## PETOSKEY'S SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

HOW FRIENDLY COMPETITION THROUGH THE MICHIGAN GREEN COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE HELPED MOVE THE CITY FORWARD



- THE CITY WAS DOING A LOT IN THE AREA OF SUSTAINABILITY, WITHOUT CALLING ATTENTION TO ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
- IN 2018, PETOSKEY JOINED THE MICHIGAN GREEN COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE AND ACHIEVED BRONZE STATUS.
- THE CHALLENGE HELPED FRAME THE IMPACT OF OUR ACTIONS, ENHANCED PROVIDED PEER TO PEER LEARNING AND PROVIDED ATTAINABLE ACTIONS TO IMPROVE SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS FURTHER.
- IN 2019, CITY COUNCIL SET A 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET COMMUNITY WIDE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY MORE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ENERGY AUDITS, HVAC UPGRADES AND INSTALLATION SOLAR PANELS ON CITY HALL, AND PROMOTION OF THE VOLUNTARY GREEN PRICING PROGRAM FOR CUSTOMERS.
- MANY OF THE GREEN COMMUNITIES ACTION ITEMS WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE 2021 LIVABLE PETOSKEY MASTER PLAN STRATEGIES, INCLUDING ACHIEVING GOLD STATUS IN 2022!