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Announcements

■ State Level CS Advisory Council Meeting

The Complete Streets Advisory Council's first meeting is December 13.

Resources

■ Michigan's CS 2011 Fact Sheet

Please see the attached fact sheet announcing 2011 awards and other general information.

■ CDC's Healthy Communities Social Media Guide

Please find below a link to a Social Media Guide that is posted on CDC's Healthy Communities Program site:

http://www.cdc.gov/healthcommunication/ToolsTemplates/SocialMediaToolkit_BM.pdf

■ Lowes Toolbox for Education Grant

Now in its 5th year Lowes Toolbox for Education offers educators, and parent groups, a \$5000 grant opportunity to ease the squeeze through these challenging times. They are **looking for programs and projects that are "efficient and with the greatest impact"**. In 2010, **basic needs will take priority**. Please keep this focus in mind as you apply for a Toolbox for Education grant in the 2010-2011 academic year.

Deadline: 5pm EST on February 18, 2011

[On line Application and eligibility form](#)

■ Harvest Grants Program

Welch's is partnering with Scholastic Publishing Company and the National Gardening Association to offer grants to support school garden programs in the belief that hands-on experiences with planting, tending, and growing

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gardens provide a dynamic setting for learning and benefit kids of all ages. Two awards will be granted per state.

For more information on how your school can apply for this sponsorship, please download the application form.

Deadline: February 11, 2011

[Online Application](#)

- **The American Planning Association's Planning and Community Health Research Center new online forum: Planning Healthy Communities**

[The forum](#) provides a venue for discussion among planning and public health practitioners and other stakeholders on topics related to healthy, sustainable communities—including air quality, brownfields, climate change, environmental justice, food systems, health impact assessments, housing choice & affordability, parks, open space & recreation, schools, social equity, transportation alternatives, urban design, and water quality.

- **Model Practices Deadline Extended**

The deadline for submissions to the Model Practice Awards program has been extended to **November 30, 2010**. This program sponsors initiatives that demonstrate how local health departments and their community partners can effectively collaborate to address local public health concerns. All Model and Promising practices are stored in the [Model Practice Database](#). Applications are now being accepted online. For additional information, visit the Model Practice [Application webpage](#).

- **Safe Routes to School November 2010 E-News**

Visit <http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/enews/november2010> to read the latest National Safe Routes to School information.

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Upcoming Training Opportunities

2010 Michigan Community and School Gardeners Networking Meeting
 Saturday, November 13th in Kalamazoo, Michigan
[Register here](#)

This is annual event is an excellent opportunity to discuss the innovative community and school gardening work currently taking place around Michigan and Northern Ohio and facilitate the development of communication. See event flyer [here](#).

Transportation Bonanza

Wednesday, December 8th at the Lansing Center
 Thursday, December 9th at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing

Check out [the brochure](#) for more details and email Holly Madill for registration information at madillh@michigan.gov

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