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I would like to become a member of the NAACP. Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (min. of \$10 requested).

I would like to become a member of the Ecology Center. Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (min. of \$30 requested).

Please return to:

NAACP

312 Harriet Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

or

Ecology Center

417 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

### **Ypsilanti Pollution Prevention Project Steering Committee:**

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## **The Ypsilanti Pollution Prevention Project:**

## **A Partnership for Ypsilanti's Environment**

*Ecology Center*

*Ypsilanti/Willow Run  
Branch of the NAACP*



## **The Ecology Center and The NAACP: A Unique Partnership for the Environment**

The Ecology Center of Ann Arbor and the Ypsilanti/Willow Run Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) have joined in an exciting and unique partnership to fight pollution in the Ypsilanti area. These organizations hope to lay the groundwork for a pollution prevention strategy to be employed throughout southeast Michigan.

## **Environmental Injustice and Washtenaw County: A Factual Account**

Recent studies have documented the preponderance of environmental hazards in low-income and minority communities. This disturbing trend is also evident in Washtenaw County.

Ypsilanti is the most industrialized community in Washtenaw County. According to the Washtenaw County Toxics Report (a study by the Ecology Center), toxic emissions in the Ypsilanti area are the greatest per capita in Washtenaw County — with 24% of the population, Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti

Township have approximately half of the county's total toxic emissions. Ypsilanti also has the highest percentage of people of color in the county, and is among the communities with the lowest per capita income.

## **Empowering the Community: Creating Awareness of Pollution Issues**

The Ypsilanti Pollution Prevention Project will stimulate community awareness and action on pollution issues. Ecology Center and NAACP staff will assist community residents in identifying local environmental needs and creating a meaningful response. Staff will also provide technical support and aid in research as needed.

## **Cooperating with the Community: Reaching to Schools for Green Leadership**

Student awareness and understanding of issues goes hand-in-hand with citizen action. The Project will work in selected neighborhood schools as a natural stepping stone for outreach to children and adults. Educational programs conducted in local school districts will encourage students, teachers and parents to

become aware of pollution prevention issues and participate in finding solutions.

## **Making a Difference: A Community Project for the People**

The Ypsilanti Pollution Prevention Project is a project for the people. Citizens are encouraged to get involved in working for cleaner and healthier neighborhoods, providing the impetus for environmental change.

*The Ecology Center is a regional, non-profit environmental organization which develops and conducts education, advocacy, information and technical programs which encourage the development of sustainable communities.*

*The Ypsilanti/Willow Run Branch of the NAACP is a leading chapter of the nation's foremost civil rights organization.*

**If you would like more information about the Ypsilanti Pollution Prevention Project, contact Jennifer Jamison Lofton, NAACP, at (313) 480-9654 or Stacey Fallis, Ecology Center at (313) 761-3186.**