



# RESOURCE RECOVERY PROJECT OF IONIA COUNTY

September 1, 2009

Name Last  
Street  
City, MI Zip

Dear M. Last;

In 2006, Public Act 146 of 2006, also known as the Michigan Green Schools Act, was passed by an overwhelming majority. This act gives schools the opportunity to achieve Official Green School status. Although the act was passed in 2006, the program has not been active in this County, until now. I am happy to announce that this school year will be our first Green School year! Participation is easy, the requirements are outlined below.

I. The 20 Points

- a. Review the current list of accepted activities
- b. Select the activities your school will participate in
- c. Complete *at least* 10 of the listed activities during the current school year
- d. Some free educational materials are available through Ionia County Resource Recovery, including free posters, school energy projects for students, etc. (see toolkit resource sheet included in this packet)

II. Green Schools Application

- a. A Green Schools Coordinator will have to be selected for your school and fills out the official application
- b. The application is signed by the School Principal
- c. Applications are to be turned in between January 2 and March 1
- d. Completed, signed applications need to be turned in to the Ionia County Resource Recovery Office, either dropped off (MSU Extension office in the old State Police Post on M-66) or mailed to:

Ionia County Resource Recovery  
50 E. Sprague Rd.  
Ionia, MI 48846

III. Selection

- a. Applications will be reviewed by a small committee consisting of members from the Intermediate School District and the County.
- b. If applications are complete and the minimum number of points have been reached, the school will be designated a Green School. There may be an on-site visit to confirm practices.

IV. Award

- a. Ionia County Resource recovery will hold an Award Ceremony Day in April to commemorate participating schools that achieved Green School status.
- b. The school will receive an official certificate signed by the governor for that school year.
- c. There is an official flag that schools may purchase for a nominal fee of approximately \$20.
- d. If funds permit, we may give each school a tree seedling to plant.

V. Subsequent years

- a. Re-application and point accomplishments are required annually to keep the Official Green School status.

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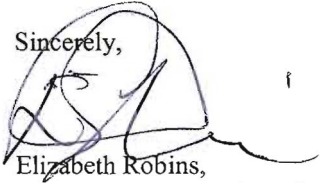
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- b. For each additional year your school is a Green School, there are pennants that can be attached around the edges of your flag, similar to a winning professional team showing the years they have been champions.
- c. Michigan Green Schools, a non-profit 501(c)3 agency, is working on legislation that will allow a school to officially become an Emerald School under state law if they reach 15 of the 20 points; furthermore, they can achieve the highest status – Evergreen – if they do all 20 points.

In your packet, you will find a copy of the current 20 points, our current list of resources for each of the 20 points, and a copy of the Green Schools Application Form.

If you have any questions about how this program works, please feel free to contact me at 616-527-8219 or [erobins@ioniacounty.org](mailto:erobins@ioniacounty.org). Another great resource for you is the Michigan Green School's website, [www.michiangreenschools.org](http://www.michiangreenschools.org). There will also be information up on our webpage at [www.ioniacounty.org/resource-recovery](http://www.ioniacounty.org/resource-recovery); just go to the Services and Information tab and navigate to Michigan Green Schools.

Sincerely,



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