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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Legislation Equals Compromise

As I look at my history with the ILCSWMA Board, I can recall members such as Andy Quigley who would state 'ILCSWMA is not in the legislation business', and we'd mainly just enter that arena on items like bottle bills back in the day. Presently, if ILCSWMA wasn't in the legislation business, we would be negligent. How time can change one's priorities and focus.

As an organization we are certainly not experts in legislation, but we have learned some lessons and are smarter than we were a few years back. As the title of the article states "Legislation Equals Compromise". Whenever two groups or people disagree on direction, compromise is the method of continuing to move forward, without compromise one idles in place or spins ones' tires but makes no progress. I feel some examples of this in government are too obvious to even mention.

The point is, as we continue down the legislative path we must be prepared to compromise, in other

words "give up something we want or already have". As I look at the future of our programs I wonder what these legislative initiatives will cost or cause to change. I am not sure that legislation will solve all our environmental needs, I am also not sure if the interpretation of the laws will not create new challenges. As we look at solutions we must use compromise wisely.

At our Annual conference in Starved Rock over 10 years ago, ILCSWMA speakers provided presentations addressing legislation; we saw it coming. The 2018 Conference is once again at Starved Rock November 1st and 2nd and without doubt legislation will be a topic of discussion. Mark your calendars and be prepared to once again to visit Starved Rock for an important educational conference. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Until next time....

All my best, Marlin Hartman

ASSOCIATION NEWS

AWARD NOMINATIONS

The ILCSWMA Board of Directors seeks nominations for its annual award program, to be held at the 26th Annual Conference. There are two awards for which nominations are sought:

Each year the Board of Directors bestows the **Distinguished Service Award** upon one nominee that has made outstanding contributions to the Association and the management of solid waste in Illinois.

ILCSWMA also established a new award in 2005 - the **Lifetime Achievement Award**. The Board may bestow this award upon one or more nominees that are retiring, or leaving the solid waste industry or Illinois, and whose work has made a significant impact on their community and the Association. This award is not necessarily given out each year.

Nominees for either award must be employed by a full or affiliate member organization. Nominations for either award should be submitted via email to Jennifer Jarland, ILCSWMA Secretary, by September 1, 2018. No nomination forms are necessary; please submit the name and affiliation of both the nominated person and the individual submitting the nomination, as well as supporting information such as how long the nominee has worked in the solid waste field and some of their qualities and major accomplishments.

ILCSWMA SEEKS RFP & CONTRACT EXAMPLES FOR WEBSITE

The ILCSWMA website, www.ilcswma.org, features a page called "Documents" where the newsletter and other items are posted. The page also includes examples of various Requests for Proposal documents and contracts, which are

made available to members so they can benefit from the work of other members. This sharing of such documents has saved many members significant time and effort, from not having to "reinvent the wheel" when they want to produce similar documents.

However, many of the documents on the page are showing their age and we are asking that you, our members, send along any RFP, contracts, and similar documents which we could post and share. Please email the documents to info@ilcswma.org. Your help is greatly appreciated!

26th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Please save the dates on your calendar for the ILCSWMA Annual Conference, to be held **November 1-2, 2018** at Starved Rock Lodge. Please contact Kerri Gale, Vice President, if you have ideas for speakers or would like to be a conference sponsor. See p. 1 for Kerri's contact information.

ILCSWMA would like to greatly thank our early sponsors of the annual conference:

[Heritage Environmental Services](#)



[Lakeshore Recycling Systems](#)



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2018 MINI-GRANTS AWARDED

ILCSWMA received six applications for the 2018 mini-grant program. These grants of \$1250 are for collection programs by ILCSWMA members targeting any of the following materials::

- Food Waste;
- HHW;
- Paint;
- Mercury- Containing Devices;
- Carpet;
- Pharmaceuticals.

All applications were considered by a review committee, which then forwarded a funding recommendation the Board of Directors. The Board selected the following two projects for funding:

- *Tazewell County Health Department*—food waste pilot project in East Peoria.
- *Will County* - food waste collection pilot project in schools & development of a food waste collection best practices manual for schools.

We hope these projects will result in information of use to other ILCSWMA members. Both projects will be highlighted during a session at the 26th Annual Conference in October.

CERA IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

ILCSWMA held a very successful webinar on January 31 on “How Illinois Counties Can Opt-In to the New Consumer Electronics Recycling Act”. Many of the resources from the webinar and related to adoption of CERA can be found at www.ilcswma.org.

Illinois EPA has updated information on it's [website](#) regarding those counties which have opted in to participate in CERA in 2019. 56 counties, plus the City of Chicago and Solid Waste Agency of

Northern Cook County, opted to participate. IEPA indicates that nearly 90% of the population will be covered by the program.

By July 1, 2018, the 2019 Manufacturer Program Plans are to be submitted to IEPA, which will reflect the number of collection sites and one-day collection events in each county that are proposed to be included in the 2019 collection program.

In early June 2018, those counties that opted-in to participate in CERA in 2019 received the following email:

Dear Illinois County/MJAA:

Thank you for submitting the Illinois County and Municipal Joint Action Agency Collector Opt-In Form before the March 1, 2018 deadline. NCER is writing to let you know that we will be providing additional information regarding implementation of the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (CERA) and the potential creation of a CERA clearinghouse for the 2019 program year. A bill in the Illinois legislature – HB 3248 – has passed both houses of the legislature and will soon await the Governor’s signature. This bill will allow manufacturers to meet in order to plan the key aspects of a potential Clearinghouse. Please be on the lookout for communications from NCER once HB 3248 has been signed for additional information and potential meetings to discuss CERA implementation.

Sincerely,

*Jason Linnell
Executive Director
National Center for Electronics Recycling*

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CHANGES TO ILCSWMA BOARD

The ILCSWMA Board of Directors recently accepted the resignation of At-Large Representative Michelle Gibson from DeKalb County, due to her changing jobs. We wish the best of luck and much success to Michelle!

To fill this open position, the Board appointed Evelyn Neavear from Tazewell County Health Department. Evelyn will fill the last few months of Michelle's one year term, followed by her own one-year term. We look forward to all the Evelyn will bring to the Board of Directors!

RECYCLING CONTAMINATION TASK FORCE HAS FIRST MEETING

Jennifer Jarland and Kim Petzing are representing ILCSWMA on the Recycling Contamination Task Force. Members of the Task Force include representatives from the following organizations: SWANA – IL Chapter; National Waste and Recycling Association – IL Chapter; Illinois EPA; Metropolitan Mayors Association; ILCSWMA; and Illinois Recycling Association. In addition, other members represent specific units of local government and materials recovery facilities.

The Task Force's primary goals will be to:

- Develop consistent messaging to curbside residential participants to decrease the amount of contamination in residential recyclables and to increase the marketability of recyclables from residential programs; and
- Increase participation in residential recycling programs (both curbside and drop-off) and increase the quantity of recyclables.

It is anticipated that the Task Force will develop both short-term and long-term approaches to achieving both goals, with an emphasis on addressing the contamination goal as soon as possible with specific action items that don't require as much time to implement. Objectives 1 and 2 below should result in the Task Force developing and implementing new guidelines for residential recycling that can be used immediately. Objectives 3 and 4 are more long-term approaches.

The five preliminary objectives of the Task Force are as follows:

Objective 1. Create a baseline contamination levels at MRFs so that future measurements can be made regarding the success of the program (this objective may be limited by the ability or willingness of the MRFs to share this data).

Objective 2. Participating organizations will agree on the list of acceptable and non-acceptable recyclables, and subsequently agree on the most effective way to communicate this information to residents.

Objective 3. Develop and Implement a Statewide Education Campaign.

Objective 4. Monitor contamination at the point of collection by the hauler and provide direct feedback to the resident on what they are doing incorrectly to change the behavior.

Objective 5. Identify and secure funding for the Task Force's final plan and recommendations.

The Task Force held its first meeting on June 6. We will keep ILCSWMA members updated on the group's progress.

INDUSTRY NEWS

A New Reuse Tool - The Benefits of Deconstruction

By Eve Pytel, Programs Director at Delta Institute

Delta Institute, a nonprofit that collaborates with communities to solve complex environmental challenges across the Midwest, has released their newest tool "[Deconstruction & Building Material Reuse: A Tool for Local Governments & Economic Development Practitioners](#)" that focuses on construction and demolition waste. Since Delta's founding, they have managed deconstruction programs and projects in Gary, Indiana, Cook County, Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, and Detroit, Michigan for a variety of partners such as land banks, cities, and counties.

Deconstruction offers several environmental, economic, and community benefits for communities with high vacancy rates and unemployment. Not only does deconstruction provide more jobs in the structure removal process, but it also supports transportation, warehousing, reuse, and production jobs.

From an environmental perspective, deconstruction reduces construction and demolition (C&D) waste, reduces air pollution created by demolition, reduces carbon dioxide emissions, abates the need for new landfills and incinerators, preserves resources and saves energy by decreasing the extraction and processing of raw materials, and supports sustainable building processes.

With so many direct and co-benefits from deconstruction, municipal leaders and economic development practitioners often want to support the growth of deconstruction in their communities but don't know where to start. This

tool is an important first step for the work Delta Institute is doing to make communities more resilient. The modules and case studies included in the soon-to-be-released document provide municipal leaders, including government agencies and economic development organizations, with guidance on how to jumpstart a deconstruction initiative and remove local barriers that might hinder progress.

STATE POLICE DRUG COLLECTION

The Illinois State Police (ISP) is teaming up with the Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation to help decrease prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse. Gov. Rauner announced April 5 that five ISP District headquarters across the state will house receptacles for people to drop off their unused and unwanted prescription medications.

Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation provided the receptacles for initiative. The foundation was created by David and Gail Katz, whose son died in 2007 from an overdose of prescription medication.

ISP Director Leo P. Schmitz says the receptacles will be placed at their District headquarters in Des Plaines, Elgin, Joliet, Collinsville, and LaSalle.

People will be able to drop over-the-counter and prescription medications into the receptacles, including controlled substances, pet medications, drug samples, vitamins, liquids and creams. For safety reasons, needles, thermometers, IV Bags, bloody waste and hydrogen peroxide cannot be accepted and should not be deposited into the receptacles.

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WHAT IS WISH-CYCLING?

Thanks to Kim Petzing, Madison County, for sharing the article below!

Watch out for Wish-Cycling

You've probably been hearing more about how you can make a difference and to reduce, reuse, recycle. So you're standing in front of the recycling bin and wondering if the item you're holding can be recycled. Do you add it to the bin? Or not?

Welcome to the conundrum of wish-cycling. What is wish-cycling, you may ask?

It's the act of tossing a questionable item into the recycling bin and assuming a product is, or should be recyclable - even if you're not 100% sure. You may be thinking "it'll just get sorted out at the recycling center if it's not."

"Thinking Green" is great, but wishful thinking and uninformed habits with non-recyclables causes costly contamination and brings down the value of recyclables. But it can be avoided! Keep a watch out for items that don't belong in single stream bins and be sure to seek out alternative options.

Get Informed

So what CAN be recycled? It can get confusing. The first thing to do is check with your recycler/waste hauler. They should be able to provide you with a list of items they accept.

Additionally, check out these links for more information:

[Republic/Allied Waste All-in-One Single Stream Recycling Infographic](#)

[St. Louis City Recycles](#)

[Earth 911](#)

What about Plastic Bags & Wrap?

Plastic that can't retain a constant shape (think grocery, bread, dry cleaning, and trash bags, as well as plastic wrap on packages, bubble wrap, and air pil-

lows used in packaging) is known as "film". This must be taken to plastic film recycling collection containers-- such as those located outside of many grocery store chains.

Film cannot be included and sent to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) with the rest of your curbside recycling. Thin plastic and bags get stuck in sorting equipment, preventing the equipment and the facility from working efficiently.

(Click [here](#) to see an example.) As a result, plastic films must be separated, collected, and recycled in a different manner. Click [here](#) to see how plastic bags are recycled.



Want to learn more? Check out these articles:

[3 Big Reasons "Wish-cycling" is Always a Bad Idea](#)
[Help Put a Stop to Wish-Cycling](#)

REPORT ON ANAEROBIC DIGESTION

The results of a 2017 survey of anaerobic digesters (AD) in the U.S. processing food waste was recently released by the USEPA Region 3. The report, [Anaerobic Digestion Facilities Processing Food Waste in the United States in 2015](#), summarizes data received for three types of AD facilities: Stand-alone food waste digesters; On-farm digesters that co-digest food waste; and Digesters at water resource recovery facilities. 154 total AD facilities processing food waste were identified; none in Illinois.