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Letter from the President

Lately all news seems to be bad news as the State of Illinois budget woes continue in Springfield. Recent communications regarding funding of Illinois EPA programs and grants remain to be everything but certain. Many of you may have already heard that the tire and household hazardous waste (HHW) programs would most likely not be funded resulting in no tire or HHW collections or funding of disposal costs at permanent HHW sites. Most recently some IEPA delegated counties received word that they would not be receiving IEPA funding for their solid waste enforcement program this state fiscal year.

Doug Clay, Manager of the Division of Land Pollution Control within the IEPAs Bureau of Land, stated that the "Solid Waste Management Fund was in dire straits." Mr. Clay sympathized with those affected and stated that the IEPA is "looking at every possible option to maintain the funding for the solid waste enforcement grants." At this point Mr. Clay stated that the actual fund sweep bill has not been signed by Governor Quinn, but he could at any time. Mr. Clay asked that especially the IEPA delegated partners have patience. The outlook for funding in each program mentioned here appears grim, however per Mr. Clay the Agency has placed the funding of the solid waste enforcement program as priority.

Theoretically, if all delegation agreements ceased to exist due to the elimination of the solid waste enforcement grants, the positions of approximately 52 solid waste inspectors (full & part-time) employed by the delegated partners would be at stake. These inspectors conduct about 2500 inspections each State fiscal year through the delegation agreements. Maintaining this level of service within the Agency without the delegation agreements would be very difficult and much more costly than currently arranged through the agreements. Furthermore, each delegated partner with a grant matches at least 30 percent and with some partners this match can be more than 50 percent, a great deal for the Agency.

Of course, the tire and HHW programs also provide an important service to State residents and, therefore, ultimately it would be great to see each of the programs maintained.

Hopefully we will have more answers in the next week or two. Currently as I write this, these funds remain to be at the mercy of the

legislators and the Governor, which plan to reconvene July 14th to come up with a budget solution. I encourage any entity that would be affected by these cuts to contact your State legislators and the Governor.



On a more positive note, thanks to all those that attended our annual conference, it was great to see you all there. If you were able to attend, hopefully you had an informative as well as enjoyable time. Overall, the conference was successful with an attendance level higher than I expected considering the sour economic conditions. Also thanks to IRA and SWANAs Land of Lincoln Chapter for inviting us to once again join them in their annual conference. Especially thanks to the IRA staff, Mike Mitchell and Marilyn Crampton, for conducting a majority of the coordination for the conference. Last, but not least, thanks to the ILCSWMA Board for all of their efforts in making the conference a success.

For those who like to plan ahead, the 18th Annual ILCSWMA Conference will be located at the Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center on Wednesday, September 22nd and Thursday, September 23rd, 2010. The Lodge continues to become increasingly popular, therefore we were unable to secure our traditional first Thursday and Friday of October. Nevertheless, we will have another enjoyable conference at the scenic Starved Rock Lodge.

As announced in the previous newsletter, on October 22nd ILCSWMA will sponsor a training workshop in Joliet to be conducted by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (www.icleiusa.org). Please see additional information regarding this workshop within this newsletter. ILCSWMA members should be prepared to tackle this issue head-on, and this training will help lay the foundation for our understanding of it. Please keep an eye on this newsletter for future updates.

Enjoy your summer!

Dave Hartke, ILCSWMA President

WASTE MANAGEMENT GETTING INTO MED WASTE BUSINESS

Waste Management Inc. has begun "taking the first steps toward creating a national footprint in medical waste," CEO David Steiner told analysts recently. The country's largest waste service provider will spend up to \$200 million on acquisitions over the next year-and-a-half to take on Stericycle (Lake Forest, IL) in the \$3.5-billion U.S. market for medical waste. Stericycle has bought up more than 150 local and regional companies since 1989. It disposes of spent needles and syringes, surgical gloves and related wastes for more than 400,000 customers. Revenue has tripled over the last seven years, to \$1.08 billion in 2008.

MAINE PASSES CFL RECYCLING LEGISLATION

Maine Gov. John E. Baldacci has signed a bill requiring establishment of a program to recycle light bulbs containing mercury. Legislative Directive 973 requires manufacturers to share the burden of ensuring proper disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs. Manufacturers of bulbs that contain mercury must implement a program for recycling the lamps from households by 2011. The law goes into effect Sept. 12, ninety days after the close of the legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

ILCSWMA was unable to complete a thorough Legislative Report in time for publication of this newsletter. Look for it in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, you can view which bills we were tracking that made it through the Legislature on the Legislative Update link at <http://www.ilcswma.org/documents>.

ILCSWMA Member News

JACKSON COUNTY

A major wind storm hit the Jackson County area on May 8, with sustained winds of 80 mph and gusts recorded up to 106 mph. With the ground saturated from recent heavy rains, the winds toppled countless trees in the area, damaging homes and knocking out power to most of the county for around one week.

Jackson County Health Department took a lead role in managing the disposal of large volumes of vegetative debris. The County opened up two debris consolidation sites, one of which continued to operate six days a week through early July. Approx. 40,000 cubic yards of debris were handled at the sites by open burning. Temporary workers and a contractor with heavy equipment were hired to operate the larger site.



A wide range of vehicles delivered debris to the sites - many tree services from out of state came into the area to haul large volumes, while residents brought in debris in trucks, trailers, and even small cars.

The need for longer-range tree debris disposal remains and plans are currently being developed for extended disposal options.

Jackson County is currently completing a disaster debris planning process funded partially by a USDA Rural Development grant. The planning certainly helped after the storm hit in tackling the debris quickly. The County's plan, when completed, will be much better for staff having gone through the recent debris management experience.

JODAVIESS-CARROLL SOLID WASTE AGENCY

Consider attending Green Fair 2009 in Elizabeth, IL, September 26th. Meet and speak with exhibitors on solar, wind, and geothermal energy, sustainable living choices, and green building practices.

Some speaker's topics are:

Living within Your Means; Energy Efficiency & Conservation, presented by Russ Simpson, Jo-Carroll Energy;

Greening Your House; Chicken Soup vs. Toxic Soup presented by Master Gardener Carole Pouzar;

Solar or Wind Site Selection by Ed Morris, certified site assessor;

Rain Gardens: Beauty and Water Quality by Extension Educator John Church,

Making Old Houses Green, presented by Cory Ritterbusch, Prairie Works, Inc.

Urban Sprawl: Community Problems and Solutions by Rebecca Olson of Olson Ecological Solutions.

There will be many more topics including composting, green building, everyday recycling, and more on solar, wind, and energy efficiency!

Take advantage of all the parts of the Fair, check out the environmental artists, taste local wines, ride a recumbent bicycle, discover green careers with college representatives, buy from the Farmer's Markets, and take part in the kids activities! So be sure to bring your friends and family, carpool to reduce pollution, and attend Green Fair in northwest Illinois on September 26, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It really is going to be a fun time!

For more information contact Maggie Friedenbach, Recycling and Conservation Programs Coordinator, University of Illinois Extension, 815-244-9444 or email her at mfrieden@illinois.edu. The Green Fair website is <http://www.nwil-greenfair.com>. For Jo Daviess County visitor information, call 877-444-5850 or visit their website, <http://www.galena.org>.

Member News (cont.)

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

In keeping with St. Clair County's pollution prevention goal to preserve natural resources, conserve energy, and enhance our environmental quality of life, St. Clair County held a Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Day on May 30 at Belleville West High School. The event was a tremendous success with 1,783 vehicles representing 1,984 households participating. Households from the counties of St. Clair (1,478), Madison (138), Monroe (124), Randolph (7), Clinton (15), and twelve other counties (222) participated in the collection.

The 1,984 households demonstrated the importance of practicing the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) by dropping off large volumes of the materials listed below:

- o Household Hazardous Waste (250 fifty-five gallon drums)
- o Oil based paint (4 cubic yard roll-offs)
- o Household batteries (30 five gallon containers)
- o Contaminated empty containers, etc. (3 thirty cubic yard roll-offs)
- o 192 televisions (35,000 pounds)
- o 592 computer monitors (19,715 pounds)
- o 498 CPUs (Central Processing Units -12,881 pounds)
- o Miscellaneous electronic equipment (irons, toasters, cell phones, radios, etc. - 41,000 pounds)

St. Clair County supported this program with personnel and resources totaling over \$10,000. However, this program could not have been possible without the grant and assistance provided by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the collection of household hazardous waste (HHW). The IEPA provided over \$116,500 for the collection of HHW.

WILL COUNTY

Will County's spring environmental events included two one-day HHW events. The first, held in the Joliet/Crest Hill area was one of our busiest on record, with 770 households bringing approximately 60,000 pounds of material. A few hours into the event, a line stretched down the road and continued to grow, causing some folks a longer than usual wait. However, all the participants remained in good spirits and some received free prizes from the local radio station that did a live broadcast from the event.

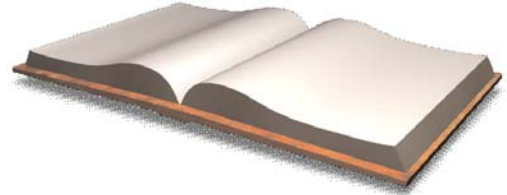
The second HHW was in the Crete/Monee area and received approximately 29,000 pounds of material from 324 households. Both of these events were arranged by the County and paid for with County funds, subject to reimbursement through the Prairie View Recycling and Landfill operating agreement with Waste Management.

Will County held its 11th electronic one-day collection in May, serving 369 households and recycling 50,801 pounds of e-scrap materials. One-day collections continue to generate publicity for the permanent collection program, which has recycled nearly 817,000 pounds since it began in July 2007. Two more permanent drop-off locations are opening in the Village of Lockport and at the Forest Preserve in Monee, for a total of 11 electronic recycling sites with weekly hours of operation throughout Will County.

For the fourth year in a row, Will County has offered a Gym Shoe collection and this year featured greater participation from schools throughout the county. The final day of the collection was highlighted with a live broadcast with a local radio personality at the County building. Many schools donated shoes to various charities and the remaining gym

shoes were sent to Nike.

Between June 12 - 14 Will County sponsored its Annual Book Recycling and Document Destruction Event, held at the Joliet Park District's Pilcher Park Nature Center in Joliet.



Document destruction was added to the Annual Book Recycling Event this year as an added service to residents. The 3-day event brought in over 45,000 books from over 600 Will County residents. While most of the books were taken free of charge for reuse by residents, some unwanted books remained at the end of the event. Will County Waste Services shipped for recycling the remaining 5,000 books, or 8,000 lbs. of books, to a paper recycling facility in Chicago. We also recycled over 300 lbs. of cardboard boxes. We collected over 6,000 lbs. of confidential documents for destruction and recycling. The total cost of the 3-day event was only \$1,100 for equipment rental and document destruction fees. The event was considered a success, and was well received by the public!

Over the summer, Will County shall continue to offer mini-recycling to several local festivals, where organizers of the festivals collect items such as batteries, eye glasses and cell phones then give the items to county staff for recycling. An interactive booth is planned again this year for Joliet's annual Kidsfest.

For further comments or questions please contact Jason Peppmuller or Marta Keane of the Will County Land Use Dept., Waste Services Division.

ILCSWMA Fall Training

As the concepts of carbon footprint reduction and climate protection make their way into communities across the country, more and more local government officials will be tasked with understanding these issues and figuring out how to incorporate them into their community operations and planning. In Illinois, much of this work will fall upon solid waste management officials, as we are often the "go-to" environmental officials in our communities. To help its members get solid footing on this

issue, ILCSWMA has contracted with ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability to provide a workshop on Thursday, October 22 in Joliet. The workshop will be designed to instruct local government officials how to develop greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventories and put into place best practices for reducing carbon footprints, with a focus on the solid waste sector.

ICLEI is an international membership association of local governments that guides its members through a five-milestone performance-based methodology for reducing GHG emissions and enhancing local sustainability. More than 550 cities and counties in the US are members of ICLEI. The milestones are supported by dynamic emissions analysis and action planning tools and resources. The five milestones are:

Milestone 1 - Conduct an Emissions Analysis

Milestone 2 - Set an Emissions Reduction Target

Milestone 3 - Develop a Local Climate Action Plan

Milestone 4 - Implement

the Local Climate Action Plan
Milestone 5 - Monitor & Report on Results

The October training will familiarize participants with the Five Milestone process, as well as climate planning tools and implementation strategies, with a focus of solid waste management strategies. ICLEI will also provide an overview of the 2008 "Recycling and Solid Waste Management Guide" which it developed for its member organizations. The Guide discusses successes and barriers to implementing a range of solid waste management programs, and evaluates the GHG reduction potential of some programs. The training will also cover landfill-side strategies, such as landfill gas to energy projects, as a way to achieve GHG reductions and generate energy.

We hope you consider joining us at this worthwhile training. The registration fee for the workshop will be \$90 for members and \$125 for non-members (which includes membership in the association for the remainder of 2009). The registration fee includes lunch, breaks and materials. The event will be held from 10am - 3pm at the Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa Street in Joliet. Parking is free and the Metra station is located nearby.

Look for registration information in the September-October edition of this newsletter, as well as online by early August at <http://www.ilcswma.org/training>.

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability has released a toolkit to provide climate protection guidance to communities under 25,000. Smaller communities across the United States are eager to commit to climate, energy, and sustainability actions as well--and collectively, they can have an enormous impact. Yet due to various limitations, many smaller local governments struggle with initiating and maintaining momentum on climate protection. These limitations may include part-time or volunteer elected officials, small budgets, and minimal municipal control. ICLEI's toolkit is designed to help them overcome these limitations through detailed resources, case studies, and guidance. The toolkit also helps smaller communities understand how to take advantage of their significant opportunities. For example, in a small, close-knit community, a local government can more easily influence community members to make individual changes to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. With this toolkit in hand, small communities can become empowered to reach their goals.

The toolkit is available at <http://www.icleiusa.org/>.

Educator Information

Hey, Educators!

I just came across an article in Family Fun magazine where someone developed a miniature golf activity that is educational. At each hole there is information about nature such as the food chain, deforestation, etc. So, the same could be done about waste

reduction and recycling, right? This could be a fun activity to use for Earth Day or Health Fairs or any other PR event. Just thought I'd pass it along.

Debbie LeVault, Environmental Educator

Christian County Solid Waste Management Department

ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL POLICIES SOUGHT

Karen Raithel, Peoria County Recycling & Resource Conservation, would like to find out how local governments are handling surplus electronic equipment. If you have any information on how your unit of government disposes, recycles or donates these items, or any policies you have in place, please email them to Karen at kraithel@peoriacounty.org. Thanks!