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County Project Recycles Computers, Provides Jobs

WAYNE COUNTY, MI – April 1, 2008 The Wayne County Department of Environment and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit are partnering to recycle computer equipment while providing jobs for those in need.

The recycling event will be held Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Dearborn Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue.

Goodwill Industries and Dell Computer's RECONNECT Michigan, a comprehensive computer recovery and recycling effort, hopes to divert some 3.3 million pounds of used computer equipment from landfills, while creating jobs for individuals with disabilities and other employment barriers.

The free service for County residents will collect outdated computer equipment including CPU's, monitors, fax/scanners, cell phones, keyboards, copiers, printers, and all related peripherals. Wherever possible, the collected equipment will be refurbished and reused, while the rest of the equipment will be properly recycled.

"Our partnership with Goodwill helps the environment while providing needed jobs," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "This is a further example of the innovative recycling and environmental efforts we're making happen right now in Wayne County."

"We're confident our partnership with Wayne County will help us achieve our recycling goals, while creating additional jobs for Michigan residents and a brighter environmental future for everyone," said Lindsay Chalmers, Director of New Business for Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit.

For more information on the program, call (734) 326-3936.

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