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## Michigan Green Communities Challenge - An Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy

### The Basic Challenge—Government Policy Adoption

All Michigan communities are eligible to complete the Basic Challenge, a program designed to reflect the governing body's commitment to adopt policies and programs of energy efficiency and conservation. If a community decides to accept the Basic Challenge, its governing board must pass a resolution indicating its desire to participate, and [complete Steps 1–6](#) as outlined in the attached materials.



### How your community can get started...

- 1. Sign Up** by passing the sample resolution (or a similar resolution) indicating that your governing board wants to participate in the Michigan Green Communities Challenge. (Attachment A) In passing the resolution, you will have completed [Step 1 of the Basic Challenge](#). Fax the resolution to the Michigan Green Communities Challenge c/o Michigan Municipal League at 734-662-8083.
- 2. Complete the [Intention and Progress Survey](#)** (Attachment B) online OR [fax the survey](#) to the Michigan Green Communities Challenge c/o Michigan Municipal League at 734-662-8083.
- 3. Begin work on [Steps 2–6 of the Basic Challenge](#).** Steps 2-6 will provide a step-by-step plan for your community to develop, implement and measure your goals and objectives meeting the Basic Challenge. [Attachment C](#) is intended to provide suggested goals and activities for Step 5.

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#### Special note

*Coordination with Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant requirement to develop an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy*

*The Basic Challenge is specifically designed to assist a community that applies for funds under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program in the preparation of Attachment D (Development of an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy) of the Funding Opportunity Announcement.*

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