

## **DEQ recognizes SOCRRA for recycling excellence**

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The DEQ and Governor's Recycling Council recognized SOCRRA for excellence in recycling today at the Governor's Recycling Summit in Plymouth.

SOCRRA was one of 10 honored at the event. The awards are designed to honor organizations excelling in several key categories, including outstanding education programs for K-12 students and youth organizations, new and enhanced programs that bring increased access to recycling, and "closing the loop" programs that design or create new products that can be recycled or that purchase and use products made of recycled content.

These categories are consistent with the objectives and goals outlined in Governor Rick Snyder's April 2014 statewide recycling plan.

In addition to SOCRRA, the 10 organizations selected for awards include:

### **Outstanding Education Awards**

- Green Living Science, Detroit
- The Ecology Center, Ann Arbor
- Southeast Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority, Southeast Michigan communities
- Carpenter Year Round Elementary School, Lake Orion
- Mr. Bob Bowman, Parkside Elementary in Rockford, Inspiring Individual Award

### **New Recycling Program Award**

- Hastings Charter Township, New recycling drop-off center in Barry County

### **Enhanced Recycling Program Award**

- Calhoun County, Expanded drop-off recycling
- City of Plymouth, Expanded to cart-based curbside recycling
- US Farathane, Port Huron, Enhanced recycling opportunities in the workplace

### **Closing the Loop Award**

- Petoskey Plastics, manufacturing solutions that include post-consumer recycled content

To learn more about recycling opportunities in Michigan or to see Michigan's plan for increasing recycling, visit [www.Michigan.gov/MIrecycles](http://www.Michigan.gov/MIrecycles).

To learn more about SOCRRA's recycling efforts, visit [www.socrra.org](http://www.socrra.org)