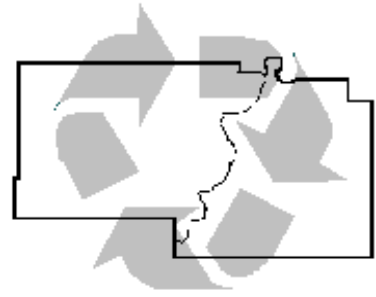


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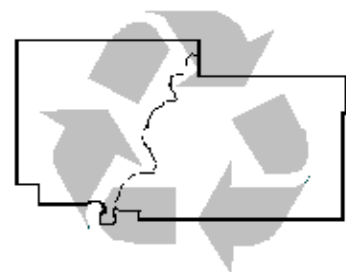
## 2004 Annual Report

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**TO THE RESIDENTS OF OGLE COUNTY...**

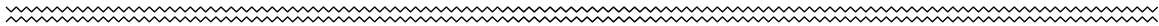
2004 was an active year for the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD). Three major collection events were held to provide safe disposal options for tires, motor oil, household hazardous waste, and electronic waste. All three events were co-sponsored by Lee County, and two (Tires and Household Hazardous Waste) were co-sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program involved business, youth groups, and local units of government working together. This intergovernmental cooperation helps to spread the significant cost of these events and allows us to hold more frequent collections for a greater number of people.

In addition to these special events, we continued to enforce State and local laws and regulations regarding open dumping or burning of waste and the operations of permitted landfills in the County. Educational programs and materials for local schools and grants for recycling and clean-up days continue to be popular.

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department will continue to promote waste reduction, recycling and safe disposal options for waste generated in the County. We look forward to serving the residents of Ogle County in the coming year.

Sincerely,

*Stephen J. Rypkema, Director*



**OGLE COUNTY DROP-OFF RECYCLING PROGRAM**

The OCSWMD continued to maintain five drop-off recycling sites (Byron, Forreston, Monroe Center, Oregon and Rochelle) and assists with promotion of two other private sites (Moring in Polo and Onyx Orchard Hills in Davis Junction.)

In 2004, the sites collected about 1,606,940 pounds (803 Tons) of materials for recycling, an increase of 10 tons from 2003. This program continues to be very popular among County residents.

**ANNUAL RECYCLING SURVEY SUMMARY**

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires Illinois counties to report their municipal waste recycling rates on an annual basis. Our department mails surveys to businesses and schools in the county. Based on the information received, the municipal waste recycling rate increased from 28% in 2003 to 32% in 2004. **Great job Ogle County!**

Materials being recycled in Ogle County include: aluminum, batteries, commingled recyclables (metal, plastic & glass bottles & containers), construction/ demolition debris, landscape waste, metals including white goods and computers, paint, paper, plastics, tires, printer cartridges, motor oil, wood pallets, eye glasses, grease, and fluorescent tubes.

**EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS**

The OCSWMD maintains an educational library consisting of books, videos, and curriculum for county residents, schools, and businesses to use. New books, videos and reference materials are added each year.

favorite of staff, teachers and students.

In honor of Earth Day, the Department sponsored 25 Stan Slaughter, The Eco-Troubadour, performances at 22 schools in the County. Stan Slaughter is an award-winning musician and educator who has sung and played his guitar for thousands. He sings a repertoire of original and some familiar earth songs focusing on recycling, composting and household hazardous waste. This educational program is a

In addition, classroom presentations, educational supplies such as recycled denim pencils, activity booklets and book marks were provided to many students & teachers.



The OCSWMD also participated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the Lee-Ogle Summer Youth Program by facilitating environmental activities during this summer day-camp for kids.

**IEPA ENFORCEMENT GRANT AND DELEGATION AGREEMENT**

Ogle County maintained its Delegation Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in 2004. This Agreement allows the OCSWMD to enforce State solid waste laws and regulations in Ogle County. The IEPA provides an Enforcement Grant to off-set some of the costs incurred.

The grant amount for 2004 (State Fiscal Year 2005) was \$20,790 or about 23.14% of enforcement-related expenditures. The Grant and Agreement require a minimum of 100 inspections/investigations of landfills and open dumpsites per year.

<b>Complaints and Inspections: 2002 - 2004</b>								
Number of Complaints Filed by Type				Number of Inspections Conducted				
	2002	2003	2004		2002	2003	2004	
Illegal Dumps	26	44	30	Permitted Landfills	52	49	36	
Burning Violations	17	15	23	Open Dump/Burning/Other	56	95	56	
Other	6	12	3	Waste Removed from Illegal Open Dump Sites and Properly Disposed (estimates in cubic yds.)	2,074 Yd <sup>3</sup>	1305 Yd <sup>3</sup>	842 Yd <sup>3</sup>	
Total Number of Complaints	49	71	56	Administrative Citation Fines Paid	9,000	\$3,000	\$600	

<b>Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department Fiscal Year 2004 Financial Statement (December 1, 2003 - November 30, 2004)</b>			
		<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	Landfill Host Fees	2,077,472.33	2,195,989.66
	Interest	57,796.78	45,135.48
	IEPA Enforcement Grant	20,792.57	20,789.86
	Recycling Income	75.86	1,488.87
	Fines/Restitution	3,000.00	600.00
	Misc. Income	1,164.54	84.55
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,160,302.08</b>	<b>2,264,088.42</b>
<b><u>Expenditures/Transfers</u></b>	Salaries & Wages	88,728.26	91,346.14
	Fringe Benefits	27,694.69	23,161.07
	Supplies, Equipment, Postage	7,666.50	9,047.25
	Telecommunications	2,096.53	1,983.79
	Contractual Services	11,001.79	8,228.84
	Travel & Training Expenses	2,194.15	3,111.29
	SW Reduction/ Recycling/ Collection Programs	59,409.41	79,470.94
	County Grants	11,844.86	16,172.00
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 210,636.19</b>	<b>232,521.32</b>
	<b>Transfers to Long Range Capital Improvement Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,816,711.33</b>	<b>1,933,603.66</b>
	<b>Total Expenditures + Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 2,027,347.52</b>	<b>2,166,124.98</b>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS**

- 1) In April, a **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**, co-sponsored with Lee County and IEPA, was held in Dixon. 960 households participated resulting in the collection of 168 drums of hazardous waste to be recycled or disposed of safely. In addition, almost 18,000 pounds of auto batteries, 82 eyeglasses and 63 cell phones were collected and recycled.
- 2) A **Tire and Oil Recycling Event**, co-sponsored by Lee County and IEPA, was held in August at the Ogle County Fairgrounds. 659 vehicles participated in the event resulting in the collection of 22,484 tires and 12,800 gallons of used motor oil.

- 3) Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Electronic Waste Recycling Event**, co-sponsored by Lee County, was held in Oregon in October. 550 Households participated by bringing in 108,370 pounds (54.18 Tons) of computers, TVs, and other electronics to be recycled. This filled 4 ½ semi trailers!
- 4) The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Program** was co-sponsored by park districts and businesses. The 2004/05 program collected 562 trees which were chipped and made available to the public for mulch. Since the program began, a total of 92.4 tons of trees have been chipped and diverted from local landfills.

**Textile Recycling**

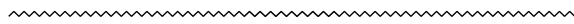
A textile recycling program operated by U’SAGain, LLC, a private company, offers a recycling option for clothing and shoes. The drop-boxes, located at four locations in Rochelle, collected almost 32 tons and generated revenues of about \$1,666 for the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department.



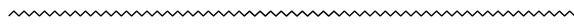
**GRANTS AWARDED**

The OCSWMD was able to provide grants totaling just over \$11,622 in 2004, for Waste Reduction, Recycling, Clean-up Days and Outdoor Stewardship Days (education). These grants included:

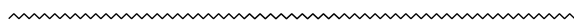
**Byron Forest Preserve**, \$1,563.20, for the purchase of 100% recycled plastic benches for their outdoor fire-pit area.



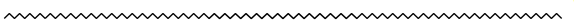
**Ogle County Fair Association**, \$1,656, for the purchase of recycling containers and labels to be used at the County Fair and other events.



**Rochelle Township High School**, \$2000, for the purchase of recycling bins and carts for the new high school.



**Rochelle Area League of Women Voters**, \$402.80, towards the printing of a Recycling Information Brochure for the Rochelle area.



The following communities applied for and received a \$1000 *Clean-Up Day Grant*:

- Monroe Township
- The Village of Stillman Valley
- The City of Rochelle

**Outdoor Stewardship Days**

For the fourth year the OCSWMD provided a \$3000 grant to the Lee and Ogle County Soil & Water Conservation Districts for this worthy event. About 1100 third grade students from Lee and Ogle Counties were provided hands-on resource conservation, outdoor and environmental education activities. Staff provided recycling information & activities at the event.



**“THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY”**