

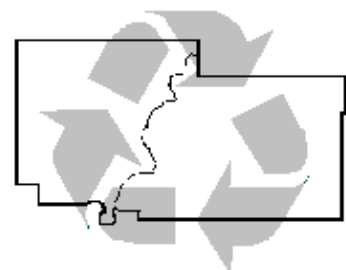
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2003 Annual Report

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TO THE RESIDENTS OF OGLE COUNTY...

2003 was a year of change for the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department. In September, we moved to our new location at 909 W. Pines Road, Oregon. The new location has provided increased and more efficient use of space, a closer working relationship between departments, and a more professional and convenient facility for our clients - the residents of Ogle County. The "Pines Road Annex" also houses the Departments of Health, Planning and Zoning, Animal Control and the Child Support Division of the Circuit Clerk's Department. The old buildings were demolished to make room for the construction of the new Judicial Center, which will be funded by "host fees" collected at the Onyx Orchard Hills Landfill.

As this Annual Report indicates, many programs and activities were implemented by our staff of three. My thanks go out to them for their hard work, and to the Ogle County Board for their support of the Department.

We will continue to promote recycling, waste reduction and safe disposal options for waste generated in Ogle County, and local monitoring and enforcement of solid waste management laws and regulations. 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 2003, the sites collected about 1,586,000 pounds (793 Tons) of materials for recycling, an increase of 20 tons from 2002. 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 mailed surveys to businesses and schools in the county. Based on the information received, the municipal waste recycling rate increased from 26% in 2002 to 28% in 2003.

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.

students.

In honor of Earth Day, the Department sponsored 17 Kaleidoscope Kid's performances at 15 schools in the County. This 45 minute play, "The Earth Protectors," was used to reinforce the REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE & RETHINK message to elementary and middle school students. This educational program was enjoyed by teachers, administrative staff and

In addition, classroom presentations, educational supplies such as recycled denim pencils, activity booklets and litter bags were provided to many students & teachers. The Department was pleased to donate a new book with an environmental theme to interested school libraries in the County.



The OCSWMD also participated 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 2003. 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 2003 (State Fiscal Year 2004) was \$20,790 or about 23.2% of enforcement-related expenditures. The Grant and Agreement require a minimum of 100 inspections/investigations of landfills and open dumpsites per year.

Complaints and Inspections - 2002/2003					
Number of Complaints Filed by Type 2003	2002		Number of Inspections Conducted	2002	2003
	Illegal Dumps	26		44	Permitted Landfills
Burning Violations	17	15	Open Dump/Burning/Other	56	95
Other	6	12	Waste Removed from Illegal Open Dump Sites and Properly Disposed (estimates in cubic yards)	2,074 Yd ³	1305 Yd ³
Total Number of Complaints	49	71	Administrative Citation Fines Paid	\$9,000	\$3,000

Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department Fiscal Year 2003 Financial Statement		
December 1, 2002 - November 30, 2003		FY2003
<u>Revenue</u>	Landfill Host Fees	2,077,472.33
	Interest	57,796.78
	IEPA Enforcement Grant	20,792.57
	Recycling Income	75.86
	Fines/Restitution	3,000.00
	Misc. Income	1,164.54
	Total Revenue	\$ 2,160,302.08
<u>Expenditures/Transfers</u>	Salaries & Wages	88,728.26
	Fringe Benefits	27,694.69
	Supplies, Equipment, Postage	7,666.50
	Telecommunications	2,096.53
	Contractual Services	11,001.79
	Travel & Training Expenses	2,194.15
	SW Reduction/Recycling/Collection Programs	59,409.41
	County Grants	11,844.86
	Total Expenditures	\$ 210,636.19
	Transfer to Long Range Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 1,816,711.33
	Total Expenditures + Transfers	\$ 2,027,347.52

SPECIAL COLLECTION EVENTS

Two special collection events were held in 2003:

1) An **Electronics Collection** event co-sponsored with Lee County, resulted in the collection of

34.81 tons of electronic equipment.

2) The **6th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program** was co-sponsored by park districts and businesses. Three new sites were added this year bringing the total

to seven sites. Since the program began, a total of 78.4 tons of trees have been chipped and diverted from local landfills.

TEXTILE RECYCLING

In July, 2003, a new textile recycling program was initiated. About 20 Tons of textiles were collected. The County is paid from .01-.03 cents per pound which helps offset other recycling costs. Collection bins are located in Rochelle, IL.

COMPOSTING

In August, the OCSWMD co-sponsored and participated in the *Second Annual Illinois Renewable Energy Fair*, held at the Ogle County Fairgrounds. A presentation on backyard composting and vermi-composting (using earthworms to decompose food scraps) was conducted. Items such as books, composters, worm bins and other accessories were sold to encourage composting of waste.

GRANTS AWARDED

The OCSWMD was able to provide grants totaling just over \$14,000 in 2003, for Waste Reduction, Recycling, Clean-up Days and Outdoor Stewardship Days (education). These grants included:

WASTE REDUCTION/RECYCLING GRANTS:

Byron Forest Preserve, \$160.20.

Funds were spent on a composter and a food scrap container which promote composting at the Byron Forest Preserve District.

Merdian Junior High School, \$581.20

Funds were used to purchase recycling containers and an Environmental Program by Stan Slaughter.

Creston Grade School, \$1,236.

Funds were used for books and videos for the school library, worm bins and paper making kits.

Eswood School District #269, \$480.

Funds were used for books and videos for the school library. Recycling T-shirts were also purchased for rewards for students who recycle.

Mary Morgan Elem. School Library, \$2000.

Funds were used for books and videos for their school library.

Lichty's Landscaping Service, \$2,000.

Funds were put towards the purchase of a wood chipper for the community's use and Christmas tree recycling.

Rochelle Country Club, \$1275.06.

Funds were used to purchase various recycling receptacles for the Golf Course.

Oregon Chamber of Commerce, \$473.32.

Funds were used to purchase recycling containers for the

CLEAN-UP DAY GRANTS

Chamber as well as local businesses.



"Think globally, act locally"

The OCSWMD provides grants to cities, villages and townships for local "Clean-up Days" to enhance and beautify Ogle County's communities. The grants are available for the removal and proper disposal and/or recycling of non-hazardous waste and items too bulky for their normal weekly pick-up service (tires, appliances, furniture, etc.). The maximum amount available per grant is \$1000.00, which must be matched by the city, village or township.

The following communities applied for and received a Clean-Up Day grant:

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

OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP DAYS

For the third year OCSWMD provided a \$3000 grant to the Lee and Ogle County Soil & Water Conservation Districts for this worthy event. About 1200 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.