



## NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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### PARMA'S NEW ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY SURVEY SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT

**(PARMA)** – The City of Parma is looking to its residents and businesses to help evaluate interest in various energy efficiency programs that the city could offer. The programs will be funded by a \$715,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) that Parma received from the Department of Energy (DOE) as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

“We’re pleased the City of Parma was able to secure a sizable grant from the DOE to create and support comprehensive, self-sustaining energy efficiency programs that will benefit the entire community,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “To help ensure we develop programs that our residents and businesses want and need, we’re first gauging their level of interest through two brief online surveys.”

Members of the community are encouraged to complete the residential and/or commercial surveys that have been posted on the City of Parma’s website. Residents will be asked about 15 questions regarding their interest in purchasing or using Energy Star® rated appliances, programmable thermostats, compact fluorescent bulbs, home energy audits and insulation. Businesses that access the commercial survey will be asked questions dealing with the HVAC equipment, lighting, insulation and plumbing systems at their facilities.

“It’s very important that everyone take a few minutes to answer these questions and let us know what energy efficiency programs will be worthwhile in implementing,” said Mayor DePiero. “The feedback is critical, and it will literally help shape several city-sponsored programs.”

The residential and commercial surveys, which should take less than ten minutes to complete, can be accessed at [www.cityofparma-oh.gov](http://www.cityofparma-oh.gov) and will be available through February 5, 2010.

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