



# Holland Board of Public Works

## NEWS RELEASE

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## Holland BPW earns environmental award

HOLLAND, MI. September 6, 2011 – The Holland Board of Public Works (HBPW) has been awarded the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Neighborhood Environmental Partners Program Award for outstanding commitment to environmental community outreach. The Department of Environmental Quality's program is a competitive environmental awards initiative created to encourage and reward businesses and their neighbors who work together locally on environmental projects.

The HBPW was chosen for its success in working with business and citizen groups to improve the community. Among the examples cited for the HBPW's strong relationships and creative projects during 2010 was:

- The HBPW's joint partnership with the Ottawa County Public Health Department in conducting a Personal Pharmaceutical Collection in which over 650 pounds of pharmaceutical waste was collected. The event coincided with the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take Back Day.
- Involvement in environmental mentoring and education at a variety of community events.

"The quality of our environment is very important and our employees are committed to working with community organizations and government agencies to protect and improve the natural resources of our area," said HBPW General Manager Loren Howard. "We are honored to be recognized by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for our environmental stewardship."

On September 29, 2011, the Department will present the award to the Holland BPW and two of the thirteen Michigan businesses who have been designated as outstanding environmental partners. The award ceremony planned for the west Michigan businesses will be held at the Holland BPW Service Center.

**About the Holland BPW** Established in 1893, the Holland Board of Public Works is a community-owned enterprise providing utility services to the Holland area. We are committed to improving the economic and environmental quality of the community in partnership with our customers, providing reliable services at the lowest rates achievable through innovation, efficiency, and professional operations. We provide electric generation and distribution, water and wastewater treatment to the city of Holland and selected areas.

For more information on services provided by the Holland Board of Public Works, please visit our web site at [www.hollandbpw.com](http://www.hollandbpw.com).

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