



**Climate Action Advisory Board
Director's Update
April 23, 2019**

MVP Action Grants – The Town submitted 3 projects for funding through the FY20 round of MVP Action Grants. The projects include a Climate Action Plan, green infrastructure improvements at White Pond to reduce stormwater damage, and a tree planting and tree resilience project. The award notification is expected around June 1st.

Sustainable Landscaping Project – The locations for the demonstration gardens as part of our MAPC grant have been confirmed. They will be installed at the High School, Concord Free Public Library and Junction Park. Planting will be scheduled within the next month. KLA and Bohler Engineering (landscape architects) were hired to complete the second part of the grant, organizing a speaker series and creating a sustainable landscaping handbook. The speaker series is expected to start in June and the handbook will be completed by the end of the year.

Community Events – The ribbon cutting of the Minuteman Bike Share was last week at the Visitor's Center. The bike share is run by Zagster and there is a bike station behind the visitor's center and one in West Concord. Upcoming sustainability-related community events where Town Sustainability will be represented include:

- April 27th – Musketaquid Earth Day Festival, Old Manse
- May 4th – DropOff SwapOff, Keyes Road, hosted by Concord Public Works and REUSIT
- May 18th – Sustainable Landscaping Fair, CCHS, hosted by CSEC
- June 8th – Home heating and cooling event, CCHS, hosted by HeatSmart team

Communications – Recent updates to the website include creation of a landing page about Concord's [GHG emissions](#) and the completion of a [case study about sustainability initiatives at the Orchard House](#). An #EARTHDAY2019 social media campaign is planned for next week. Make sure you're following on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and please share.

Beyond Concord – Kate spoke on a panel of sustainability coordinators in Sherborn. Groups there and in Holliston are bringing an article to their respective Town Meetings to hire a shared sustainability coordinator.