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City of Birmingham Recognized for Environmental Leadership

BIRMINGHAM, MI, May 26, 2022 – The City of Birmingham was recognized for environmental leadership by the statewide Michigan Green Communities program. As part of the 2021 Michigan Green Communities (MGC) Challenge, 44 participating local governments were awarded gold, silver, or bronze seals of achievement reflecting community leadership in areas such as energy efficiency, climate adaptation and resilience, recycling, environmental justice, and more.

Ten communities received bronze certification, twelve received silver certification, and twenty-two received gold certification. The City of Birmingham has achieved silver status for exemplary action in multiple categories, including planning, economic development, land use, energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation and protection, and clean mobility. Some recent highlights the city has completed include new solar ordinances that reduce barriers to solar installations, the construction of bioswales and rain gardens during municipal projects, and the continuation of high-quality multimodal transportation policies and infrastructure.



“The city is now at a pivotal point in its history when it comes to the next generation of planning,” said Nick Dupuis, Planning Director. “The confluence of commendable existing efforts and an upcoming master plan guiding us through 2040 and beyond provokes a strong need to position ourselves for future successes in sustainability. The Michigan Green Communities Challenge validated a lot of our existing efforts, and motivated us to find ways to continue forward to become a regional leader in sustainability.”

The Michigan Green Communities (MGC) program is open to all local governments in Michigan, at no cost. MGC is a sustainability networking, benchmarking, and technical assistance program. It guides and supports communities in adapting to a changing climate, protecting infrastructure, improving the quality of life for residents, and creating a more environmentally and economically sustainable future for the state.

Michigan Green Communities is supported by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; the Michigan Association of Counties; the Michigan Municipal League; and the Michigan Townships Association. More details about this program can be found at www.migreencommunities.com. Questions regarding the Michigan Green Communities program can be directed to info@migreencommunities.com.

Questions regarding the City of Birmingham’s sustainability and environmental efforts can be directed to Nick Dupuis, Planning Director, at ndupuis@bhamgov.org or (248) 530-1856.

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