

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced today that the House of Representatives has approved funding for a biomass project at Mount Wachusett Community College.

"This effort illustrates Mount Wachusett Community College's commitment to increase alternative energy sources and reduce its carbon footprint," Olver said.

The funding was included in the Energy and Water Appropriations conference report for fiscal year 2010.

The college recently opened a biomass power plant as a means of addressing the rising and unpredictable costs of fossil fuels.

A new generation of wood fuel gasification technologies is being developed in locations throughout the country.

The current power plant at MWCC produces enough energy for the college to be self-sufficient in its energy needs.

The conference report approved by the House yesterday is the reconciled version of separate House and Senate bills.

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