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Wayne County Recognized for Going Green

County receives two awards for green initiatives

Detroit, MI – These days, going green has become part of business. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has been recognized for his incorporation of this initiative into his business strategy at the newly Wayne County occupied Guardian Building, and throughout the community. This past Tuesday, Ficano received the Municipal Leadership Award at the DTE-ESD Energy Conference held at Rock Financial Showcase in Novi citing the green features of the building.

“We are proud of the green features of our new home at the Guardian Building, and we hope to make capital investments in other County buildings to make them greener as well,” said Wayne County CEO Ficano. “But what’s more important is our effort to expand the green economy here in Wayne County. With companies like GE and A123 Systems locating here, we are well on our way to becoming the international capitol of energy excellence.”

Wayne County was recognized not only for its green makeover of its new central offices at the Guardian Building, but also for the efforts of the Wayne County Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE) in attracting green businesses to the region. Wayne County was also recognized for the establishment of its Energy Office as well as scheduled energy upgrades to the Medical Examiner’s Office that will save the County \$363,440 per year at the facility.

Later in the day, Ficano and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox traveled to Northville to recognize Silver Springs Elementary School, which recently received the [Michigan Green Schools Certification](#). Silver Springs Elementary went beyond the minimum criteria for becoming a green school by excelling in 15 of the 20 of the categories needed for certification.

“We are very proud of the administrators, students, and parents of Silver Springs Elementary for working together to achieve this certification,” said Commissioner Cox.

“We’re so proud of the students of Silver Springs Elementary,” said Elizabeth Moeller of the Silver Springs PTA. “They embraced the Green School project with such enthusiasm. For example, they



submitted over 140 Earth Day posters to celebrate and teach each other how to be kind to the earth. It's this enthusiasm that will guide this generation to be good stewards of our world."

Silver Springs Principal Scott Snyder added, "Silver Springs Elementary earned this award because our school community has exceptional parent involvement, highly motivated students, and several high performing teams of very dedicated educators."

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