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## Decorah Bank & Trust Company Earns the ENERGY STAR for Turning Energy Use into Savings

Decorah Bank & Trust Company's main facility at 202 East Water Street has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) prestigious ENERGY STAR award, the national symbol for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection. Decorah Bank & Trust's building joins approximately 3,200 buildings nationwide that have received the ENERGY STAR.

By earning the ENERGY STAR, Decorah Bank & Trust is using about 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also releases 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

"Whether operating a grocery store, a school, or an office building, getting the most of energy dollars while reducing a carbon footprint just makes sense," says Joe Grimstad, Executive Vice President of Decorah Bank & Trust.

"These efforts have been endorsed by our staff and the Board of Directors," says Grimstad. "And we're not stopping here. We've formed an employee task force that is looking for additional opportunities to reduce the bank's carbon footprint by looking at everything from our facilities to products and services to internal processes. It's a fun challenge."

Commercial buildings that can earn the ENERGY STAR include office buildings, bank branches, financial centers, retailers, courthouses, hospitals, hotels, K-12 schools, medical offices, supermarkets, dormitories, and warehouses.

Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 50 kinds of products, new homes and commercial/industrial buildings. Products and buildings that have earned the ENERGY STAR designation reduce greenhouse gas emissions by meeting strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the government. In 2006, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved about \$14 billion on their energy bills while reducing greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 25 million vehicles.

For more information about ENERGY STAR for businesses or consumers visit [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

For more information about what Decorah Bank & Trust has done and is planning in the future, visit [www.decorahbank.com/environment.php](http://www.decorahbank.com/environment.php)



*Pictured are key players of the newly awarded ENERGY STAR (l-r): Decorah Bank & Trust Company's Larry Engen, Lori Drtina and Joe Grimstad.*