



**DENISE ANDREWS**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
2<sup>ND</sup> FRANKLIN DISTRICT  
ATHOL, ERVING, GILL, GREENFIELD,  
ORANGE, WARWICK

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1054

Committees on:  
Revenue  
Election Laws  
Labor and Workforce Development

STATE HOUSE, ROOM 443  
TEL. (617) 722-2460  
FAX. (617) 626-0120  
Denise.Andrews@MAhouse.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 14, 2011

Contact:  
Brian Eno, Legislative Aide  
Office of Representative Denise Andrews  
(617) 722-2460  
Brian.eno@mahouse.gov

## **Andrews & Brewer Announce \$883,993 for the Town of Athol**

**(Boston)** – Senator Stephen M. Brewer (D-Barre) and Representative Denise Andrews (D-Orange) today announced that the Town of Athol has been awarded an \$833,933 grant from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development through the Fiscal Year 2012 MassWorks Infrastructure Program.

The funding will be allocated for the Traverse Street Infrastructure Project, a compact redevelopment of existing roadways and sidewalks with enhanced pedestrian safety and accessibility. The project will also establish additional parking and improve access between the Athol Area YMCA and the Community Transit Services Headquarters.

“This project will be a great revitalization for Downtown Athol,” said Brewer. This area is utilized by residents throughout the North Quabbin region and will increase accessibility and convenience for visitors improving public safety and benefiting the downtown economy.”

“The redevelopment of this infrastructure will serve to improve safety and increase economic opportunity for many downtown businesses,” shared Andrews. “This project is important to residents of Athol and the region. It represents a win-win – using public dollars to rebuild critical infrastructure and supporting needed construction jobs.”

The project will add 29 additional parking spaces. The proposed parking area would help prevent children from crossing a busy street to access the YMCA, helping to alleviate a long

---more---

standing safety concern in the community. The project would also improve access to the Town Hall and Library and downtown shopping.

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program consolidates six capital budget programs administered across three different agencies providing a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible applicants, seeking public infrastructure funding to support economic development. The program provides grant funding for publicly owned infrastructure including, but not limited to sewers, utility extensions, streets, roads, curb-cuts, parking facilities, site preparation, demolition, pedestrian walkways, streetscape, and water treatment systems.

###