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Meridian Township Commits to 100% Renewable Energy by 2035

Township Board Passes Plan to Boost Investments in Cleaner and Efficient Energy

Meridian Township, MI – The Meridian Township Board approved a Climate Sustainability Plan on Tuesday, October 17th. The plan provides a framework for the Township to improve sustainability and reduce climate change.

The Township's Climate Sustainability Plan includes the following objectives:

- Achieve significant energy and water cost savings in township facilities and the township's vehicle fleet.
- Obtain 50 percent of electricity used for township operations from renewable energy sources by 2025, and 100 percent by 2035.
- Reduce the amount of materials sent to landfills by 10 percent over five years.

“Committing to 100 percent clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency will help us reduce pollution in our air and save taxpayer dollars,” said Ron Styka, Township Supervisor. “We are proud to announce this important step in our continued efforts to fight climate change and protect our air, land and water for future generations.”

Meridian Township joins a growing list of Michigan cities and towns that are passing resolutions and plans to reduce pollution and obtain 100 percent of their electricity from renewable sources. The Meridian Township Board also adopted a resolution of support for the Paris Climate Accord on June 20, 2017.

“In 2007 we joined the US Mayor's Climate Protection agreement and today, it's more important than ever to work towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions” said Julie Brixie, Township Treasurer. “Implementation of the sustainability plan will ultimately save money in addition to saving the planet.”

The full Climate Sustainability Plan can be found at www.meridian.mi.us. For more information contact the Green Meridian team at recycle@meridian.mi.us or by calling 517.853.4466.

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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.



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