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### For Immediate Release

## ANN ARBOR MAYOR'S 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GREEN FAIR

### RETURNS TO MAIN STREET ON JUNE 13 FROM 6-9 PM

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – May 12, 2008 –The City of Ann Arbor Mayor's Office is hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Green Fair on Main Street on Friday, June 13, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to celebrate our community's environmental leadership as exhibited by citizens, nonprofits, government, and businesses. Ann Arbor's Downtown Main Street will be closed to regular automotive traffic, but will be open for walkers and displays of environmental information, "green" products, bicycle events, live music, and general enjoyment of the urban outdoor environment. Information, entertainment, and hands-on activities for all ages will be provided.

Main Street between E. Huron and William will host four related events:

- **The Environmental Leaders Area** showcases over 50 environmental nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and participating businesses that have earned the "Waste Knot\*" partner designation from Washtenaw County. Many of the exhibit areas will provide information and host hands-on activities for all ages, such as environmental information and crafts, live birds of prey demonstrations, live music on two stages (amplification provided through solar energy), and an Environmental Jeopardy quiz. This year four food vendors will be selling organic "light fare" on West Washington near Ashley.

- **The Clean Energy Expo**, coordinated by the local nonprofit organization Clean Energy Coalition, provides a forum for innovative energy-saving designs and actions, including displays of alternative fuel vehicles, demonstrations of green building materials, solar energy installations, renewable energy installations, and more! During the Green Fair, special guided walking tours will be offered of the A3C (Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative) retrofitted downtown building, showcasing the use of geothermal energy, solar roofing, energy-efficient and low-waste construction, as well as demonstrations of several green roof prototypes.
- **The Green Commute Area, sponsored by the getDowntown Program**, showcases a variety of ordinary and innovative sustainable transportation choices—ranging from AATA’s new buses to Zipcars. The American Institute of Architects, Huron Valley Chapter will lead guided walking tours of the downtown area periodically throughout the event. 826 Michigan will provide great activities for kids.
- **BikeFest 2008** will return for a third year with freeride bike skills demonstrations, games, maintenance clinics, rides on the multi-seat “conference bike” and information from local bike shops and area biking/walking organizations. Attended free bike parking is included.

For more information on the Green Fair as an attendee or participant, please call the City of Ann Arbor Mayor’s Office at (734) 994-2766 or consult the web at [www.a2gov.org/green](http://www.a2gov.org/green). # # #

\*Waste Knot business partners demonstrate practices that promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling and recycled-content purchasing. The Waste Knot program was developed in 1998 in cooperation with area chambers of commerce and municipalities to recognize voluntary environmental practices in the business and nonprofit sectors. For more information on the Waste Knot business recognition program, contact Washtenaw County at (734) 222-6889 or consult <http://recycle.eWashtenaw.org>.