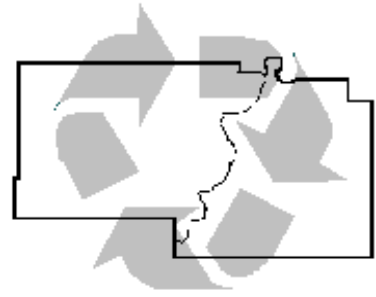


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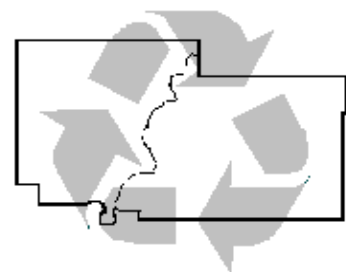
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# Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department

## 2005 Annual Report

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

The Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department strives to promote waste reduction, recycling and safe disposal options for residents of the County. Local monitoring and enforcement of solid waste management laws and regulations is another responsibility that enables us to quickly respond to complaints and incidents in the County.

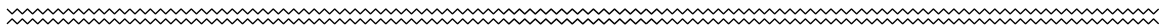
Two major collection events were held in 2005 to provide safe disposal options for tires, motor oil and electronic waste. Both events were co-sponsored by Lee County, and the tire collection was co-sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Recycling 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.

The educational programs and recycling and clean-up day grants described herein continue to be well received by schools, towns, and business. Please check out our website [www.oglecountysolidwaste.org](http://www.oglecountysolidwaste.org) for more information.

I truly believe the programs, events, and efforts described in this Annual Report help to make Ogle County a great place to live. I look forward to serving 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 2005, the sites collected about 1,658,520 pounds (829.26 Tons) of materials for recycling, an increase of 26 tons from 2004. 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 32% in 2004 to 34% in 2005. **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.

booklets and book marks were provided to many students & teachers.

To help promote Earth Day and environmental education in the County, the Department sponsored 12 performances of the “Earth Protectors” by Kaleidoscope Kids, in elementary and middle schools. This live theatrical production taught kids the importance of taking responsibility for the environment.

100% recycled plastic hand chairs were donated to schools in the County that completed surveys identifying their recycling efforts.

In addition, classroom presentations, educational supplies such as recycled denim pencils, activity

Schools and public libraries also received an interactive computer software program entitled “Ollie Saves The Planet.” This fun and educational program teaches sustainability and ways kids can reduce, reuse, recycle, and rethink how they impact the planet.

**IEPA ENFORCEMENT GRANT AND DELEGATION AGREEMENT**

Ogle County maintained its Delegation Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in 2005. 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 2005 (State Fiscal Year 2005) was \$20,786 or about 23% of enforcement-related expenditures. The Grant and Agreement require a minimum of 100 inspections/investigations of landfills and open dumpsites per year. The following table shows the types and number of inspections conducted.

<b>Complaints and Inspections: 2003 - 2005</b>								
Number of Complaints Filed by Type				Number of Inspections Conducted				
	2003	2004	2005		2003	2004	2005	
Illegal Dumps	44	30	25	Permitted Landfills	49	36	33	
Burning Violations	15	23	31	Open Dump/Burning/Other	95	56	50	
Other	12	3	6	Waste Removed from Illegal Open Dump Sites and Properly Disposed (estimates in cubic yards)	1305 Yd <sup>3</sup>	842 Yd <sup>3</sup>	2769 Yd <sup>3</sup>	
Total Number of Complaints	71	56	62	Administrative Citation Fines Paid	\$3000	\$600	\$6900	

<b>OGLE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2005 FINANCIAL STATEMENT (DECEMBER 1, 2004 - NOVEMBER 30, 2005)</b>				
		<b>FY2003</b>	<b>FY2004</b>	<b>FY2005</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	Landfill Host Fees	2,077,472.33	2,195,989.66	2,239,810.84
	Interest	57,796.78	45,135.48	<b>73,163.84</b>
	IEPA Enforcement Grant	20,792.57	20,789.86	<b>20,785.74</b>
	Recycling Income	75.86	1,488.87	1,382.95
	Fines/Restitution	<b>3,000.00</b>	600.00	6,900.00
	Misc. Income	1,164.54	84.55	4,651.86
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 2,160,302.08</b>	<b>2,264,088.42</b>	<b>2,346,695.23</b>
<b>Expenditures /Transfers</b>	Salaries & Wages	88,728.26	91,346.14	94,898.06
	Fringe Benefits	27,694.69	23,161.07	25,794.29
	Supplies, Equipment, Postage	7,666.50	9,047.25	6,649.78
	Telecommunications	2,096.53	1,983.79	2,338.34
	Contractual Services	11,001.79	8,228.84	16,337.08
	Travel & Training Expenses	2,194.15	3,111.29	1,708.44
	SW Reduction/Recycling/Collection Programs	59,409.41	79,470.94	61,551.65
	County Grants	11,844.86	16,172.00	17,125.54
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 210,636.19</b>	<b>232,521.32</b>	<b>226,403.18</b>
	<b>TRANSFERS TO LONG RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	<b>\$ 1,816,711.33</b>	<b>1,933,603.66</b>	<b>1,934,459.84</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES + TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 2,027,347.52</b>	<b>2,166,124.98</b>	<b>2,160,863.02</b>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS**

- 1) A ***Tire and Oil Recycling Event***, co-sponsored by Lee County and IEPA, was held in August at the Lee County 4-H Fairgrounds. 633 vehicles participated in the event resulting in the collection of more than 16,000 tires and 8,000 gallons of used motor oil.
- 2) Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual ***Electronic Waste Recycling Event***, co-sponsored by Lee County, was held in Dixon in September. 475 Households participated by bringing in 49,814 pounds (25 Tons) of computers, TVs, and other electronics to be recycled. This filled 3½ semi trailers!

3) The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Program** was co-sponsored by park districts, FFA groups and local businesses. A new collection site was established in Polo this year. The 2005/06 program collected 635 trees which were chipped and made available to the public for mulch. Since the program began, a total of 108 tons of trees have been chipped and diverted from local landfills.

**Textile Recycling**

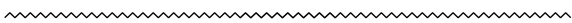
A textile recycling program operated by U'SAgain, LLC, a private company, offers a recycling option for clothing and shoes. The drop-boxes, located at four locations in Rochelle, collected about 44 tons and generated revenues of \$2,492 for the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department. The Department helps to promote this program.

**GRANTS AWARDED**

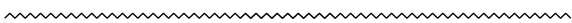
The OCSWMD was able to provide grants totaling \$15,829.54 in 2005, for Waste Reduction, Recycling, Clean-up Days and Outdoor Stewardship Days (education). Recycling grants up to \$2000 are offered to businesses, schools and other organizations which must provide 20% matching funds. Clean-Up Day grants up to \$2,000 are offered to townships and municipalities which must provide 50% matching funds. These grants included:

**Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants:**

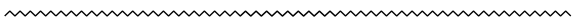
**Byron Forest Preserve**, \$1,204.60, for the purchase of educational materials, booklets, stickers, T-shirts, etc. to promote the recycling program.



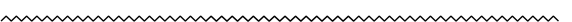
**Byron Foundation for Educational Excellence**, \$1,263.35, to purchase a trailer to hold and haul recycling materials.



**Etnyre School, Oregon, IL**, \$1,280.00, to purchase recycled material benches for new playground.



**Stronghold Camp and Conference Center, Oregon, IL**, \$1,600.00, to build a recycling center and obtain a collection cart and containers.



**Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District**, \$1,386.29, to purchase recycling containers for local parks.

**Clean-Up Day Grants:**

The following communities applied for and received

- Monroe Township - \$2,000
- The Village of Stillman Valley - \$1,369.00
- The City of Rochelle - \$1,049.58
- Leaf River - \$903.50
- Adeline - \$273.23

**Outdoor Stewardship Days**

For the fourth year the OCSWMD provided a grant to the Lee and Ogle County Soil & Water Conservation Districts for this event. This year, the amount increased from \$3,000 to \$3,500. About 1,100 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 this worthy event.



***“THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY”***