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WASHTENAW COUNTY ANNOUNCES 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

ANN ARBOR, Mich., September 30, 2011 – Washtenaw County is pleased to announce the recipients of the 14th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards. The Water Resources Commissioner's Office and the Public Health Department's Environmental Health Division recognize those in the community who provide leadership in environmental protection and who practice environmentally sound behavior.

The Environmental Excellence Awards are presented to businesses and non-profit organizations with positive environmental management practices in three important areas: waste reduction and recycling, water quality protection, and pollution prevention initiatives and compliance. In addition, an overall winner encompassing multiple environmental protection areas is selected.

This year, the overall winner for Environmental Excellence is **Chrysler Group LLC - Chrysler Proving Grounds** in Chelsea. Chrysler Group LLC has exhibited exceptional behaviors in waste reduction, water quality protection and pollution prevention.

The award recipients in the individual categories include:

- Waste Reduction and Recycling – **Leslie Science & Nature Center** (*Winner*)
- Water Quality Protection – **Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission** (*Winner*); **Horiba Instruments, Inc.** (*Honorable Mention*)
- Pollution Prevention – **ITC Holdings Corp.** (*Winner*)

The awards will be presented at the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioner's Ways and Means meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 5, 2011. The meeting will be held in the Board of Commissioner's meeting room at 220 N. Main St, Ann Arbor.

Additional information on Environmental Excellence, including a list of past winners, can be found on the County's website at http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/environmental_health/recycling_home_toxics/environmental_excellence/envex.html.