

## What's Happening

Massachusetts law requires a percentage of the electric power sold to residents and small businesses to come from renewable sources such as wind and solar. Early in 2019, at the suggestion of Quincy Climate Action Network, the Quincy City Council authorized Mayor Koch to form a green municipal aggregation (GMA), whereby Quincy residents would get more renewable power in their mix than the currently mandated 14 percent.

## Why It Matters

- Increasing the use of renewable power raises demand for power from solar and wind farms and reduces demand for power from polluting, climate-altering sources. Even an extra 5 percent renewables in a city the size of Quincy would make a noticeable difference in the state's carbon footprint.
- Many Boston-area cities and towns have GMAs, including Somerville, Medford, Arlington, Brookline, Winchester, and Dedham.
- Because of bulk-buying discounts, GMA electricity typically costs about the same, and often less, than the electricity most Quincy residents currently get.
- Under GMA, you will still get your bill from National Grid and your power will still come over their lines.
- Residents can opt out of a GMA at any time via mail or phone.

## What You Can Do

- Contact the mayor and city council to ask them when the city will have greener GMA electricity.
- Meanwhile, you can switch to clean energy today on the Green Energy Consumers website ([greenenergyconsumers.org](http://greenenergyconsumers.org)).