

# Green Gazette February 2015

## Green Themes

Meridian Environmental Commission organizes a series of educational presentations on topics of interest.

- **February 4** at 7:00 p.m. LIVE on HOM-TV: Julie Powers, Director of the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition, on **Housing and the Environment**.
- **March 4** at 7:00 p.m. on HOM-TV: Harmony Gmazel, Senior Planner at Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, on **Wrapping Up the Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability**. More: <http://bit.ly/green-themes>

## On the Green Screen

**Sustaining the Future** features current developments and perspectives on sustainability. Learn about food, transportation, energy, and more at <http://bit.ly/sustainthefuture>. The Township was recently recognized for this effort at the Mid-Michigan Program for Greater Sustainability Consortium in January.

## Land Use Lunch

Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council's next Land Use Luncheons will be on **February 6** (Margaret Kalcim from U of M on the **Effect of Farming on Our Lakes**) and on **March 6** (Brandon Dyer will discuss his work with **Eaton County's Environmental Commission**). These are held at 620 W Ionia, from noon to 1pm. More at [www.midmeac.org](http://www.midmeac.org)

## Community Garden Leader Training

The Garden Project offers community garden leader training starting on **February 21**. Garden leadership is key to success, and with experience in helping create and sustain more than a hundred gardens in our region. More at <http://bit.ly/qlt2015> or call 853-7809.

## 13th Annual Tri-County Environmental Leadership Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the Tri-County Environmental Leadership Awards which recognize those implementing exemplary sustainability efforts. Nominate at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TCELA2015> or <http://bit.ly/tcela-2015> now through March 20.



## What is Green Investing?

Green or eco-investing is a form of [socially responsible investing](#) where investments are made in companies that support or provide [environmentally friendly](#) products and practices. These companies encourage (and often profit from) new technologies that support the transition from carbon dependence to more sustainable alternatives."

More: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eco-investing>

"I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it."

– POPE FRANCIS, 2014

## Support Local!

Shopping at locally-owned businesses is a good way to support the economy and the environment. Where do you shop? Why supporting locally-owned businesses matter? Reason #7: [Shopping Local Saves the Environment](#).

More at [www.capitalarealocalfirst.org](http://www.capitalarealocalfirst.org) including a Lunch & Learn on **March 4** with Chris Holman.

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