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Meridian Township Receives Gold Status for Environmental Leadership
Michigan Green Communities Announces 2026 Gold Certified Communities

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP, Mich. - Meridian Township has been recognized by the statewide Michigan Green Communities (MGC) program for its environmental leadership and commitment to sustainability. The Township achieved gold status in the annual MGC Challenge, which is an annual recognition program that helps communities include environmental sustainability into their operations, policies, and programs.

The designation recognizes Meridian Township's ongoing efforts to reduce energy consumption, expand sustainability initiatives, support recycling and waste reduction programs, promote alternative transportation options, and implement policies that strengthen climate resilience throughout the community.

MGC is statewide network of local and state government staff and officials, and higher education institution staff, that collaborate with one another to promote innovative sustainability, climate change, and environmental justice solutions at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels.

Meridian Township became one of Michigan's first municipalities to adopt a [Climate Sustainability Plan](#) in 2017. This plan outlines objectives and actionable steps to reduce carbon emissions and safeguard the environment.

Key goals include:

- Achieving significant energy and water cost savings in Township facilities and the vehicle fleet.
- Obtaining 100% of electricity used for Township operations from renewable energy sources by 2035.
- Reducing the volume of materials sent to landfills by 10% by 2035.

Meridian Township remains committed to advancing the goals outlined in its Climate Sustainability Plan and pursuing innovative solutions that support a healthy, sustainable, and resilient community.

For more information about Meridian Township's conservation efforts, please visit meridian.mi.us/GreenMeridian. For questions, please contact Project Engineer Jack Hughes at hughes@meridian.mi.us or 517.853.4470.

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The community of Meridian Township is in close proximity to the Michigan State Capitol and Michigan State University. The Township serves the community through exceptional services, beneficial amenities, and an outstanding quality of life. It is a welcoming community that celebrates quality education, recreation and lifestyles.

