

# LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MURRAY BREAKS GROUND ON \$1.3 MILLION RANDOLPH MASSWORKS PROJECT

RANDOLPH – Wednesday, June 27, 2012 – Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray joined state and local officials in Randolph today to break ground on the North Randolph Business District Improvement project, which is supported by a \$1.3 million MassWorks Infrastructure grant and will help generate private development in the area. The Patrick-Murray Administration's MassWorks program supports infrastructure projects by targeting local economic development initiatives and creating jobs.

"Our Administration continues to partner with cities and towns to invest in local infrastructure improvements," said Lieutenant Governor Murray. "By working with the Town of Randolph through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, we are paving the way for future opportunities that will advance housing and economic development in Randolph's downtown district and support regional economic growth."

In the fall of 2011 Randolph was awarded \$1.3 million through the MassWorks Infrastructure Program. The grant will help fund public infrastructure improvements including the design, engineering and construction of streetscape enhancements and upgraded traffic signals along Pond Street and Reed Street.

"The MassWorks program is an integral part of the Patrick-Murray Administration's commitment to improving our infrastructure, creating jobs and spurring economic development in every corner of Massachusetts," said Greg Bialecki, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development. "This program matches the objectives of our long-term economic development plan, which includes empowering our local and regional economies."

The public infrastructure work will help create a major area of investment in Randolph and is expected to spur new private investments in the North Randolph Business District and the nearby Pacella Park/Great Pond Commerce Center Overlay District. The Pacella Industrial Park has been designated as a 43D Expedited Permitting location in an effort to support future growth and expansion opportunities at this location. The North Randolph Business District has already seen new investment with the May 2012 grand opening of The Lodge Bar & Grill which brings a new casual dining opportunity to North Randolph. The infrastructure is also expected to help support the creation of new housing and new and expanded commercial development in the area.

"The Patrick-Murray Administration continues to provide the tools to municipalities like Randolph that we need to improve the local economy," said David Murphy, Randolph Town Manager. "The MassWorks grant is an investment in our town's future and provides great incentive for private investment and reinvestment in our town. We are very appreciative of the Administration's help and the work of Randolph's State delegation, especially State Senator Brian Joyce."

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program, which is overseen by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (HED), held its first competitive grant round in September, consolidating six capital budget programs to give communities a single entry

point and one set of requirements for state public infrastructure grants. The consolidation aimed to improve efficiencies and streamline the decision-making process, increase access for municipalities of all sizes and enhance state-regional-local partnerships around economic development and housing production.

During the first grant round, 158 applications requesting more than \$400 million in infrastructure grants were received from cities and towns of all sizes and representing every region of the state. In total, HED awarded \$63.5 million in grants to 42 communities throughout Massachusetts for public infrastructure projects that will begin this spring and summer.

“The Town of Randolph is pleased to participate in the MassWorks infrastructure Project Construction Kickoff,” said Representative Bruce Ayers. “This infrastructure project will support local economic growth and create jobs for the Downtown Revitalization and Streetscape improvements.”

To learn more about the MassWorks Infrastructure Program and how it is supporting job growth and long term, sustainable economic development, please visit: [www.mass.gov/eohed/infrastructure](http://www.mass.gov/eohed/infrastructure).

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