

Michigan Green Communities



What is MGC?

MGC is a **statewide network of local government and university staff** that collaborate with one another, through peer learning and information sharing, to promote innovative solutions and move sustainability initiatives forward at the local, regional, and state level



What does MGC do?

- Peer-to-peer information sharing
- Replication best practices
- Webinars
- Case studies
- Annual event
- MGC Challenge



Total Participation

City/Charter Township

Ann Arbor
Bangor Township
Battle Creek
Berkley
Birmingham
Charlevoix
Charter Township of Meridian
Clawson
Coldwater
Dearborn
Delhi Charter Township
Delta Charter Township
East Jordan
Farmington Hills
Ferndale
Fremont
Grand Rapids
Lansing
Lathrup Village
Livonia
Novi
Rogers City
Roseville
Royal Oak
Saline
Sterling Heights
Troy
Warren
Ypsilanti

County

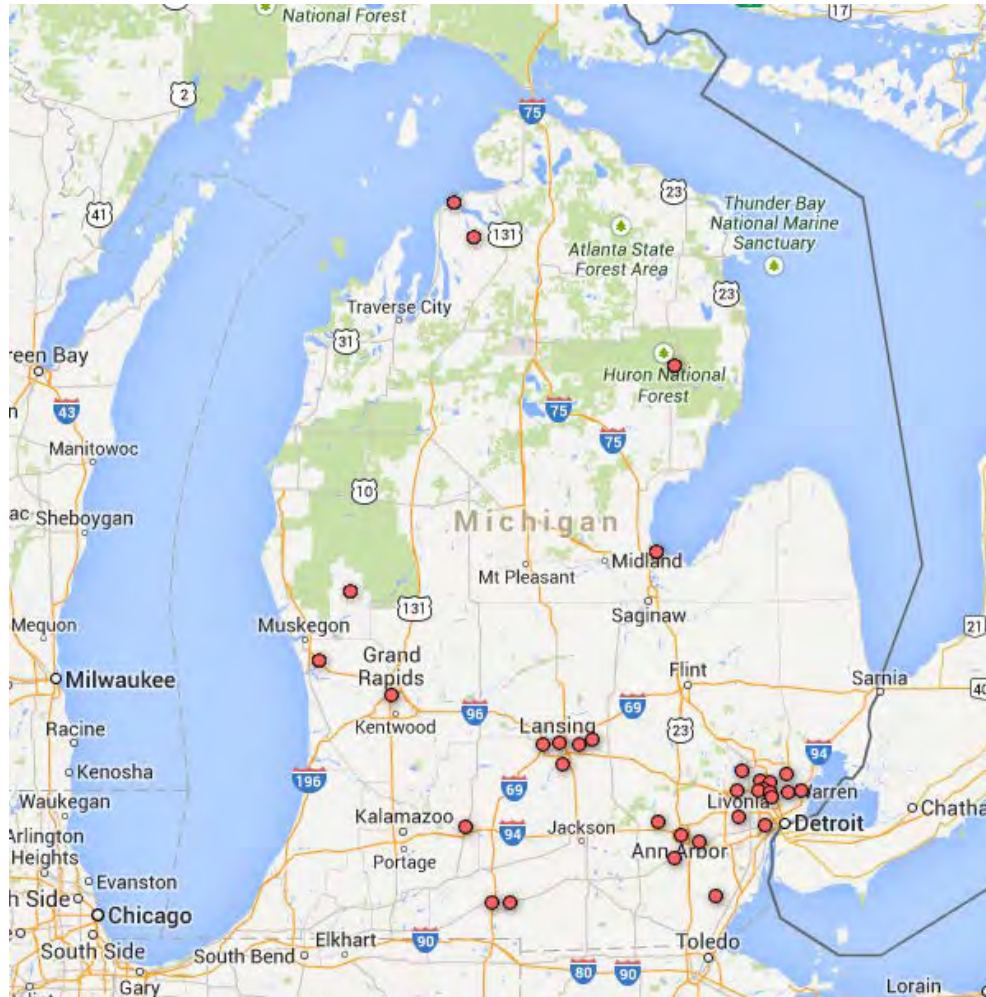
Monroe County
Oakland County

Township

Williamstown Township
Curtis Township

Village

Quincy
Dexter
Fruitport



Peer Learning



Ann Arbor Stormwater Utility
How Ann Arbor updated its stormwater utility to establish a more equitable rate structure, ensure sustainable funding, and encourage on-site treatment.



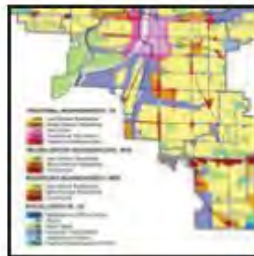
Dearborn Adopt-A-Watt
How Dearborn worked with Adopt-A-Watt, Inc. to upgrade parking structure lights through sponsorships without cost to the City.



Detroit Recycle Here! Program
How a small group of students filled the recycling void for the Midtown neighborhood in Detroit and created a community gathering space.



Farmington Hills Energy Contract
How Farmington Hills partnered with an energy services company to capture guaranteed energy savings in multiple City buildings.



Grand Rapids Zoning Code
How Grand Rapids updated its zoning ordinance to facilitate renewable energy, protect water quality, and encourage sustainable development.


The Challenge

- Rating system open to all local governments in Michigan
- Communities earn gold, silver, bronze or member rating
- Updated Challenge to launch in early 2016



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Green Communities Challenge Action List

REMINDER: The local government need not be the lead entity in order to receive credit for an item. Collaborative projects with other local governments, non-profit organizations, businesses, etc. are all eligible, provided they directly impact your community.

Each of the items below is associated with an [Action Guide](#). The [Action Guides](#) include background information on why the initiative is important, who to involve and how to approach implementation, and resources to help communities adopt the initiative. The [Action Guides](#) are intended to serve as a companion piece to this checklist.

	Points	Select
Administration and Planning (AP)		
(1) Administrative and Collaborative Teams		
[AP 1.1] Establish an internal government sustainability team composed of a diverse cross-section of staff members and elected/appointed officials (if appropriate) to coordinate sustainability initiatives within local government operations.	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
[AP 1.2] Establish a community sustainability team composed of local residents and businesses representative of the community to advise and assist local government on community-wide sustainability policies and practices.	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
[AP 1.3] Coordinate with local school and/or school district(s) to reduce school energy consumption, waste production, and other environmental impacts.	10	<input type="checkbox"/>



Upcoming Changes

- Integration of clean energy metrics
- Tiered achievement-based program
- Toolkits and resource teams
- Roadmap for sustainability



Annual Meeting

- April 20th to April 22nd in Roscommon
- Focus on climate adaptation and resilience
- Team event where communities bring 3 to 5 multi-disciplinary staff members to attend
- Partnering with ICMA to offer solar workshop on April 20th



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