



**Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC)
Resolution
In Support of Sustainable Forestry Practices**

The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) and its Member municipal light plants (MLPs) support the energy and environmental policies and objectives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including the reduction of carbon emissions. A commitment to sustainable forestry practices, urban forestry and carbon sequestration through tree planting is part of the solution.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognizes the importance of sustainable forestry practices and urban forestry in helping the state meet its carbon reduction goals under the Global Warming Solutions Act. These practices help to absorb air pollutants, reduce erosion and provide other environmental benefits. The Commonwealth encourages stakeholders to deploy strategies that support carbon mitigation goals, such as tree planting.

One of the missions of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Greening the Gateway Cities program is to provide health benefits to low-income, urban communities. These communities, some of which are designated “Environmental Justice” communities, can benefit from tree planting through absorption of harmful air pollution and reducing the so-called “urban heat island effect,” as well as reduced heating and cooling costs. MMWEC is in lockstep with the state regarding the need to increase focus on these underserved communities as part of a broad, far-reaching effort to reduce carbon emissions in the state and the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MMWEC and its Member MLPs support and promote sustainable forestry practices, in recognition of increasing customer interest and public policy goals towards reducing carbon emissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MMWEC and its Member MLPs are embracing cleaner energy policies and objectives, reflecting a progressive approach to the environmental, policy and other issues facing electric utilities today.

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