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## **Representative Smola Announces Community Compact Grant for Palmer**

**BOSTON – State Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren)** is pleased to announce that the Town of Palmer, along with six other local communities, has been awarded a \$35,310 Community Compact Grant in order to establish the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (Deerfield, Greenfield, East Longmeadow, Montague, Palmer, South Hadley, Southampton). The Community Compact Cabinet’s Efficiency & Regionalization grant program is a new program for Fiscal Year 2017 and provides financial support for governmental entities interested in implementing regionalization and other efficiency initiatives that allow for long-term sustainability.

“I’m thrilled that Palmer and the other communities included in this grant were able to secure this competitive funding,” said Representative Smola. “Certain issues which affect all of us, are easier to solve by working in collaboration with our neighbors and the Community Compact program does a great job of encouraging that cooperation.”

The first round of applications in 2016 was highly competitive, opening October 15<sup>th</sup> and closing on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The next round of applications will be open from January 1<sup>st</sup> until February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

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