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Lake Charter Township Awarded \$50,000 Energy Efficiency Grant

LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP, MI. – Lake Charter Township will receive a \$50,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth. This grant was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated to the State of Michigan for use on projects geared toward increasing energy efficiency.

The grant will be used for two purposes. First, security lighting at the water treatment plant will be upgraded to higher efficiency fixtures which will result in lower electric bills. The Township will solicit bids for the lighting upgrades as soon as bid documents are completed.

Second, subsidies will be offered to customers of the water treatment plant who wish to have a residential energy audit performed on their homes. The detailed energy audits will help home owners to reduce their energy bills by identifying areas of heat loss and energy wasting appliances and fixtures in the home. The audits will give an itemized list of improvements to help homeowners implement costs savings. Anyone interested in having an energy audit performed on their home can pick up an informational brochure at the Township Hall or they can call Wightman & Associates, Inc., at (269) 927-0100.

The subsidy program will expire in November of 2010, or when the funds set aside for the audits have been exhausted. To be eligible for a subsidy, the following conditions must be met. The address must be served by water from the Lake Township Water Treatment Plant. The home owner must pay for 50% of the cost of the audit. And, only Wightman & Associates, Inc is authorized to offer the subsidy from the EECBG grant.

Wightman & Associates, Inc. assisted the Township in applying for the grant.

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