

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman John W. Olver (D-1<sup>st</sup> District) announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved a funding bill that includes \$1,000,000 for Mount Wachusett Community College's (MWCC) Wind Project.

Olver secured the funding in the FY10 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, which the House passed on July 17, 2009. Olver is on the Appropriations Committee and worked to secure the funding. This funding will contribute toward MWCC's installation of a wind turbine on campus. The College will document the process and procedures required for wind turbine construction. This project can be used as a template to identify the necessary components for wind development in the region, such as permitting, wind resource and site assessment, and financing options. "The installation of wind turbines will lessen the College's dependence on the electrical grid, reduce its carbon footprint, and provide a teaching tool for students," Congressman John Olver said. "This project is yet another example of the MWCC's efforts to implement innovative programs promoting renewable energy both on campus and throughout the surrounding community." The Senate must still approve its appropriations bill and then both chambers will have to approve a reconciled bill before it goes to the president's desk to be signed into law.

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