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Troy Recognized for Environmental Leadership

LANSING, Michigan – The city of Troy was recognized for environmental leadership at the Michigan Green Communities conference in Lansing on November 2. As part of the recently expanded Michigan Green Communities Challenge (<http://mml.org/green>), participating local governments were awarded Gold, Silver, Bronze or Member seals of achievement reflecting community leadership in areas such as natural resource conservation, green economic development and energy efficiency.

Troy achieved Bronze status for exemplary action in a variety of categories, including participation in the South Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority's extensive recycling program, and implementing design standards for trees, storm water management and open space planning and other sustainability concerns.

The Challenge is a new tool to help local leaders measure their progress in implementing energy, economic development and environmental improvements. It is supported by the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Economic Development Corporation Energy Office, Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association. It uses a rating system to recognize sustainability accomplishments and serves as a guide for community leaders looking to learn from their peers. Participation is free and open to all local governments in Michigan as part of the statewide Michigan Green Communities network that aims to support local sustainability efforts.

The Challenge launched in 2009 and emphasized energy efficiency projects in an effort to help local governments prepare for and make the best use of federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds. Over the last year, a team of graduate students from the University of Michigan worked with Challenge participants and the staff of partner organizations to update the program. The updated Challenge reflects broader topics, such as green economic development, resource conservation and water quality in addition to maintaining a strong energy component.

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