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## **COMMISSIONERS HONOR MACOMB COUNTY EMPLOYEES** **FOR NACo ACHIEVEMENT**

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners honored county departments and individual employees for their achievement in winning 14 National Association of Counties (NACo) awards.

This was the 23rd consecutive year that Macomb County has won more NACo awards than any of the other 82 Michigan counties, County Board Chair Nancy White said during the ceremony at Freedom Hill County Park.

“The County’s performance shows that we have the ability to identify the needs in our community and that together, both elected officials and professional staff, we can develop and implement programs that truly make a difference,” White said. “I am very proud of everyone involved and look forward to continued excellence in the future.”

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Employees representing all county departments attended the ceremony, which included award presentations by Dick Haefner, news director at Detroit radio station WJR-AM 760.

This year, Macomb County received awards for:

- “The Portable Supports Program,” which helps eligible individuals with mental illness move out of group home settings and into homes of their own. This program received the coveted distinction of “Best of Category” – one of only 17 in the nation – and was awarded to Macomb County Community Mental Health.
- “Community Emergency Preparedness Workbook and Guidelines,” a booklet for county residents that offers advice on handling emergency situations such as natural disasters and acts of terrorism – Office of Emergency Management and the Planning & Economic Development Department.
- “Electronic Payment of Individual Training Accounts,” a program that speeds up job training for residents – Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board.
- A “Housing Education” program, which provides information and assistance for low- and moderate-income people to purchase a home of their own – Michigan State University Extension.
- “Incorporating Water Quality and Natural Resource Protection in Delia Park,” a program that stopped soil erosion on the Gibson Drain – Planning & Economic Development Department, Public Works and Road Commission.
- “Innovative Marine Pollution Prevention Techniques,” a program to help local marinas operate in a more environmentally friendly manner – Health Department.
- “Meeting the Need; Expanding Emergency Food Pantry Locations,” a program that recruits new pantry locations to better feed people in need – Community Services Agency.

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- “Multi-City Corridor Study,” a collaborative effort with the cities of Center Line and Warren to study economic opportunities on Van Dyke Avenue between 8 and 11 Mile roads – Department of Planning & Economic Development.
- “On-Site Sewage Disposal and Well Maintenance Outreach,” a program that teaches proper care for septic tank and well water systems to owners of rural homes – Health Department and MSU Extension.
- “Partnership Between County & Non-profit Organization: Raising Funds, Food and Awareness,” a program that generated more than 36,000 pounds of food for the hungry – Parks and Recreation Department.
- “Reducing Expenditures with Gift Cards,” a program that helped Head Start teachers save more than \$18,000 on school supplies – Community Services Agency.
- “Show and Tell,” a tobacco awareness program that educates 3rd and 4th graders on the dangers of smoking – Health Department.
- “Tilling the Soil of Opportunity; A Business Management Course for Agriculture,” a 10-week business basics course especially geared for farmers – MSU Extension and Planning & Economic Development Department.
- “Workforce Development Programs for Employers & Job Seekers – A Catalog of Services,” a “one-stop” guide to services for those seeking employment assistance – Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board.

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