

# GM Green Efforts Lauded

Seven GM facilities are being recognized by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for longtime support of environment-focused community collaboration. In its press release, the MDEQ stated that GM remains the leader for most Neighborhood Environmental Partner (NEP) awards granted since the program began in 2005.

GM received the department's inaugural NEP Longevity Award recognizing companies that have participated in the program for five or more years. It encourages and rewards businesses and their neighbors who work together on environmental projects. This is the seventh straight year GM has received NEP awards.

"GM is committed to reducing our facilities' environmental impact while also improving the communities in which we operate," said David Tulauskas, GM

director of Sustainability. "We share the same ecosystem as our neighbors and enjoy exchanging our knowledge, best practices and hands-on experiences."

The seven GM facilities recognized are Lansing Delta Township Assembly, Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly, Orion Assembly, Warren Transmission, Flint Assembly, Romulus Engine, and Flint Metal Center.

These sites integrate GM efforts to reduce its worldwide facilities' environmental impact through energy efficiency, resource preservation and waste reduction throughout their communities. All participated in GM GREEN (Global Rivers Environmental Education Network) by monitoring rivers with local students and examining watershed impacts.

Two plants are landfill-free, recycling, reusing or converting to energy all waste from operations.

# Macomb Symphony Orchestra Starts New Season with Salute to Austria

The Macomb Symphony Orchestra (MSO) presents its season-opening concert, "A Night in Old Vienna," on Friday evening, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m., at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

Music director Thomas Cook said the MSO begins each season with a salute to a particular nation, its people and its culture. This year, Austria will be honored in music.

Austria in general and Vienna in particular has been the center of great music-making for hundreds of years.

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, it was the undisputed musical capital. Whether in opera, song, symphonic music or ballet, Vienna is synonymous with great art.

A cross-section of these genres will be the focus of the evening's presentation. An overture by Franz Schubert will set the tone for the evening, Cook said. Mozart, Vienna's adopted son, will be represented by arias from his numerous operas.

Joining the MSO in the music will be Drake and Alta Dantzer, two relative newcomers to the opera scene in the Macomb County area, chosen for the captivating beauty of their voices, as well as their interpretive gifts, said Cook.

He added that no evening of Viennese music would be complete without excerpts from the operettas of Franz Lehar and Johann Strauss.

"Our soloists will join again, painting a picture of the Viennese life we imagine," Cook said. "And we'll provide a healthy dose of those waltzes and polkas everyone loves."

Tickets are on sale now at the Macomb Center Box Office. Prices are \$18 reserved seating for adults and \$15 for students and seniors.

The Macomb Center is located on Garfield at Hall Road in Clinton Township.

For more information, call 586-286-2222 or visit [macombsymphony.org](http://macombsymphony.org).



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