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Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Celebrates Wexford County's Energy Efficiency Efforts

NORTHWEST MI—The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG) recognized Wexford County for its energy efficiency initiatives at the Board of Commissioners' December meeting.

NWMCOG presented the County Board members with a plaque honoring the work they have done to save taxpayer dollars and reduce energy consumption.

A grant to NWMCOG from the Michigan Public Service Commission supported the efficiency upgrades. The grant provided the county with funding for analysis and improvements. The county used the grant funding to upgrade lighting at the courthouse and other facilities. The NWMCOG expects the upgrades to save the county nearly \$10,000 per year on utility costs.

The grant program, managed by the NWMCOG, made similar investments to 20 local governments across the ten-county region it serves.

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Photo: (left to right) Wexford County Recreation & Building Committee: Administrator Ken Hinton and Commissioners Jerry Bullock, Pam Dahlstrom, Alan Devereaux, and Terry Oliver.

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The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG), founded in 1973, facilitates and manages services and programs for 10 counties in the region. These programs include Regional Planning and Community Development, Northwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forum, Northwest Michigan Works, Workforce Development Board, Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center Northwest Region, Hospitality Skills Alliance, the Procurement Technical Assistance Center, KAL-TEC, Healthcare Skills Alliance of Northwest Michigan, and the Regional Repository for US Census data.

Some services of NWMCOG are in direct support of the counties, some are independent services provided to the public and businesses at large. NWMCOG is able to leverage several collaborative partnerships to extend limited resources and provide economies of scale for projects that operate on a regional basis. NWMCOG's member counties are: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.

