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City of Novi Receives First Oakland Green Infrastructure Award

Pontiac, MI – October 26, 2009 - The City of Novi received the first Oak Land Award at the 2009 Oakland County Green Infrastructure Celebration held October 22 at the Oakland County Sportsmen’s Club in Clarkston. The awards recognizes communities that have made outstanding contributions and demonstrated successful efforts toward the planning, promotion, design, development and support of Green Infrastructure in Oakland County. Novi Community Development Director Barbara McBeth received the award on behalf of the City of Novi.

“Kudos to Novi for leading by example,” said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. “Their efforts to preserve and restore natural areas in their community makes for an increased quality of life for their residents.”

Green Infrastructure is an interconnected network of open spaces, natural areas, and waterways. The main focus is on conservation values and the services provided by natural ecosystems and integrating them into the built environment.

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Oakland County's Planning and Economic Development Services has been working with the Oakland County Natural Area Advisory Group and our local communities to create a collaborative Green Infrastructure Vision for Oakland County. The Visioning process started in 2005, with more than 100 meetings and community work sessions completed since then. The first phase of the Visioning project, resource gathering and mapping, is now complete and the resulting vision map was unveiled at the celebration. Limited copies of the map are available at Oakland County's One Stop Shop in the Oakland County Executive Office Building, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, in Waterford.

For more information about the Green Infrastructure Vision for Oakland County, see the website at

oakgov.com/peds/program_service/es_prgm/green_infras/gi_project.html.

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