



# DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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## **Delhi Township one of three communities in Michigan to earn Gold award in ‘Green Challenge’**

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**DELHI TOWNSHIP** – A recycling partnership between Delhi Township and Granger has been recognized for its environmental leadership by a joint environmental network of three top municipal associations in Michigan.

Delhi Township was one of three municipalities in Michigan to be awarded with the “Gold” level of achievement from the Michigan Green Communities Network, a partnership of the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Association of Counties and the Michigan Township Association.



The joint curbside recycling program, called RECYCLE MORE, provided township residents with special separate “single stream” recycling bins for pick up on a weekly basis. Those township residents that were already Granger customers were given the service for free.

“Delhi Township has made a commitment to encourage recycling in the community with the RECYCLE MORE program,” said Granger CEO Keith Granger. “The response from residents has been astounding; in less than 6 months, nearly half of all eligible households in Delhi Township are using curbside recycling. Granger is proud to be a part of this partnership to collect tomorrow’s energy. We commend Delhi Township and its residents on the success of the program.”

“The result has been a tremendous success,” said Delhi Township Manager John Elsinga. “Curbside recycling makes the process of staying environmentally friendly an easier one.”

The annual “Michigan Green Communities Challenge” is a newly revamped competition sponsored by the C.S. Mott Foundation and calls for sustainability initiatives, progress benchmarks and innovation with a competitive spirit towards other state communities.

The other Gold Medal winners include Ann Arbor for installing solar power at a public housing site and Dearborn for establishing a facilities fund to finance energy projects.

“The response was fantastic and the communities being honored have a lot to be proud of,” said Michigan Green Communities Challenge Steering Committees Chair Dave Norwood. “We’re impressed with the innovative sustainability work and projects happening in Michigan’s communities.”

There were 22 municipalities that were recognized, including silver and bronze medal winners.