



News Brief

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 3, 2011

Contact: Carrie Bourdages
Communications Specialist
Voice: (231) 929-5038
Email: carriebourdages@nwm.cog.mi.us

Jaclyn Sanborn
Regional Planner
Voice: (231) 929-5046
Email: jaclynsanborn@nwm.cog.mi.us

Northwest Michigan Council of Governments Recognizes Homestead Township's Energy Efficiency Efforts

NORTHWEST MI—The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments (NWMCOG) recognized Homestead Township for its energy efficiency initiatives at the township board's December meeting. NWMCOG presented the township 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 township with funding for an analysis and improvements, including lighting upgrades with occupancy sensors, insulation additions, heating improvements and window replacements. The NWMCOG expects the upgrades to save the township nearly \$3,000 per year on utility costs.

The grant program, managed by the NWMCOG, made similar investments to 20 local governments across the 10-county region it serves.

For more information, please contact Jaclyn Sanborn at (231) 929-5046.

#

Photo: (left to right) Homestead Township Green Energy Team members: Frank Walterhouse, Fire Chief; Cathy Demitroff, Supervisor; Andy Loveland, Citizen. Not pictured: Sally Soper, Deputy Treasurer; and Trevor Sholten, Citizen.



NOTE to Media: Images are oftentimes available upon request by e-mailing Tom White at tomwhite@nwm.com.mi.us and stating preferences for resolution (300 dpi?), file format (.tif? .jpg?) and file size (1MB or less?). Or, phone (231) 929-5044. Check our online Media Room at: <http://nwm.org/media.asp>

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.

Let Our Resources Work For You.



**Northwest Michigan
Council of Governments**
Workforce • Business • Community

Chairman: **Larry C. Inman**
Workforce Development
Board Chairman: **David R. Adams**
CEO: **Elaine Wood**



Antrim • Benzie • Charlevoix • Emmet • Grand Traverse • Kalkaska • Leelanau • Manistee • Missaukee • Wexford
P. O. Box 506 • Traverse City, MI 49685-0506 • Phone (231) 929-5000 • Fax (231) 929-5012 www.nwm.org

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and service are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center callers use 711 or 1-800-649-3777.