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Renewable Energy News 2x Month

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Editor's Note:
Detroit Public Television has launched its environmental website and welcomes your "green" videos visit mearth.org

Michigan Green Champions the Cause of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the Classroom, Boardroom, Chamber-room, and Your Living Room.

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[Calendar of Events](#)

Mid-America Regulatory Conference June 14 – 17
Traverse City
marc-conference.org/2009

LEED Certification: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

LEED is an internationally recognized certification system that measures how well a building or community performs across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts. Developed the US Green Building Council (USGBC), LEED provides building owners and operators a concise framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building principles, and is applicable to any building type at any phase of the building lifecycle. There are four levels of certification awarded on a 100-point scale, and credits are weighted to reflect their potential environmental impacts.

- LEED Certified: 40 – 49 points
- LEED Silver: 50 – 59 points
- LEED Gold: 60 – 79 points
- LEED Platinum: 80+ points

To learn more about the LEED rating systems visit www.usgbc.org

May 11 Green Jobs Conference

The Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth Green Jobs Conference was a rousing success attended by more than 1,400 eager participants. United States Senator's Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin gave opening remarks about how Washington is assisting Michigan's efforts to grow its green economy. Followed by an informative panel discussion including Kate Gordon of the Apollo Alliance, Skip Pruss of DELEG, and Chris Adamo from Senator Stabenow's Washington office. The Keynote speaker...

[Read More:](#)

[Learn More: Michigan Green Jobs Report - Highlights](#)

[Learn More: Full Michigan Green Jobs Report](#)

Kalamazoo Valley Community College - Wind Energy Center & Energy Camp

Kalamazoo Valley Community College is offering a 26 week Wind Turbine Technician Academy and a 35 credit program for a Wind Technology Certificate to prepare students for new careers in this growing field. KVCC will also be conducting a one day seminar on June 3rd about installing a wind turbine, and a four day Wind Energy Camp for children 12 – 16 years old in July and August. For more information...

Learn More:

[Link: www.kvcc.edu/careerguides](http://www.kvcc.edu/careerguides)

[Link: www.mteckvcc.com](http://www.mteckvcc.com)

[Link: www.windenergycenter.kvcc.edu](http://www.windenergycenter.kvcc.edu)

Michigan GREEN Launches Michigan Green Pages

Michigan GREEN is continuing the redevelopment of michigangreen.org and has launched the Michigan Green pages to assist website visitors find related products, goods, and services offered by our members. Our website recently passed the 500,000 visitors threshold and daily activity shows increasing traffic with frequent requests for business member information. The Michigan Green Pages is another benefit of becoming a business member of our non-profit organization.

24 Million And Counting

The national petition to establish a national policy that removes current barriers to onsite renewable energy at schools has now garnered support from over 24 million people through a number of local, state, and national organizations that have endorsed our cause. In Michigan, 140 school Superintendents have signed on behalf of their district(s).

Links:

- [See List of Michigan Schools Represented](#)
- [Partners GREEN National Petition](#)
- [New Jersey Higher Education Partnership – Endorsement](#)
- Association of Energy Engineers - Endorsement