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Press Release

Grafton Awarded Planning Assistance Grant

On December 11, 2017, Town of Grafton was one of 37 cities and towns across the Commonwealth to be awarded a grant under the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Planning Assistance Grant Program. The Town of Grafton received \$16,000 under EEA's Grant Program for the development a smart growth zoning bylaw to guide redevelopment of an existing mixed-use development located at 215 Worcester Street/ 1 Hawthorne Street, also known as Bolack Plaza.

Announced by the Baker-Polito Administration as part of its new Housing Choice Initiative, the Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said, "The Commonwealth's cities and towns are instrumental in our efforts to create more housing, and the Housing Choice Initiative will provide municipalities with the tools and incentives needed to drive meaningful housing production that is appropriate for their community, maximizes land-use and creates opportunities for smart development."

The grant award will allow the Town to retain a consultant to work to implement recommendations of the recently completed [Worcester Street Village Strategic Plan](#) and to develop a zoning bylaw to encourage and guide redevelopment of the Bolack Plaza and adjacent areas.

For more information please contact the Planning Department at 508-839-5335 x 1120 or email planningdept@grafton-ma.gov. The Baker-Polito Administration's Press Release can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-new-housing-choice-initiative>.