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**BANK OF ANN ARBOR RECEIVES
BUSINESS RECYCLING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Recycle Ann Arbor Award Recognizes Environmental Responsibility

Ann Arbor, MI – Recycle Ann Arbor, a national leader in recycling and waste programs, announces that Ann Arbor, MI-based Bank of Ann Arbor has been awarded the Business Recycling Leadership Award. The award recognizes outstanding recycling and sustainability efforts on the part of Ann Arbor businesses.

In order to earn the award, businesses must meet the following criteria:

- They must be located in the City of Ann Arbor;
- Be a Recycle Ann Arbor customer;
- Recycle a high percentage of waste, as verified by a waste and recycling audit;
- Have a designated staff person or green team that coordinates recycling;
- Recycle special items, such as printer cartridges or fluorescent light bulbs;
- Offer recycling education to employees; and
- Be involved in at least three sustainable practices, such as green purchasing, zero waste efforts, or energy efficiency programs.

Bank of Ann Arbor is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Arbor Bancorp, Inc., a locally-owned and managed financial service holding company. It is Ann Arbor's only local bank, with six branches.

From April 1, 2008 through April 30, 2010, Bank of Ann Arbor recycled 18,936 pounds of paper and cardboard, and 11,502 pounds of mixed containers. In addition to paper, cardboard, cans and bottles, Bank of Ann Arbor also recycles batteries, toner cartridges, fluorescent light bulbs, Styrofoam™ and shopping bags.

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Bank of Ann Arbor President Timothy Marshall is the driving force behind the organization's outstanding recycling program, said Assistant Vice President Rhonda Foxworth.

“At Bank of Ann Arbor, the recycling culture starts at the top, and is championed throughout the company by 100 employees throughout our six locations,” said Foxworth. “When the president actively promotes waste reduction and recycling to minimize the company's impact on the environment, it paves the way for everyone to participate.”

Bank of Ann Arbor has an Employee Activity Team which meets to discuss projects such as improving the office recycling program, and providing better sustainable services to customers at all bank branches, including online banking and electronic statements. In addition, an internal Web site provides articles on sustainability practices and waste reduction in the office environment.

To promote its new electronic statement program for customers, Bank of Ann Arbor recently pledged that for each new customer who signed up for the service, it would donate \$10 to local environmental efforts. The proceeds were donated to the Ann Arbor Rotary Club to fund tree replanting in local Ann Arbor parks.

For more information about Recycle Ann Arbor's Business Recycling Leadership Award, please call (734) 662-6288.

Founded in 1977, Recycle Ann Arbor is a leader in the recycling industry, offering easy and convenient recycling for the home and workplace. As a private nonprofit organization, Recycle Ann Arbor is dedicated to providing education and innovative services in the collection, processing and distribution of recyclable materials.

Recycle Ann Arbor started Michigan's first curbside recycling program in 1978, and currently operates the state's largest community drop-off center, The ReUse Center, the Environmental House green building resource center, the Ann Arbor curbside recycling program, Calvert's Roll-Off Containers, and Energy Works of Michigan.

For more information about Recycle Ann Arbor, please call (734) 662-6288 or visit Recycle Ann Arbor on the Web at: www.recycleannarbor.org.

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