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Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities and Project Partners Awarded \$500,000 to Support Plug In Electric Vehicle Deployment

Grand Ledge, MI—Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities (GLACC), Clean Energy Coalition (CEC), and Next Energy have been awarded a \$500,000 U.S. Department of Energy electric vehicle infrastructure planning grant to prepare Michigan communities for new plug in electric vehicles (PEV). This project includes over forty participants including the Michigan PEV Taskforce, municipalities, utilities, and others.

Grant funds will be used during a one-year project administered by Clean Energy Coalition. With CEC and project partners, GLACC will help communities address barriers and needs related to planning for the adoption of PEVs and their charging infrastructure. Objectives for this project may include updating permitting processes, training municipal personnel, promoting public awareness, and developing policies related to adoption of PEVs. Information gained from this research will be used to create a plan that will be publicly available so that other stakeholders can learn best practices. While this project is focused on PEV planning, communities will find that participating in this process is complementary to any alternative fuel preparedness planning.

To prepare for this project, GLACC will hold a community meeting on Oct. 12 at Dean Transportation's Training Center from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. This session will focus on gathering input from stakeholders and community members in the Lansing area to get a better understanding of public perception of PEVs and potential areas for infrastructure development. This event is open to anyone with interest in the future development of the PEV industry in the Lansing area. For more information, please contact Maggie Striz Calnin, Program Manager of Greater Lansing Area Clean Cities, at (517) 925-8649 ext. 17 or by email at maggie@kbsincorporated.com.

Clean Cities is a U.S. DOE sponsored initiative promoting alternative fuel vehicles and fuels at the grassroots level to address national energy challenges locally. GLACC is committed to improving air quality and transportation energy security and was designated as a U.S. DOE Clean Cities Coalition in 2003. For more information, please visit <http://www.michigancleancities.org>.

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