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UM-Dearborn's iLab's eCities research recognizes Pittsfield Charter Township for the 6th consecutive year for developing a positive entrepreneurial climate

Pittsfield Township, MI (February 10, 2021): Pittsfield Charter Township has been recognized for the 6th consecutive year for its successes and efforts in contributing to Michigan's entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research. Pittsfield Township as once again honored as a four-star community along with 94 other communities across the state.

"Pittsfield Township has remained steadfast in its commitment, for over a decade, to supporting and investing in local businesses, partnering with regional resources, attracting a diverse talent pool, promoting sustainability, and constantly focusing on meeting the needs of our community and providing for an outstanding quality of life. We will stay true to this commitment, despite the recent economic challenges, and will continue to support the businesses in our community and leverage placemaking strategies to promote economic development," stated Pittsfield Township Supervisor Mandy Grewal.

The 2020 eCities study analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities from 54 counties in the State of Michigan. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets, and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments, and cost of doing business within the community. For example, over the five-year period of 2015-2019, these communities increased their capital assets by an average of 2.4% per year through investments such as library equipment, building, water, and sewage improvements, and street renovations, while property tax rates increased by less than 1% on average per year.

Although accounting for less than 20% of the State's cities and townships, the 277 communities analyzed are home to 70% of Michigan's population and 87% of the state's commercial property. "Each year, the eCities project aims to highlight the successes and continued commitment of cities and townships to grow business and support entrepreneurship within their communities," said Kari Kowalski, iLabs project manager.

About University of Michigan-Dearborn

Founded in 1959 with a gift of just over 200 acres of land and \$6.5 million from the Ford Motor Company, University of Michigan-Dearborn is a metropolitan university serving southeastern Michigan, committed to excellence rooted in strong academics, innovative research, programming, and civic engagement. The university has 9,400 students pursuing more than 100 bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degrees in liberal arts and sciences, engineering, business, education and health programs. A top-ranked university with faculty devoted to teaching and students committed to achievement, UM-Dearborn is shaped by its history of partnering with local leaders and communities, and is committed to finding solutions for the challenges that face the region.

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