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The Lowell Green Restaurant Program announced on Sunday, September 23, 2012, the first two restaurants to officially become green certified. Two downtown Lowell restaurants, The Athenian Corner Restaurant (located at 207 Market St.) and Brew'd Awakening Coffeehaus (located at 61 Market St.) received the certification at a "Green Tie Affair" ceremony held at the Athenian in concert with the City of Lowell's Sustainability Week events.

Senator Eileen Donoghue presented citations from the state and Mayor Patrick Murphy presented the official certifications to the two restaurants. They will display special green decals to designate their status in their front windows. Both restaurants went through the green certification process administered by the Lowell Green Restaurant Program Committee. This committee is a part of the Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce and is a partnership with the Merrimack Valley Small Business Center and several volunteers with experience in various environmental and sustainable areas.

The Lowell Green Restaurant Program Committee is a non-biased, third-party certification program that identifies, certifies, supports and promotes green, sustainable restaurants in the City of Lowell, MA. For more information about the program, please contact Angela Vincent at <u>lowell.greenrestaurant@gmail.com</u> or find the program on Facebook at <u>http://www.facebook.com/LowellGreenRestaurantProgram</u>.

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