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**Rochester Hills Receives Grant for Community Tree Planting**

**Rochester Hills, MI-** The City of Rochester Hills has been awarded the Community Tree Planting Grant by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and DTE Energy Foundation.

“One of five communities in Oakland County to receive the grant, Rochester Hills will utilize the awarded \$3,000 to plant trees along the newly constructed Adams Road median across from the shopping center and Clinton River Trail,” states Tara Beatty, Chief Assistant and Grant Coordinator.

This news comes just days after Rochester Hills was recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. It is the 20th year Rochester Hills has received this national designation.

“Planting trees is part of the city’s ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and its desire to balance natural preservation and community development,” states Mayor Bryan Barnett.

The DTE Community Tree Planting Grant program is designed to increase the number and diversity of healthy trees and forests in Michigan communities served by DTE Energy and its subsidiaries. Some key benefits trees provide are carbon sequestration, and clean air and water. Through the process of photosynthesis, trees convert carbon dioxide and water into sugar, oxygen and eventually wood.

For more information regarding the Community Tree Planting Grant awarded by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and DTE Energy Foundation please contact Tara Beatty, Chief Assistant and Grant Coordinator at (248) 656-4664.

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills was recently voted one of the top 100 best places to live (2009) and is committed to being the preeminent place to live, work and raise a family.

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