

## ***Michigan Communities Receive Landfill Grants***

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality announced that more than \$5 million has been awarded to help reimburse communities for environmental cleanup costs at some municipal solid waste landfills.

Ten local units of government received a total of 12 grants awarded by the Brownfield Redevelopment Board. The Municipal Landfill Cost-Share Program grants were made through the Clean Michigan Initiative, a \$675 million environmental bond approved by voters in 1998.

The grants are designed to reimburse communities for 50 percent of the previously unclaimed environmental cleanup costs that they incurred from July 23, 1996 through Sept. 30, 2000, at municipal solid waste landfills that they owned or operated which are on the federal Superfund list.

The Brownfield Redevelopment Board, who awarded that grants, consists of the directors of the Michigan departments of Management and Budget, and Environmental Quality; and the president and chief executive officer of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

The following communities received grants:

Albion - \$76,769 for Albion-Sheridan Twp. Landfill

Bay City - \$133,402 for Bay City Middlegrounds Landfill

Grand Rapids - \$1,831,897 for Butterworth #2 Landfill

Ionia - \$72,737 for Ionia City Landfill

Kalamazoo - \$73,906 for K.L. Avenue Landfill

Kalamazoo - \$1,121,802 for Michigan Disposal (Cork St.) Landfill

Kalamazoo County - \$65,625 for K.L. Avenue Landfill

Kent County - \$161,773 for Kentwood Landfill

Kent County - \$75,909 for Sparta Landfill

Mason County - \$14,863 for Mason County Landfill

Ottawa County - \$76,085 for SW Ottawa County Landfill

South Macomb Disposal Authority - \$1,512,367 for SMDA Landfill