

Spring is blooming with events for community leaders like you!

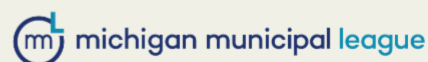
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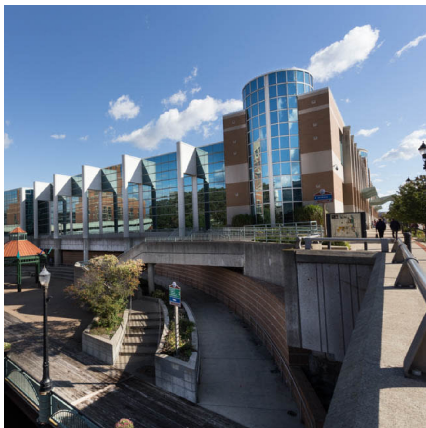
The Latest League News & Events

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**April 4, 2024**

## **Michigan Environment Compliance Conference**



Registration is open for the 2024 Michigan Environmental Compliance Conference (MECC) June 5–6, in Lansing. It helps businesses, municipalities, and environmental professionals across Michigan comply with their environmental requirements. Attending the MECC provides an excellent opportunity to hear from experts in more than 70 technical sessions, get questions answered, and get up to speed on regulatory updates, hot topics, best practices, and more. Learn more and register [here](#).

## **Rural Real Estate Development Boot Camp**

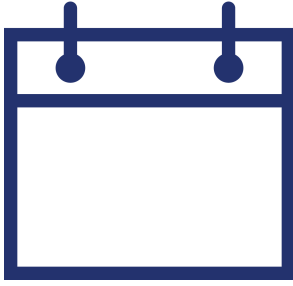


The Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) knows real estate development in small towns and rural communities presents specific challenges, which is why they are hosting their first rural-focused Real Estate Development Boot Camp to support practitioners working in this context! Come learn from experienced developers, city officials, and investors, with a virtual kickoff on May 8, an in-person training June 4–7, and virtual final presentations on June 30. Registrants must be available to attend all Boot Camp dates. This is a fast-paced, hands-on training program and capacity is limited. Registration closes April 26, but will close automatically once it reaches capacity. Questions can be directed to Sandy Pearson at [pearson@cedamichigan.org](mailto:pearson@cedamichigan.org). Learn more and register [here](#).

## 2024 Community Excellence Award (CEA)



Submissions are now open for this year's most prestigious community award! There are many ways you and your community can benefit from participating in the CEA program. The program will give your community a sense of pride by having the opportunity to boast about your project to a statewide audience and provide inspiration for other communities. Additionally, finalists and winners receive press coverage; website presence; coverage in the League's magazine, the Review; and the chance to share about their projects at our annual Convention. Learn more about the benefits [here](#), and submit your project [here](#) by May 17.



## Upcoming Events

**April 6**

Virtual Newly Elected Officials Training

**April 8- CANCELLED**

Live with the League

**April 22**

Live with the League

**May 17-18**

Core Elected Officials Academy Spring Summit

**May 17-18**

Advanced Elected Officials Academy Spring Summit

**June 20**

Michigan Municipal League CMU Virtual Info Session



### Live with the League

The show scheduled for April 8 has been cancelled. The next upcoming show is on April 22.



## Reminder: Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program

Applications are closing soon for Kubota Tractor Corporation's fourth annual Kubota Hometown Proud grant program, with 20 \$50,000 grants available across the country for projects meant to revitalize or refresh communities. Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit within a 50-mile radius of a Kubota dealer can apply. Applications are open through April 12; apply [here](#).



## Reminder for Upcoming Events Early Bird Rates Ending

- Local Government Leadership Intensive early bird registration pricing ends on Monday, April 15. Learn more and register [here](#).
- **MI Healthy Climate Conference 2024** early bird pricing ends on Tuesday, April 16. **Communities that participate in the League's MGC Challenge receive two free conference registrations.** Email [info@migreencommunities.com](mailto:info@migreencommunities.com) for details. Catalyst Communities will also host a free pre-conference workshop on the afternoon of May 15. Registration and other important details are available for the Conference [here](#) and separately for the workshop [here](#).



## **Reminder: MI Home Energy Rebate Program**

Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is hosting in-person and virtual input sessions to prepare for federal home energy rebate funding. Home Energy Rebate (HER) Programs are designed to help households save money on energy bills, improve energy efficiency, and reduce indoor and outdoor air pollution. The HER Programs consists of two programs: the Home Efficiency Rebates (HERs) and the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEARs). These engagement sessions will help EGLE gain input on a strategic, equitable, and wholistic implementation of these programs. Register for in-person sessions and find specific location details [here](#). Visit the Catalyst Communities Webinar page [here](#) to find upcoming and recorded webinars of interest. If you cannot attend any of these sessions, you can still provide input by submitting your comments or suggestions to [EGLE-MMD-HER@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-MMD-HER@Michigan.gov).

### **Session schedule:**

- April 9, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Detroit
- April 11, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Flint
- April 16, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Marquette
- April 22, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Roscommon
- April 24, 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m., Closing Listening Session



## Upcoming Deadlines

**April 12**

Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program  
Application

**April 15**

FY2024–2025 Source Reduction Assistance  
Notice of Funding Application

**May 1**

Michigan Green Communities Challenge  
Participation

**May 17**

2024 CEA Submissions



### **Reminder: Source Reduction Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity**

U.S. EPA Region 5 FY2024–2025 Source Reduction Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity is closing April 15. This regional competitive grant program provides funding for projects that promote practical source reduction practices, tools, and training or Pollution Prevention (P2) approaches, such as reducing single-use plastics, or using green cleaning or other safer chemical alternatives. Tribes, states, local governments, and nonprofit organizations are eligible for funding. Learn more and apply [here](#). If you have questions or need more information, please contact Claudia Santiago at 312-886-0674 or [Santiago.claudia@epa.gov](mailto:Santiago.claudia@epa.gov).



## **Reminder: Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund**

The Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is seeking interest from communities and tribes in applying for low interest loans to complete hazard mitigation projects. Michigan is developing a grant application for federal funding. **Please fill out this form by April 12** if interested in potentially applying for a future loan. The form gathers information about possible mitigation projects communities may be interested in pursuing a loan for in the future. Learn more [here](#). Please direct questions to Matt Schnepf, Hazard Mitigation Unit Manager of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division at Michigan State Police, at 517-256-1512.

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