



# Environmental Tidbits

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## Sustainability/Environmental Awareness

### **DEQ Community Pollution Prevention Grant Program: Sustainable Communities**

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3585-252884--,00.html>

### **DEQ Neighborhood Environmental Partners Awards Opportunity** – open to DEQ P2 partners

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308\\_3323-252919--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3323-252919--,00.html)

### **EPA's Cancelled Performance Track Program Finds New Life as Nonprofit**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2011/03/18/epa-cancelled-p-track-program-finds-new-life-nonprofit#ixzz1IzpzoguG>

### **Cities, State Look For Savings in Greener Buildings**

<http://greatlakesecho.org/2011/03/13/cities-state-look-for-savings-in-greener-buildings/>

### **Rising Gas Prices Drive Interest in Vanpooling**

<http://greatlakesecho.org/2011/03/30/rising-gas-prices-drive-interest-in-vanpooling/>

### **The Fundamentals of a Corporate Sustainability Program**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2011/02/28/fundamentals-corporate-sustainability-program>

### **Exploring Ways to Reduce IT's Environmental Impact**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2011/03/08/exploring-ways-reduce-its-environmental-impacts>

### **Obama Administration Announces Launch of i6 Green Challenge to Promote Clean Energy Innovation and Economic Growth**

<http://wp.istc.illinois.edu/enb/2011/03/11/obama-administration-announces-launch-of-i6-green-challenge-to-promote-clean-energy-innovation-and-economic-growth/>

### **Engineering Company Launches Sustainable Design Tool**

<http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/rss2.html?id=1301491884>

### **Walmart, Nike, Gap Create Apparel Index**

<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2011/03/01/walmart-nike-gap-create-apparel-index/>

## Energy Efficiency & Climate Change

### **EPA Delays GHG Emission Reporting Deadline**

[http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/03/post\\_51.html](http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/03/post_51.html)





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## **USDA Seeks Applications for Renewable Energy Funding**

<http://www.biodieselmagazine.com/articles/7666/usda-seeks-applications-for-renewable-energy-funding>

## **Why Energy Reduction Goals Are Moving Up the Corporate Agenda**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2011/03/15/why-energy-reduction-goals-moving-up-corporate-agenda#ixzz1IZpUO6il>

## **Why Every Company is an Energy Company -- Or Will Be Soon**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2011/03/22/why-every-company-energy-company-or-will-be-soon#ixzz1IZpkmqGj>

## **Funding Opportunity - PV Panels**

DTE Energy seeks solar photovoltaic panel suppliers to provide solar panels and logistics for the company's solar energy installations. Responses due 4/26/11. For more info go to:

<http://www.dteenergy.com/dteEnergyCompany/environment/renewableEnergy/suppliers.html>

## Recycling, Resource Conservation & Stewardship

### **Ohio Company to Help Businesses Launch Recycling Plans**

<http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/rss2.html?id=1297959530>

### **Mike Csapo: Recycling Can Benefit Michigan Economy and Environment**

[http://www.greeningofthegreatlakes.com/modules.php?name=Programs&op=news&m1=31&sp\\_id=192&cat\\_id=42](http://www.greeningofthegreatlakes.com/modules.php?name=Programs&op=news&m1=31&sp_id=192&cat_id=42)

### **USEPA Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program – Open to Government and Non-profits**

<http://wp.istc.illinois.edu/enb/2011/03/15/sustainable-materials-management-program/>

### **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Mania!**

[http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/03/reduce\\_reuse\\_recycle\\_mania.html](http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/03/reduce_reuse_recycle_mania.html)

## Water Conservation & Quality

**GEMI Expands Sustainability Efforts with New Global Water Tool** – will be used for local water assessments

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2011/03/18/gemi-expands-sustainability-efforts-new-global-water-tool#ixzz1IZq5f7Sb>

## Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

### **Michigan DEQ Upcoming Workshops**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308\\_3333\\_4169---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3333_4169---,00.html)





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**University of Michigan's Industrial Energy Center** is hosting the 2nd in its series of industrial energy efficiency training events - Process Heating Assessment training - on April 12. This workshop provides an introduction to process heating and equipment, such as furnaces, dryers, and heaters, and highlights the use of DOE's Process Heating Assessment and Survey Tool (PHAST).

<http://www.miec.engin.umich.edu/?q=node/210>

**Michigan Energy Conference** - April 13 & 14

<http://www.ferris.edu/mec/index.htm>

**Revitalizing Innovation in Michigan for Clean Energy Manufacturing** - April 21-22, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

<http://energy.umich.edu/news-events/events/>

**Michigan Recycling Coalition 29th Annual Conference, "Nothing Wasted"** - May 10-12, East Lansing

[http://www.michiganrecycles.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=30&Itemid=28](http://www.michiganrecycles.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=30&Itemid=28)

**2011 National Environmental Sustainability Summit** –Detroit, June 7-9. It is co-hosted by the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable and the USEPA, and it was formerly called the National Environmental Partnership Summit. There are opportunities for sponsorship, partnership, or exhibitors.

<http://environmentalsummit.org/index.php>

## MBP3 Partners in the News

**2011 Detroit Free Press Michigan Green Leaders Announced** – Congratulations to Steelcase and Detroit Diesel

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110313/BUSINESS06/103130427/Meet-Detroit-Free-Press-Michigan-Green-Leaders>

**Dow Corning \$100 Million Biomass Power Plant in Midland to Greatly Reduce Emissions**

[http://www.mlive.com/midland/index.ssf/2011/03/dow\\_corning\\_biomass\\_power\\_plant\\_in\\_midland\\_to\\_reduce\\_greenhouse\\_gas\\_emissions\\_by\\_82\\_percent.html](http://www.mlive.com/midland/index.ssf/2011/03/dow_corning_biomass_power_plant_in_midland_to_reduce_greenhouse_gas_emissions_by_82_percent.html)

## Informational Requests

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1. Join the **Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership** (MBP3) – a free information network <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/eforms/mbp3registration.html> Contact Chris Affeldt at [affeldtc@michigan.gov](mailto:affeldtc@michigan.gov) for more information.

