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## **Macomb County's award-winning programs are Top 10 nationally, #2 in Mich.**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb County showed that innovation driven by taxpayer needs is more important than the size of your budget or population when it comes to earning “Achievement Awards” from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Macomb County earned 11 NACo awards in 2008, second in Michigan to the 12 awards for Oakland County. This ends Macomb County's 26-year reign as the leader in NACo awards among Michigan's 83 counties. Still, Macomb County tied for 10th nationally with San Bernardino County, Calif., and Hennepin County, Minn. (Minneapolis). Oakland County tied for eighth nationally with Suffolk County, N.Y. (Long Island).

Macomb County earned 553 NACo awards over the last 27 years.

“During very tough times for our budget, our employees, department heads and elected officials again found ways to provide a higher level of service,” said William Crouchman, chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

The NACo awards are presented to county government programs that demonstrate exemplary management and innovative service delivery at maximum cost efficiency.

Macomb County's 11 awards this year will be entered into a national database that details successful programs for other counties to emulate.

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The county won awards in eight categories: Civic Education and Public Information; Community/Economic Development; Environmental Protection and Energy; Fiscal Management; Information Technology; Health; Libraries, and Personnel Management, Employee Training, and Employee Benefits.

Here is a list of Macomb County's award winners:

### **Civics Education and Public Information**

The departments of Senior Citizen Services, Health and Emergency Management for "Pandemic Planning for Senior Focused Services"

### **Community/Economic Development**

- Michigan State University Extension-Macomb for "Foreclosure Solutions"
- Planning & Economic Development Department and MSU Extension for "Urban Farmers Market Thrives with County Support"

### **Environmental Protection and Energy**

Macomb County Public Works Office for "Improving Stormwater Quality Through Cooperation, Innovation & Education"

### **Fiscal Management**

Macomb County Community Services Agency for "Reducing Meal Packaging Costs"

### **Information Technology**

- Clerk/Register of Deeds Office for "Online Absentee Ballot Tracking Promotes Voting, Equal Opportunity Accountability"
- Clerk/Register of Deeds Office for "Concealed Pistol License System Allows Applicants to Track Status Online"
- Clerk/Register of Deeds Office for "Questions Answered in Clerk's Online Chatroom"

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**Health**

Senior Citizen Services for “Suicide Prevention Strategies”

**Libraries**

Clerk/Register of Deeds Office for “Clerk/Register of Deeds Services Provided at Local Libraries Mobile Office Convenient for Public”

**Personnel Management, Employee Training, and Employee Benefits**

Clerk/Register of Deeds Office for “Nine Day Work Schedule Improves Customer Service, Helps County Employees”

An awards presentation sponsored by the Board of Commissioners will be held in October.

**About NACo**

The National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,066 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. NACo’s membership totals more than 2,000 counties, representing more than 80 percent of the nation’s population.

**About Macomb County**

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state’s fastest rates of growth. Its 836,000 residents make it Michigan’s third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.