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County Environment Officials To Host Korean Counterparts

WAYNE COUNTY, MI – August 20, 2007 The Wayne County Department of Environment will be hosting a delegation from the Republic of Korea Environment Division on September 5 in Detroit.

The delegation from South Korea will meet with County Executive Robert A. Ficano and Kurt L. Heise, Director of the County's Department of Environment. The group will tour county environmental facilities and learn more about environmental initiatives impacting both governments.

A Memorandum of Understanding between Wayne County and the Republic of Korea will also be approved that will expand environmental technology, education, and information-sharing between the two governments.

"The alliance being formed between Wayne County and the Republic of Korea is another indicator of Wayne County's statewide leadership on the environment. We are now sharing that leadership with other nations, improving the global environment while promoting new opportunities for our region," said Ficano.

The Korean Memorandum of Understanding will serve as a framework for a similar agreement that Ficano will share with several Chinese cities when he makes his third China Trade Mission in October. Environmental issues will be a featured topic of discussion for Ficano's next China mission.

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