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## **Macomb County Board of Commissioners**

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### **Macomb County Green Schools Program Expanded for 2010**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties have joined together to form the Southeast Michigan Green Schools Initiative. This Initiative adds enhancements to the existing Michigan Green Schools Program so schools that are new or already participating in the program can take their environmental efforts to a higher level. Schools which have already achieved Official Green School Status may now strive for the higher designations of “Emerald” or “Evergreen” and those new to the program may choose to become “Green” or complete the extra activities to achieve the new levels.

Applications for the 2009-10 academic year must be submitted by March 1, 2010, to be considered for this year’s awards. An awards celebration will coincide with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day on Thursday, April 22.

The Macomb County Green Schools Program launched in 2008-09 with outstanding participation from 45 schools across the county. Staff and students from various elementary, middle and high schools took part in activities and began initiatives which met the original 10 points, established by Public Act 146 (2006), required for Official Michigan Green School status. Applications were submitted by schools detailing the points they met for compliance; those achieving Green School status were awarded a flag and certificate at an Earth Day awards celebration held at the Macomb County Board of Commissioners offices.

More information, applications and full program details are available at [www.macombcountymi.gov](http://www.macombcountymi.gov).

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