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## Pittsfield Forges Forward with its Commitment to Invest in Renewable Energy

Pittsfield Township, MI (July 9, 2020): With renewable energy as an important component of its Sustainability Blueprint, adopted unanimously by the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees earlier this year, Pittsfield has made some significant strides in this arena over the past few months.

Pittsfield rolled out the MIGreen Challenge in April designed to place the Township as the first community in Washtenaw County to acquire a majority of its energy from renewable sources. It encourages residential and business customers of DTE to sign up to receive their energy from a renewable (wind or solar) source rather than from fossil fuels: : <a href="http://pittsfield-mi.gov/sustainability">http://pittsfield-mi.gov/sustainability</a>

In the three months since unveiling the MIGreen Challenge, nearly 600 Pittsfield Township customers have made the switch, constituting a 230% in the number of folks obtaining their energy from renewable sources rather than fossil fuels!!

"This overwhelming response by our community is further evidence of the high priority Pittsfield Township residents and businesses place on controlling climate change through increased investment in renewable energy," noted Mandy Grewal, Pittsfield Township Supervisor.

To further support this priority, Pittsfield Township has availed itself of a \$10,000 DTE rebate to install four electronic vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Township Administration Building (6201 W. Michigan Ave.). The charging stations are now available for use by the general public and will assist Pittsfield transition its municipal fleet toward electric vehicles. Customer can use the ChargePoint app to access the charging stations.

"As it has since 2009, Pittsfield Township is forging forward with its overall goal of reducing carbon emissions to improve air quality and environmental stewardship by partnering with Pittsfield Township residents and businesses, this time around through initiatives anchored on promoting the transition to renewable energy use," concluded Supervisor Grewal.

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