



**L. BROOKS PATTERSON, OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Dear Friends:

The Michigan Earth Day Festival in Rochester is quickly becoming one of the largest Earth Day events in North America.

In Oakland County, being green means investing in our economic future. Alternative energy has been identified as one of our Emerging Sectors where future job growth will occur. Indeed, the former Ford Wixom Plant is slated to be transformed into the Ford Renewable Energy Park, the largest of its kind in the country.

When air travelers land at Oakland County International Airport, they will have a sense that we embrace new technology with Michigan's first green terminal, set to open next year.

My facilities director has identified ways to save energy on county grounds resulting in a \$3 million reduction in utility bills.

We also have a world class park system where Michigan families can enjoy outdoor activities in our well-preserved green spaces, on our lakes and rivers, and our miles of biking and hiking trails.

You will learn about many of these efforts by Oakland County at the Michigan Earth Day Festival. I offer my sincere best wishes to the Michigan Earth Day Festival for continued growth and success. I encourage all who are able to attend.

Yours very truly,

L. Brooks Patterson  
Oakland County Executive