



News Release

“Army” of Consumers Energy Employees Volunteer, Present Grant to City of Mt. Pleasant

Energy Company Volunteers Beautify Two Local Parks and a Cemetery

MT. PLEASANT, Mich., June 10, 2015 – Over 300 Consumers Energy employees volunteered Tuesday morning to beautify three City of Mt. Pleasant-owned locations, and the City accepted \$750 in grants from the energy provider’s foundation.

“We have an annual two-day, department-wide conference in beautiful Mt. Pleasant, a destination we look forward to every year,” said

Scott Thomas, executive manager of

engineering services at Consumers Energy. “Our time together has traditionally included giving back to the community in some way. This year, the employees have once again raised funds to support the PeopleCare Program and they wanted to include a volunteer opportunity in the Mt. Pleasant area to demonstrate their care for the communities we serve.”

Consumers Energy coordinated with the City of Mt. Pleasant to identify volunteer projects. The 305 employees divided up to volunteer at three beautification project locations:

- Millpond Park -- to stain a trail handrail
- Mission Creek Park -- to spread woodchips on trails
- Riverside Cemetery -- to rake pine needles



Volunteers from Consumers Energy’s engineering services department spread woodchips at Mission Creek Park in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

The Consumers Energy Foundation contributed a Caring for Community grant for each of the three projects for a total of \$750 to the City to encourage and support volunteerism by Consumers Energy employees.

Nancy Ridley, Mt. Pleasant City Manager, accepted the check for the grants.

“Consumers Energy today went above and beyond what it means to be a good corporate neighbor,” said Ridley. “I am happy and very thankful to accept this check on behalf of the City for our parks and to see the wonderful transformation accomplished in one day from an army of more than 300 volunteers with big hearts. Our Mt. Pleasant parks are one of our points of pride, and today even more improved because of Consumers Energy employees.”

Many of the Engineering Services Department volunteers traveled from outside Mt. Pleasant for their department training.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Consumers Energy. It provides funding for a variety of areas including education, community, civic and cultural development, social services, the environment, and emerging issues.

Michigan nonprofit organizations received more than \$10 million in contributions in 2014 from Consumers Energy, its employees, retirees, its foundation and the utility’s parent company, CMS Energy. For more information about the Consumers Energy Foundation, visit www.consumersenergy.com/foundation.

Consumers Energy, Michigan’s largest utility, is the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy (NYSE: CMS), providing natural gas and electricity to 6.6 million of the state’s 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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