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State Awards LWD \$78,000 Grant

The Littleton Water Department has won a \$78,000 state grant for a joint project with the Westford Water Department to restore the stream-flow in Stony Brook.

It was one of five projects awarded nearly \$316,000 from the Water Management Act Grant Program. The grants aim to maintain healthy rivers and streams and improve degraded water resources.

Last year, state environmental officials designated the Stony Brook Restoration Project as a priority, which made it eligible for the grant. Littleton and Westford have developed a plan to improve streamflow through the 38-square-mile water shed. The plan includes better coordination of the release of water at dams to better mimic natural stream flows.



Green Rewards Program Limits Reset for 2019

Did you max out your Green Rewards last year? The annual limits on discounted products and rebates offered by the Green Rewards Program reset on January 1st.

LED light bulbs are limited to 12 per household each year and water products, such as low-flow showerheads, are limited to four per year. For a full list of products and rebates, visit lelwd.com.

The Green Rewards Program offered by LELWD helps customers reduce their electric and water bills by using less. Green Rewards offers discounts and rebates on high-efficiency products which in turn help to lower utility bills.

LELWD Creates Study & Scholarship Programs for College-Bound Students

The Littleton Electric Light and Water Departments have launched two new programs to encourage college-bound students to study engineering or environmental science – two disciplines critical for professionals working for power and water utilities.

LELWD has partnered with Littleton High School to start a dual enrollment program that will allow eligible students to take college-level courses at no cost. LELWD has also created the Denise M. Pagacik Memorial Scholarship, an annual merit-based scholarship that rewards ambitious students interested in engineering or environmental science.

“Our hope is that these programs will encourage students to enter fields of study that may lead them to a career at an electric light or water department,” said LELWD General Manager Nick Lawler. “LELWD is excited about this opportunity to invest in the future workforce and help families with the rising cost of higher education.”

Under the dual enrollment program, juniors and seniors with a 3.0 or higher grade point average can apply to take one course per semester at a local college or university. The student will earn credit toward their future college degree while completing high school. LELWD will pay for the cost of the course and books.

Students can take courses at the University of Massachusetts Lowell,



but other institutions will also be considered. The program will be available for the 2019-2020 school year; the deadline to apply for the fall semester is April 1.

Some sample courses available at UMass Lowell will include Introduction to Electrical and Computer Engineering, Weather and Climate, and Computer Aided Design.

The new scholarship was created in memory of Denise M. Pagacik. Denise was a loving mother and wife, and integral part of the Littleton community for more than 25 years.

“Denise was always there for others,” Lawler said. “LELWD is committed to serving the community with the same dedication and selflessness that Denise lived her life by.”

In order to be eligible for the one-time award of \$2,000, students must have successfully participated in the new dual enrollment program and met certain minimum criteria.

For more information about the dual enrollment program and scholarship, visit lelwd.com.



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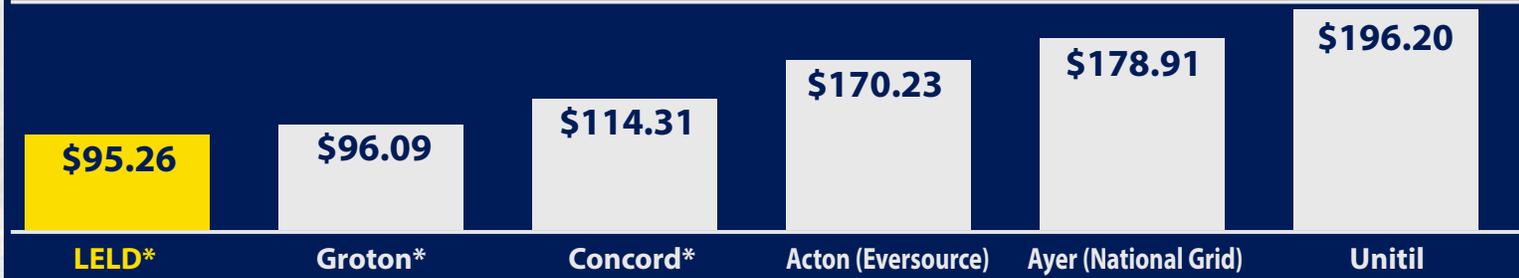
Boxborough Solar Project Powering LELD

LELD is now receiving electricity generated from the Boxborough community solar project. With this new source, LELD expects its renewable energy portfolio to grow to 27% this year, up from 25% in 2018.

LELD agreed to a 25-year power purchase deal to use 100 percent of the energy generated by the five-megawatt project located at 1414 Mass Ave.

In addition, LELD receives renewable energy credits for purchasing the solar power and is passing the credits on to customers who sign up. Residential customers can enroll at lelwd.com/rec or call (978) 540-2222 and reduce their electric bill up to \$60 per year.

2018 Residential Rate Comparisons



*Municipally owned utility

Source: Residential rate comparison for 750 kWh based on 12-month average rate, Jan-Dec. 2018, as compiled by the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Co.