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### **Newaygo County Receives Energy Grant for The Stream**

In partnership with NCEDO and the City of Newaygo, Newaygo County is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$216,000 grant to purchase technological equipment for The Stream. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant provides funds to support innovative approaches to energy conservation. The Stream, a first-of-its kind remote work center, will allow many county residents who commute to jobs outside of the county to work locally instead. This will reduce miles driven, gas consumed, and greenhouse gases emitted by vehicles.

Grant funds, as well as matching funds from the City of Newaygo and Muskegon Community College, will be used to purchase technological equipment to provide residents with high-speed internet capability, printing, scanning, copying, teleconferencing, and video conferencing. With these capabilities, residents will be able to work closer to home in a professional work environment, small business owners will realize the advantages of having access to the high level of technology without having to make a large capital investment, and students and job-seekers will benefit from plans to house a satellite office of Michigan Works! West Central and classes from Muskegon Community College. "We are excited about the Stream as a project to help propel our local economy through innovation, training and entrepreneurship," commented Newaygo County Economic Development Office (NCEDO) Executive Director Andrew Lofgren. "We are thankful for the support of the City of Newaygo, the County of Newaygo, and all of our partners in helping to make this exciting project possible."

"This grant is an example of the interagency cooperation that makes our county a success," said Newaygo Mayor Ed Fedell. "The City is pleased to work with the County and NCEDO to make The Stream a reality."

"The County of Newaygo is committed to providing work and educational opportunities to our community," stated Newaygo County Board Chair Adam Wright. "The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant has taken us a step closer to achieving our goal."

*The Stream is a 13,000 square foot remote work center and community business center with meeting rooms, classrooms, presentation facilities, varying office configurations and a comfortable work atmosphere conducive to training and collaboration. The facility will provide high speed internet capability, printing, scanning, copying, teleconferencing, and video conferencing. This facility will cater to those seeking education, job training, and those employed or creating jobs in the "new economy". Haworth Corporation will be providing their unique floor system that allows for the floor plan to be easily reconfigured as is needed. Haworth will also be providing (donating) furniture and modular walls for the facility.*

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