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JUL 11 State global warming poll

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Michigan residents and local government officials both agree that local governments need to take on more of a role in combating global warming. That's according to a poll released by The University of Michigan Center for Local, State and Urban Policy. 70% of those polled and 68% of local officials polled said that they thought local governments should work to tackle global warming, although the local government leaders' opinions varied when asked to assess the severity of global warming. The differing opinions appeared to be divided along party lines, with 77% of democratic local officials agreeing that global warming is a "very serious" or "somewhat serious" while only 39% of republican officials considered global warming a "very serious" or "somewhat serious" problem. The poll also found that 23% of Michigan's local governments have taken steps against global warming, such as buying new insulation and heating/air conditioning systems. 36% say it's either "somewhat" or "very likely" that they will do so within the next year. (MRN)

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