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**Bank of Utica Achieves RecycleOne Business Certification**

The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority (Authority) is pleased to announce that Bank of Utica has obtained the Authority's RecycleOne Business Certification.

The **RecycleOne Business Certification** requires an on-site review from Authority staff to verify that specific solid waste management, recycling and energy reduction criteria have been achieved. If the criteria have been achieved, the Authority will issue the facility or business an official **RecycleOne Business Certification**.

This certification is free and available to businesses located in Oneida and Herkimer counties. Accepted businesses will receive **RecycleOne** logos and updated quarterly recycling information. **RecycleOne Businesses** are featured on the Authority's website and will be eligible to win the Authority's annual Recycling Champion award.

Bank of Utica was first opened in 1927. Over 90 years later, the Bank is still a locally owned and operated business with strong ties to the Utica community. The Bank recently underwent some major renovations, and the company has taken measures to decrease office waste and increase their recycling rates.

Bank of Utica has taken the following steps to maintain an environmentally friendly office:



- ✓ All paper documents are shredded and securely recycled
- ✓ Weekly recycling of non-confidential papers, cardboard, and plastic containers
- ✓ Switching to LED lightbulbs
- ✓ New energy saving refrigerator in break room

"We at the Bank are proud of the changes we have been able to make in recent years to become more environmentally responsible. Becoming **RecycleOne** certified means a lot to our business, and we hope to continue to have a positive impact on the business recycling rate right here in the Mohawk Valley," says Barry Sinnott, Vice President at Bank of Utica.

"The Bank does an excellent job at recycling all office papers, and has made 'green' choices to use LED bulbs and energy efficient machinery. Due to recent remodeling, we feel it is a perfect time to strengthen the great recycling programs that the Bank has set up and to create new programs for further optimization. Bank of Utica is very deserving of this certification," says Emily Albright, Authority Director of Recycling.

Recycling in the workplace not only helps the environment, but can be economically advantageous by allowing for lower costs for waste removal and possible revenues from recycling. The program also encourages social responsibility, positive public response and sustainability.

For more information on the Authority's **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program**, please contact Emily Albright, Director of Recycling, at (315) 733-1224 ext. 1600 or visit [www.RecycleOneBusiness.com](http://www.RecycleOneBusiness.com) to download the **RecycleOne Business Recycling Program Guide**.

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