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**MOORE, NEAL & FROST ANNOUNCE \$182K IN LOANS TO FUND
INFLOW & INFILTRATION ANALYSIS FOR TOWN OF MILLBURY**

BOSTON – Friday, May 1, 2009 –Senator Michael Moore is pleased to announce \$182,000 in financing and subsidies has been awarded to fund an Inflow & Infiltration Analysis to determine the capacity of the Millbury sewer system. This project, listed under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program, will be eligible for assistance through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. More than \$986 million in financing and subsidies has been awarded to fund 127 statewide infrastructure improvements targeting major drinking water and waste water projects.

“I am thrilled we were able to secure this vital funding for the Town of Millbury,” said Senator Moore. “Not only does this project help to protect public health and the environment, it helps ratepayers as well as the town. Failure to acquire this funding could have resulted in major rate increases for residents in the affected communities.”

The project is listed under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program will be eligible for assistance through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, as the Obama Administration is making \$133 million available for Clean Water SRF projects.

“The Environmental Protection Agency awards billions of dollars in federal assistance each year to communities like Millbury and Grafton to protect and maintain their water quality. In my opinion, these funds help maintain the quality of life in cities and towns across Massachusetts. I congratulate the community leaders who worked diligently to secure this well deserved and timely funding,” said Congressman Richard E. Neal.

Representative Frost said, “I’m glad to see Millbury taking advantage of this program to study the capacity of the sewer system. This program will also mean a savings for ratepayers.”

Massachusetts awards infrastructure financing under the SRF, which is administered by the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, a joint effort of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), the Executive Office of Administration and Finance and the State Treasurer’s Office.

To be eligible for Clean Water or Drinking Water SRF funding, municipalities, waste water districts and water suppliers filed applications with MassDEP last year demonstrating that the proposed projects offer significant public health or drinking water quality benefits. The 127 projects on the awards list must now obtain local funding authorization by August 1, and submit final plans and specifications by August 1 to qualify for Recovery Act “shovel-ready” funding. Projects that fail to qualify for Recovery Act funding will be awarded 2 percent loans and must submit their plans and specifications by October 1.

