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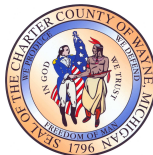
Wayne County Wins 11 NACo Awards

WAYNE COUNTY – The Charter County of Wayne won 11 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Awards recently for, among other things: building a multi-governmental and stakeholder collaboration toward the development of a regional aerotropolis; a scrap tire clean-up program; and purchasing the historic Guardian building in downtown Detroit to efficiently combine and house county operations.

“We know that governments today have to work better, smarter and more efficient,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “We are proud of the 11 programs recognized by NACo. They enhance our communities here in Wayne County.”

The other eight award-winning programs were:

- a nuisance abatement program to help rid Wayne County neighborhoods of blighted properties;
- an urban farming initiative used to transition newly released inmates back into society;
- an innovative electronic management and budgetary program to help Wayne County improve the provision of services to taxpayers;
- a film department that facilitated many projects filmed in Wayne County bringing in millions of investment dollars and jobs;
- for eligible people, a program that expunges criminal records;
- a court pilot program that provides a mental health continuum of care for inmates or people in the criminal justice system;
- programs to test juveniles in detention facilities and adults in jails for sexually transmitted diseases.



Of special note, Wayne County, in applying for the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Initiative, recommended that Washtenaw County deserved recognition for its partnering and collaborative efforts with the initiative. NACo extended recognition to Washtenaw County for its efforts.

Last year Wayne County received 8 Achievement Awards, a total of 19 awards over the last two years.

For nearly three decades, NACo has administered its annual Achievement Awards which recognize innovative county government programs.

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