the backbone of transformation. The seamless execution witnessed throughout the city happens because of expertise ensuring every detail matters. Under the direction of James Paolini, Capital Projects and Facilities Management has established a foundation so solid that innovation can flourish on top of it. Together with Deputy Director Phaldie Taliep, the capital projects operation has become one that other cities can only dream of replicating.

At MWRTA, transportation solutions demonstrated that public transit can be both environmentally responsible and community focused. The Farley Building showed how historic structures can meet modern efficiency. Fuller Middle School revealed the full scope of Framingham's vision, not just upgrading buildings, but creating learning environments that teach children through their very walls that sustainability and excellence go hand in hand.

The McAuliffe Center showcased a commitment to community spaces that serve multiple purposes while advancing environmental goals. The completed district geothermal project stood as the crown jewel, a declaration that Framingham refuses to accept the status quo when better solutions exist. Conservation Administrator Rebecca Nau has connected every project to a larger environmental mission.

The Waushakum stormwater improvement project exemplifies forward thinking infrastructure that protects both environment and community. Parks and recreation leadership under James Snyder and Alison Eliot has created green spaces that are not only beautiful but actively contribute to climate resilience through strategic shade tree planting that will benefit generations.

Sanitation and public works operations under Darren Guertin and Robert Lewis have revolutionized waste management. The curbside composting partnership with Black Earth Compost goes beyond waste diversion. It is community education in action, showing that environmental responsibility can be both convenient and impactful.

Financial stewardship by Dana Haagensen has enabled transformative innovation. Securing over \$1.2 million in DOER Green Communities grant funding while preparing for Phase 2 of the geothermal district program demonstrates how fiscal excellence and environmental leadership can work together as unified strengths. Public information efforts led by Susan Petroni ensure these remarkable stories reach every resident.

Multilingual outreach to residents and businesses reflects true environmental justice, meeting people where they are, in languages they understand, with solutions that work for their lives.

Chief Operating Officer Michael Tusino orchestrates this symphony of departments working in harmony. Chief Dutcher's fire department integration into the broader sustainability mission proves that public safety and environmental responsibility strengthen one another.

Planning and community development under Sarkis Sarkisian shapes not only what Framingham builds, but how the city thinks about its future. Climate Action Plan workshops and the Cooler Communities Fair represent engagement that goes beyond information sharing to genuine partnership.

In the Mayor's Office, Jennifer Nall ensures this complex operation runs smoothly, enabling others to focus on transformative work. Superintendent Robert Tremblay's leadership of Framingham Public Schools creates the next generation of environmental stewards.

The heat pumps at City Hall, the decarbonizing neighborhoods initiative, the acceleration of carbon free transportation, these are not just policy initiatives. They are the curriculum for a city wide education in what becomes possible when leadership meets vision.

Erin Ellsworth's chairmanship of the Framingham Sustainability Committee represents the voice of citizens who demand excellence and receive it.

Most impressive is how Framingham has cultivated a municipal culture where environmental leadership, fiscal responsibility, and community service operate as integrated strengths rather than competing priorities. The city demonstrates that economic prosperity and environmental stewardship reinforce one another when implemented with intelligence and vision.

Framingham thrives because of its environmental leadership, not despite it. That leadership has earned recognition in three categories during Massachusetts Clean Energy Week: Mayor of the Year for Mayor Sisitsky's exceptional leadership, Sustainability Director of the Year for Shawn Luz's remarkable coordination and vision, and Green Community of the Year for the collective excellence of the entire team.

Framingham has also been chosen as a Spotlight City during Massachusetts Clean Energy Week. Its story deserves to be told not just across Massachusetts, but across the nation as an example of what happens when local government operates at the highest level.

Leadership in public service requires navigating complex challenges while maintaining unwavering commitment to community welfare. Progress in municipal work often receives less recognition than problems, yet this team continues building something extraordinary. Long hours, difficult decisions, and the weight of responsibility have produced a model for how cities can excel in the 21st century, combining intelligence, innovation, integrity, and an unshakeable commitment to residents.

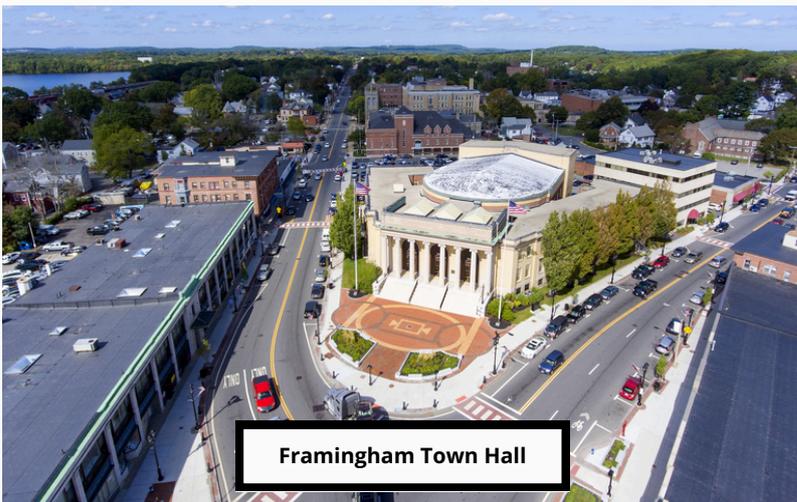
Every project, every initiative, every innovation sends the same powerful message: Framingham is a city that believes in tomorrow and works tirelessly to make that tomorrow better than today.



Mayor Sisitsky and his team with the NREC team at MWRTA HQ in Framingham



District Geothermal Project



Framingham Town Hall



Christa Corrigan McAuliffe Center

WORCESTER: A CITY TURNING VISION INTO ACTION

Authentic leadership reveals itself not in polished presentations, but in the genuine passion leaders bring to discussing their community's future and the thoughtful strategies they employ to achieve meaningful progress. That was exactly what happened in Worcester, leaving a profound appreciation for the thoughtful work taking place in the city.

Mayor Petty, John Odell, Bernard Whitmore, and Peter Dunn generously took time from their demanding schedules to walk through Worcester's environmental initiatives. From the meeting in City Hall to standing among the innovative Miyawaki Forest behind the Main Library, from witnessing the impressive landfill solar array on NippNapp Trail to touring Doherty Memorial High School and concluding at Greentech Park, each stop revealed another layer of Worcester's commitment to sustainable progress.

The Miyawaki Forest project particularly stood out as emblematic of Worcester's approach to environmental stewardship: thoughtful, science based, and designed for long term community benefit. The landfill solar array demonstrated how Worcester transforms challenges into opportunities, turning waste management sites into clean energy generators. At Doherty Memorial High School, the city's investment in educational facilities prepares students for tomorrow's economy, while Greentech Park showcases Worcester's vision for sustainable economic development.

What was most striking was Worcester's strategic approach to sustainable development combined with an honest assessment of both achievements and ongoing challenges. The willingness of city leaders to discuss both successes and areas for improvement reflects the kind of transparent leadership that builds lasting progress.

Worcester has been chosen as one of the Spotlight Cities during Massachusetts Clean Energy Week. Worcester's story of environmental innovation and economic development deserves broader recognition, and it is essential that this story be shared widely.

A comprehensive two hour bus tour during Massachusetts Clean Energy Week will bring together department leadership alongside the Mayor. This will be an opportunity to showcase not only the projects already visited, but also future initiatives, transit innovations, educational facilities, and the remarkable work advancing across city departments.

This featured tour will enable Worcester to demonstrate the full scope of its environmental leadership to fellow municipalities, business leaders, clean energy advocates, and organizations. It is a chance to show how Worcester is building a sustainable future while maintaining the economic vitality that makes the city thrive.

Municipal leadership demands balancing numerous competing priorities, optimizing limited resources, and making decisions that impact thousands of residents while planning for long term community benefit. Worcester's dedication to environmental progress within these realities demonstrates the principled leadership that Massachusetts communities need.

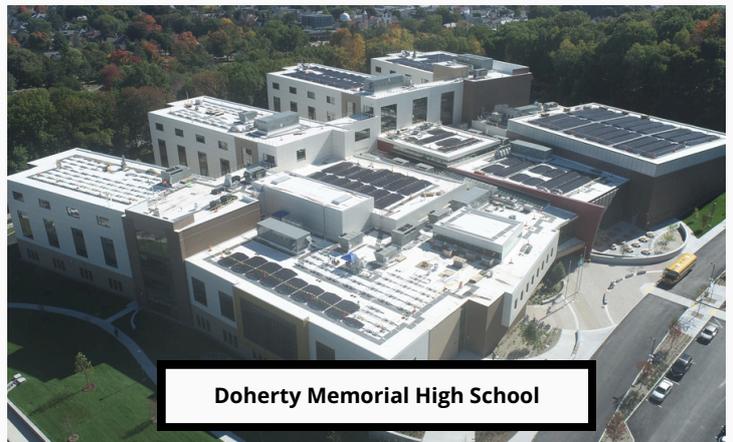
Worcester is rightly included among the highlighted communities of Massachusetts Clean Energy Week. The city's innovative spirit and environmental commitment deserve recognition, and its work will help inspire a wider audience across the Commonwealth and beyond.



Mayor Petty and his team with the NREC team



Miyawaki Forest



Doherty Memorial High School



Nippnapp Trail Solar Array



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GreenTech Park



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State Steps Up Amid Federal Funding Cuts

With federal subsidies for climate technology dwindling, Massachusetts is enhancing its support for clean energy startups. The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) has introduced new grant programs aimed at fostering innovation and accelerating the deployment of renewable technologies. These initiatives are designed to bridge the funding gap left by federal reductions and maintain the state's momentum toward its clean energy goals.

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Legal and Political Push to Revive Revolution Wind

The Trump administration's abrupt halt of the Revolution Wind project, a nearly completed offshore wind farm off the coast of Rhode Island and Connecticut, has sparked a strong response from state leaders. Governor Ned Lamont is exploring legal avenues to resume construction, while Senator Chris Murphy criticizes the move as politically motivated. The project, which was set to power over 350,000 homes, is central to Connecticut's renewable energy strategy.

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State Officials Condemn Federal Wind Project Suspension

Rhode Island's Governor Dan McKee and other officials have publicly condemned the federal government's decision to halt the Revolution Wind project. The suspension, citing national security concerns without specific details, threatens the state's renewable energy objectives and workforce development initiatives. State leaders are considering legal challenges to overturn the decision and resume the project.

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Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030

Massachusetts has released its Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2025 and 2030, outlining strategies to meet emissions limits and achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The plan includes policies to decarbonize transportation, electrify buildings, and expand renewable energy sources, ensuring the state remains on track to meet its ambitious climate goals.

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“THE FUTURE WILL BE GREEN, OR NOT AT ALL.”
- JONATHON PORRITT, ENVIRONMENTALIST AND AUTHOR