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# News Release

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## **Department of Environment Awarded \$203,000**

### **Clean Michigan Grant**

**WAYNE COUNTY, MI – September 20, 2007** The Wayne County Department of Environment's Water Quality Division has been awarded more than \$200,000 from the Michigan Clean Michigan Grant Fund to control polluted water discharges into the Rouge River.

When leveraged with existing federal grants, the total amount to be spent by Wayne County on this effort will be more than \$405,000.

"These funds will allow us to expand our ongoing mission to identify and stop illegal discharges into the Rouge River," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano. These discharges can come from sewage pipes improperly connected to the river, building drains that empty into the river, and runoff from failed septic systems.

"The Department of Environment has done a great job in securing a substantial grant in difficult economic times," said Ficano, "and by leveraging these grants with existing federal dollars, we are providing added value for our residents who deserve a clean and safe environment."

For more information on the program, call (313) 224-3631

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