



**TOWN OF TEMPLETON
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Dear East Templeton Village Residents:

As many of you are aware, for several years the Town of Templeton applied to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for a Community Development Block Grant to install new water mains and drainage lines in Baldwinville's Back Bay neighborhood, as well as to reconstruct some roadways and sidewalks. With the Back Bay Project now complete, the Town is able to move on to the long-discussed East Templeton Village Infrastructure Improvements Project.

The town remains committed to securing grant funding to undertake critical infrastructure improvements in East Templeton and has hired a consultant, Community Opportunities Group, Inc. (COG), to help us prepare this year's application. COG has nearly 40 years of experience writing grants and has been successful in getting many, many projects funded. We are optimistic that COG will prepare a successful application for the Town this year. COG and the Town have a long running working relationship dating back to 2006.

But, they cannot do it alone. **Your participation in a survey is critically needed.** The state agency that provides these funds requires the Town to conduct a resident survey. If we are unable to provide the state with the survey documentation that it requires, we will not qualify for this grant. Please take a minute to respond to the enclosed survey. A pre-stamped return envelope is included. Results of the survey are anonymous and are sent directly to COG.

We have heard from many East Templeton residents throughout the years, urging the Town to invest in the Village's infrastructure. In the coming months we'll host a forum, along with our partners in this endeavor – COG, Templeton Water, and Templeton Sewer - to discuss community development activities as well as host a Public Hearing on the FY19 CDBG funding application. We'd love to hear your thoughts and concerns with the neighborhood's infrastructure at these meetings, but feel free to also stop in to the office or write a letter.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Carter Terenzini
Town Administrator