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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Government Center, 100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 11, 2020

This meeting was available for viewing through Webex videoconference and teleconference

Meeting called to order by Chair Arcand at 10:15 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Russ Arcand	Chair	Present
Brian Masters	Vice Chair	Present
Fran Duncanson	Supervisor	Present
Michael Prichard	Supervisor	Present
Chris Nelson	Supervisor	Present

Also present: Lisa Ross, County Clerk; Emil Norby, Highway Commissioner/Division Head; Malia Malone, Corporation Counsel; Vince Netherland, County Administrator; Chad Roberts, General Government Division Director; Bob Kazmierski, Environmental Services Division Director; Ben Elfelt, Parks & Trails Coordinator; Mark Gossman, County Forestry Administrator; Supervisors, Steve Warndahl, Joe Demulling, John Bonneprise, Amy Middleton; and Member of the Press; Members of the Public.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Arcand called for a motion to approve the agenda as published.

Motion (Masters/Nelson) to approve the agenda. Administrator Netherland requested to strike agenda item #15 - Update and Discussion Regarding Viresco this will not be ready for discussion until the July Meeting. Chair Arcand called for a voice vote on the motion to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion** to approve the agenda carried by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Arcand called for a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting as published. **Motion** (Masters/Duncanson) to approve the minutes. **Motion** (Prichard/Masters) to correct the minutes of May 14, 2020 minutes to include "update on information for a rewrite of Recycling Ordinance" under the section of the Recycling Center update. Chair Arcand called for a voice vote on said motion. **Motion** to approve the corrected minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting carried by unanimous voice vote.

Time was given for Committee Members to disclose any conflicts of interest regarding matters noticed on the agenda. No conflicts of interest were stated.

Public Comment – No public comment was offered.

Receipt of Information from Supervisors Not Seated as Committee Members – Supervisors Demulling and Bonneprise were present for the Lime Quarry agenda item. The committee discussed the intent of the agenda item regarding Receipt of Information from Supervisors Not Seated as Committee Members.

Emil Norby, Highway Commissioner/Division Head provided the Committee with updates and a Power Point presentation regarding the Recycling Center. Commissioner Norby also provided a sample of the St. Croix County Recycling Ordinance as a starting point for a possible rewrite of the Polk County Recycling

Ordinance. The board engaged in discussion regarding the Recycling Center. Supervisor Duncanson proposed to add an item to the July meeting agenda regarding analysis of projected revenue from a potential recycling special charge of $12 added annually to the tax bill of each parcel in Polk County that shows an improvement and potential uses of such revenue.

Emil Norby, Highway Commissioner/Division Head provided the Committee with an update on the Space Analysis of the Government Center. A presentation rom Wold Associates and from Polk County's Financial Consultants providing updates on the Space Analysis to be added to the July meeting agenda.

Emil Norby, Highway Commissioner/Division Head provided the Committee with updates on the sale of the Woodley Dam Property. The Woodley Dam had three Properties, bids were accepted for: Lot 1 sold for $65,000, Lot 2 sold for $2,850, Lot 3 sold for $46,500.

General Government Division Director Roberts provided the committee with information and updates regarding COVID-19 budget. Updates on COVID-19 budget to be kept on the agenda as a standing agenda item.

Chair Arcand called for discussion regarding use of laptops/paperless initiative. The board engaged in discussion regarding laptops. Director Roberts, provided an update to the board stating the laptops previously purchased for the Supervisors that were not being used were given to County employees working remotely during COVID-19. With the building analysis being done the committee agreed the topic of laptop/paperless initiative will be removed from future agendas.

Motion (Masters/Nelson) to approve Resolution No. 18-20. **Motion** Carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair Arcand called upon Environmental Services Division Director, Bob Kazmierski, to provide information regarding **Resolution No. 18-20:** Resolution to Create Parks and Trails Advisory Group to the committee. Discussion. Supervisor Prichard noted a scrivener's error under the Board Action of vote required – strike majority vote of a Quorum and replace with correction of 2/3 majority. Chair Arcand called for an amendment to motion to approve Resolution No. 18-20 recommend to County Board for passage. **Motion** (Masters/Nelson) to approve Resolution No. 18-20 and recommend to County Board for passage. **Motion** Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion (Masters/Duncanson) to approve Resolution No. 19-20. **Motion** Carried by unanimous voice vote. Chair Arcand called upon General Government Division Director Roberts to provide information regarding **Resolution No. 19-20:** Resolution to Increase Purchasing Levels in Financial Policy Section of General Code. Discussion. Chair Arcand called for an amendment to the motion to approve Resolution No. 19-20 and to recommend to the County Board for passage. **Motion** (Masters/Duncanson) to amend motion to approve Resolution No. 19-20 and recommend to County Board for passage. **Motion** Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion Regarding Lime Quarry –

Motion (Masters/Nelson) to convene in closed session for purposes and on statutory basis noticed on the amended agenda. Chairman Arcand called for a roll vote on said motion. **Motion** to convene in closed session carried by unanimous roll call vote.

** Closed Session 11:57 a.m.** (Minutes separate and under seal)

Chairman Russ Arcand, Brian Masters, Michael Prichard, Fran Duncanson and Chris Nelson. Also present were, Vince Netherland, County Administrator; Lisa Ross, County Clerk; Malia Malone, Corporation Counsel; Chad Roberts, General Government Division Director and Emil Norby,

Highway Commissioner/Division Head. Supervisors: Steve Warndahl, Joe Demulling and John Bonneprise.

Reconvened in Open Session at 12:45 p.m.

The committee discussed updates to 2020 Work Plan.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2020

Items for next agenda: Review of Agenda's and Review of Policy, Recycling Center Update, analysis of projected revenue from a potential recycling special charge of $12 added annually to the tax bill of each parcel in Polk County that shows an improvement and potential uses of such revenue, Presentation on Space Analysis – Wold Associates and Polk Co. Financial Consultants, Woodly Dam Property Update, Possible change in meeting time, update & discussion on Viresco – closed session.

Adjourn
Chair Arcand called for a motion to adjourn. **Motion** (Prichard/Duncanson) to adjourn. Chair Arcand called for a voice vote on the motion to adjourn. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa R. Ross
County Clerk

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AMENDED AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING

General Government Committee

Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum of the County Board may be present

Virtual, Open Meeting via Webex Video Conference or Phone

Amendments:

[1] Subject Matters added, revised or struck by Amended Notice of Meeting

Webex Virtual Meeting Info:

Meeting Number (access code): **962 901 662**

Password: GGmeeting

- Join Online: https://polkwi.webex.com
- Join by Phone: 1-408-418-9388

Materials: May 14, 2020 Minutes, 2020 Work Plan; Draft of Resolution 18-20: To Create Parks and Trails Advisory Group; [1] Resolution 19-20: To Increase Purchasing Levels in Financial Policy Section of General Code

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes for May 14, 2020
4. Disclosure of Committee Member Conflicts of Interest regarding matters noticed on this agenda
5. ~~Public Comment (3 minutes)~~ - *Because of the nature of this virtual meeting, there will not be an option for public comment*; however, members of the public who would like to make a written comment prior to the meeting may email their comments to: countyclerk@co.polk.wi.us You may also mail in comments to the topics, however they may not be received and provided to the Supervisors by the date of the meeting.
   The mailing address is: Polk County Government Center
   100 Polk Plaza, Ste. 110
   Balsam Lake, WI 54810
6. Receipt of Information from Supervisors Not Seated as Committee Members
7. Recycling Center Update and Rewrite of Resolution 37-19
8. Space Analysis Update
9. Update on Sale of Woodley Dam Property
10. COVID-19 Budget Update
11. Discussion regarding laptops/paperless initiative
12. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Resolution No. 18-20: Resolution to Create Parks and Trails Advisory Group
13. [1] Discussion and Possible Action regarding Resolution No. 19-20: Resolution to Increase Purchasing Levels in Financial Policy Section of General Code
14. Lime Quarry
    a. Financial Update
    b. Discussion and possible action concerning future operations at Polk County Lime Quarry
15. Update and Discussion Regarding Viresco (formerly Green Whey)

The Committee may convene in closed session on matters noticed under #14 and #15 as follows:

Closed Session

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating specified public business for competitive or bargaining reasons.

The Committee may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) for conducting specified public business that has competitive or bargaining reasons that require a closed session. Specifically, Viresco (formerly Green Whey).

16. Review and Update 2020 Work Plan
17. Identification of Subject Matters for Upcoming Meetings
18. Adjourn

Items on the agenda not necessarily presented in the order listed. This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk's office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential.

Polk County Recycling

Recycling - current conditions

- National issues
- Markets still low
- Material quantities - slight increase but shift in products
- Use of Levy dollars

- Looking for new revenues, vendors
- Improving processes
- Shifting hours for summer
- Staffing- levels with seasonals/ look at Endeavors

- Improvement from last year 53% improvement in levy used

Policy Question??

- How do we want to serve the Polk County Residents Recycling Needs??
- Survey- Take a ways—
- Analysis - findings and options

Four options :

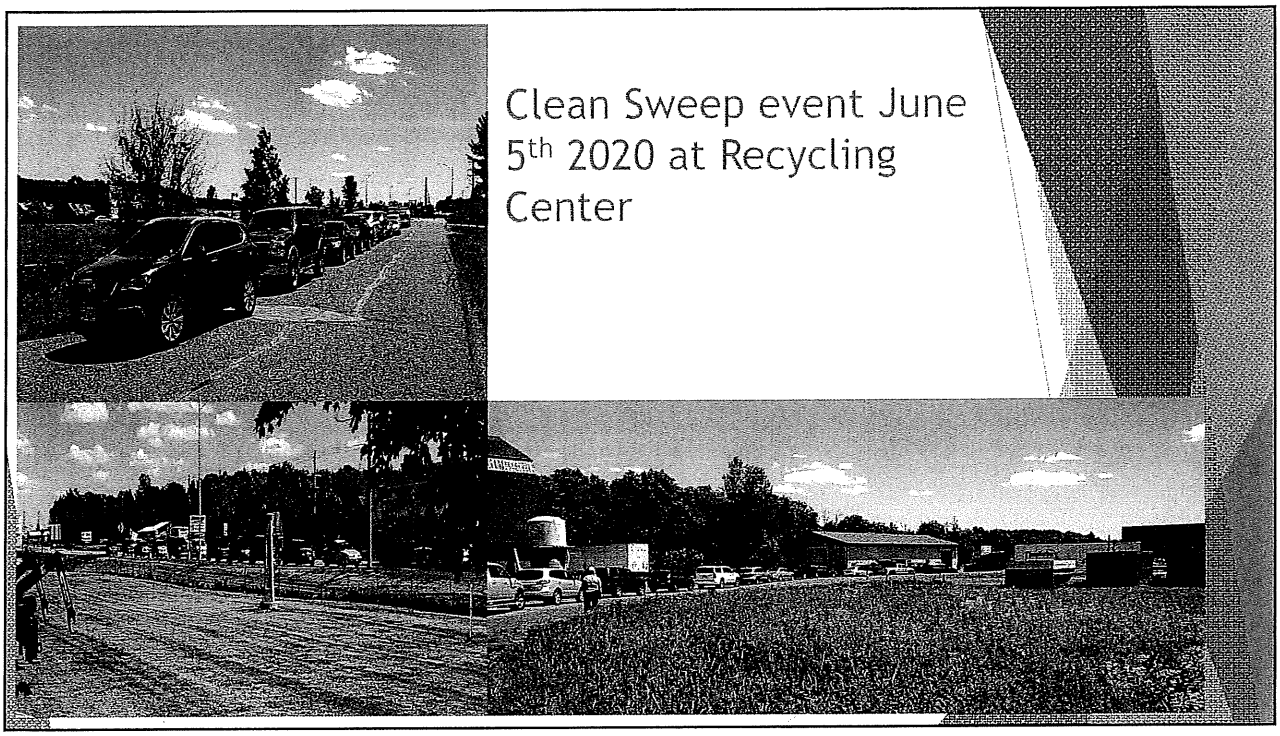
- Option 1- Optimize Existing Dual-Stream Recyclables Processing System
- Option 2- Convert Facility to a Single-Stream Transfer Operation and Contract for Processing/Marketing to a Private MRF Company
- Option 3- Close the Entire Recycling Center
- Option 4 - Optimize Existing Dual-Stream Processing System without Labor or Capital Changes

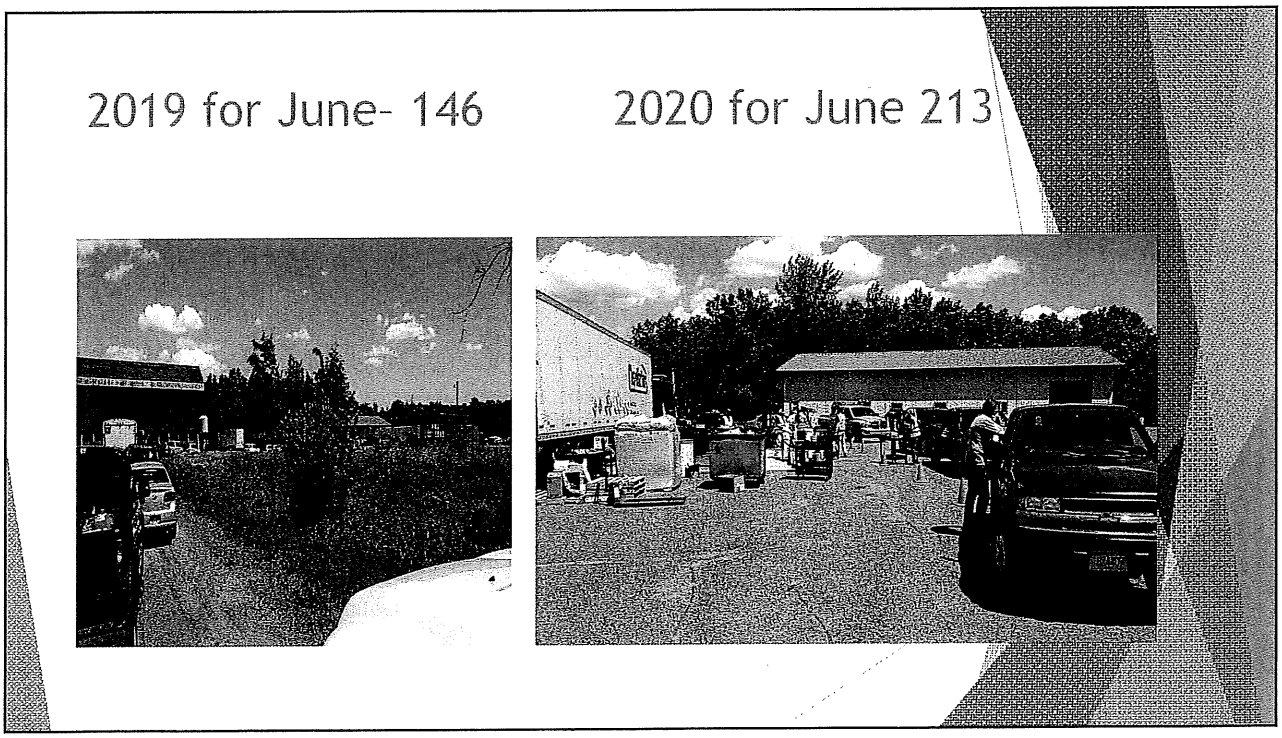
Table 5-1
Summary of Cost Estimates
($ per year, unless noted otherwise)

Cost Item	Current System	Option 1 Optimize Existing Dual-Stream System	Option 2 Convert to Single-Stream Transfer	Option 4 Optimize Existing Dual-Stream System Withut Capital or Labor Changes
Assumed Total Tons per Year	*1,700*	*1,900*	*1,900*	*1,900*
Costs:				
Estimated County Staff Labor	$155,000	$247,000	$43,000	$155,000
Estimated Endeavors Labor	$101,000	$134,000	$0	$101,000
Annualized Capital	$24,000	$27,000	$34,000	$24,000
Transfer Haul	NA	NA	$19,000	NA
Private MRF Processing Fee	NA	NA	$152,000	NA
Subtotal Costs	**$280,000**	**$408,000**	**$244,000**	**$280,000**
Revenues:				
Gross Revenue from Direct Sale of Material	$136,000	$152,000	NA	$152,000
Recycling Tipping Fees (350 "merchant" tons/year X $20/ton)	NA	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000
Revenue Share from Private MRF	NA	NA	$61,000	NA
Net Cost (before State Grant)	**($144,000)**	**($249,000)**	**($176,000)**	**$121,000**
State Aid WI DNR Grant (Processing & Marketing Share)	$82,000	$142,000	$100,000	$82,000
TOTAL NET COST	**($62,000)**	**($107,000)**	**($76,000)**	**$39,000**
Total Net Cost per Ton ($/ton)	***$36***	***$56***	***$40***	***$21***
Productivity Rate (tons per hour of operation)	*1.1 tons per hour of sorting*	*0.9 tons per hour of sorting*	*1.2 tons per hour of transfer*	*1.2 tons per hour of sorting*

What to look at:

- Public Needs---Back to Survey
- Capital Outlay Still there
- Staffing
- We are not alone in this issue
- What can we do in the short term -long Term
- Information Requested - St. Croix County's Program information, Sample ordinance, Recycling Financials and Fee information, Pros and Cons


Clean Sweep event June 5th 2020 at Recycling Center


2019 for June- 146
2020 for June 213

- The Solid Waste total collected last week was $4,471.85.
- Tires= $799.5
- Bulbs= $189
- Paint= $1336
- Appliances= $581
- Air Conditioners= $132
- Mattresses= $240
- Shredding= $171.9
- Electronics= $1017.45
- Oil filters= $5

Use of Levy Dollars

- Based on our population of 44,445 the use of levy dollars for the recycling program
- 2016- $5.25 per capita Based on $232,870 levy used
- 2017- $1.79 per capita based on $79,582 levy used
- 2018- $5.12 per capita based on $227,743 levy used
- 2019- $ 2.56 per capita based on $113,692 Levy used

- With increased revenues this drops based on market.
- Tipping fees would also reduce this but still market dependent.

Solid Waste Items

Item Accepted at Polk County Recycling:	Nearest other drop-off location: (to the best of our knowledge)
Tires	Almena Incinerator
Oil Filters	none
Confidential Shredding	?
Mattresses	?
Light Bulbs	none
Appliances	Deere Lake, Amery Auto, Gone Green
Electronics (properly disposed of per state requirements and reported to the state program)	We are the only local drop-off location through the state Ecycle program.
Latex Paint	none
Used motor oil/antifreeze	none
Cooking oil	none
Christmas lights	none
Scrap metal	Deere Lake, Amery Auto, Gone Green
Printer Cartridges/Cell Phones	Can be shipped to recycle
Propane Cylinders	none
Rechargeable/Button Batteries	None for button/rechargeable
Auto Batteries	parts store

Continue to Operate Recycling Center

Pros	Cons
Drop off bin locations available throughout the county. Most bin locations are available 24 hrs./day	Hauler could increase fees to residence in order to offer curbside pickup depending on hauler
Employee 8-10 adult handicap that may not otherwise have employment and have been with the recycling center for several years.	Maybe difficult to find a hauler certified to recycle electronics through the state for our area.
Cost is low to county residents through Levy	low markets
Bin locations have been set up with the relationship we have with the towns and villages that a private hauler would not.	Few haulers available could end up with increased cost to residence
Recycling staff attends DNR trainings to ensure items are being recycled.	Dependent on Market for Revenues
Recycling facility set up for sorting & baling	Inconsistent Levy Usage, hard to budget
Free event recycling bins to loan to public	Politics-People Like program
Recycling manager works with other counties and state for pricing on commodities Tipping fees would help offset expenses	Effect on County and Endeavor Staffing
Local Customer Service	Long term Capital needs
	Short term Capital needs

Move Collection to Private Hauler and Recycling Center

Pros	Cons
County still Responsible Unit	Hauler could increase fees to residence in order to offer curbside pickup depending on hauler
Short term Capital needs not required	Maybe difficult to find a hauler certified to recycle electronics through the state for our area.
Long term Capital needs not required	Most County bin locations are available 24 hrs/day
No or minimum Levy usage	Few haulers available could end up with increased cost to residence
Current Revenues are market dependent	Dependent on Market for Revenues
Grant used for staff and outreach programs	
Location of Recycling Center , value of property	Effect on County and Endeavor Staffing Politics-People Like program
County would still host Two Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Collections per year	Drop off bin locations available throughout the county

Next Step

- Numbers for Capital out lay
  - Updating Facility
  - Equipment
  - What would 5 year plan look like
  - Enhancing Recycling Program
    - New events
    - Programs- ordinace
    - Drop off locations overview (attended - not attended)

No Levy
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2016 - 2020 Income Statement

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			2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actuals	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Working
		Revenues											
GENERAL PROPERTY TAX	101-07-41110-000-000-29	GENERAL PROPERTY TAX	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$170,741.72	$170,741.72	$0.00
ST AID CLEAN SWEEP	101-07-43541-000-000-00	ST AID CLEAN SWEEP	$13,554.00	$14,020.00	$18,500.00	$16,183.04	$0.00	$18,485.00	$15,630.00	$16,210.00	$15,500.00	$14,000.00	$0.00
ST AID RECYCLE EFFICIENCY GT	101-07-43542-000-000-00	ST AID RECYCLE EFFICIENCY GT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$15,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
ST.AID RECYCLING	101-07-43543-000-000-00	ST.AID RECYCLING	$147,746.74	$159,674.24	$159,688.31	$159,565.45	$159,583.68	$151,749.84	$159,126.34	$159,423.10	$159,301.53	$159,674.00	$0.00
SALE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL	101-07-46410-000-000-00	SALE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL	$294,058.90	$217,537.63	$188,131.15	$175,359.83	$148,802.08	$157,509.86	$186,646.49	$139,155.59	$102,538.61	$188,700.00	$0.00
SALE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL	101-07-46410-000-378-00	ALUMINUM CANS	$107,101.40	$74,818.08	$59,507.20	$106,655.27	$32,330.20	$51,858.59	$77,680.50	$46,929.69	$41,127.12	$75,480.00	$0.00
SALE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL	101-07-46410-000-380-00	SHREDDING	$604.35	$1,040.05	$874.63	$1,608.60	$1,830.76	$5,012.80	$21.90	$0.00	$0.00	$510.00	$0.00
SOLID WASTE REVENUE	101-07-46775-000-000-00	SOLID WASTE REVENUE	$32,225.04	$22,837.70	$31,751.30	$37,759.25	$52,798.82	$63,644.47	$67,179.67	$69,956.97	$64,735.55	$65,700.00	$0.00
SOLID WASTE REVENUE	101-07-46775-000-224-00	RAIN RESERVE KITS	$253.20	$33.18	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
		Total Revenues	**$595,543.63**	**$489,960.88**	**$458,452.59**	**$497,131.44**	**$410,345.54**	**$448,260.56**	**$506,284.90**	**$431,675.35**	**$553,944.53**	**$674,805.72**	**$0.00**
		Expenses											
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-001-000-00	DEPT HEAD/ADMINISTRATOR	$23,712.80	$24,746.50	$25,929.10	$26,942.24	$27,435.27	$28,012.46	$28,611.80	$29,467.39	$15,421.72	$30,177.88	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-011-000-00	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT (FT)	$0.00	$17,963.50	$18,866.25	$19,006.08	$19,558.55	$19,617.13	$20,572.06	$21,253.71	$23,003.66	$21,607.56	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-012-000-00	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT (PT)	$10,291.26	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-049-000-00	LABOR (FT)	$169,202.73	$172,800.55	$175,351.95	$166,206.60	$165,713.66	$169,366.14	$166,435.14	$159,769.23	$186,044.72	$179,394.95	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-050-000-00	LABOR (PT)	$6,752.00	$5,923.44	$6,192.76	$7,742.05	$8,847.13	$7,748.39	$8,645.14	$6,317.60	$5,282.29	$14,003.39	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-060-000-00	OVERTIME WAGES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$14,553.65	$26,974.56	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-151-000-00	SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	$15,270.14	$16,178.51	$16,569.65	$15,816.50	$15,439.27	$16,309.38	$16,138.77	$16,599.53	$18,189.99	$18,756.56	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-152-000-00	RETIREMENT (ER SHARE)	$22,646.40	$12,701.43	$15,130.34	$14,431.66	$13,593.33	$14,342.98	$14,654.76	$14,965.47	$16,485.97	$15,142.32	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-153-000-00	RETIRE BUY OUT(EMPLOYER SHARE)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-154-000-00	HEALTH INSURANCE (ER SHARE)	$37,755.72	$39,891.21	$42,730.01	$45,590.58	$51,395.71	$45,438.30	$44,470.47	$44,350.28	$51,957.63	$46,211.70	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-155-000-00	LIFE INSURANCE (ER SHARE)	$817.07	$910.00	$620.03	$518.19	$507.41	$549.74	$555.41	$520.55	$570.93	$601.07	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-160-000-00	LT DISABILITY (ER SHARE)	$673.71	$690.15	$637.63	$527.18	$488.07	$588.86	$504.36	$450.50	$409.57	$481.77	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-161-000-00	FLEX FEES (ER SHARE)	$92.38	$82.11	$68.60	$55.38	$21.66	$21.68	$8.23	$22.13	$19.37	$23.04	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-162-000-00	ST DISABILITY (ER SHARE)	$0.00	$0.00	$899.14	$819.19	$795.35	$861.58	$858.51	$857.35	$927.84	$947.84	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-190-000-00	TEMP SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$15,540.56	$2,527.15	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-213-000-00	ACCOUNTING & AUDIT	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-219-000-00	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$200.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$124.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-222-000-00	ELECTRIC	$11,857.66	$11,034.42	$9,821.85	$9,375.71	$9,342.92	$11,396.41	$9,431.82	$9,415.52	$10,632.90	$11,502.47	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-224-000-00	GAS	$8,450.00	$5,141.41	$3,535.71	$6,660.58	$3,599.28	$3,167.40	$4,683.33	$4,675.03	$4,077.41	$7,058.33	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-225-000-00	TELEPHONE	$2,290.15	$1,743.09	$1,515.75	$1,728.45	$1,820.26	$2,242.76	$2,213.00	$2,318.43	$1,999.42	$2,039.07	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-240-000-00	IT GLOBAL HARDWARE	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$2,202.67	$2,176.00	$2,176.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-241-000-00	MOTOR VEHICLES	$6,877.97	$4,345.70	$4,982.36	$4,139.03	$4,543.29	$3,892.73	$4,734.95	$33,711.50	$5,656.12	$5,228.40	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-242-000-00	MACHINERY & EQUIP REPAIR	$21,533.32	$17,071.21	$10,564.18	$24,444.80	$12,901.84	$9,843.68	$11,811.05	$17,666.49	$21,122.91	$25,096.28	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-243-000-00	COMPUTER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT	$925.00	$1,040.00	$1,242.00	$1,404.00	$1,900.00	$2,325.00	$2,359.88	$3,683.00	$3,439.67	$3,439.67	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-245-000-00	GROUNDS & IMPROVEMENTS	$7,538.83	$1,500.00	$1,451.04	$0.00	$779.20	$321.54	$430.05	$289.32	$1,618.07	$1,045.68	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-247-000-00	BUILDINGS/MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	$15,829.34	$6,128.00	$5,733.73	$4,277.07	$1,271.95	$6,071.77	$1,724.66	$1,247.87	$1,779.05	$8,365.43	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-256-000-00	PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	$5,252.75	$3,965.00	$5,624.80	$11,457.83	$10,782.42	$8,869.61	$7,907.32	$12,886.16	$12,929.84	$8,365.43	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-297-000-00	REFUSE COLLECTION	$13,735.40	$8,129.60	$7,104.85	$12,709.00	$11,311.30	$10,944.01	$9,672.20	$15,202.50	$10,604.90	$12,548.14	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-311-000-00	POSTAGE & BOX RENT	$120.50	$123.86	$0.00	$54.93	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$104.57	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-312-000-00	OFFICE PAPER & FORMS	$171.98	$120.72	$38.09	$76.09	$28.51	$111.62	$27.60	$164.11	$36.48	$156.85	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-314-000-00	SMALL OFFICE ITEMS	$353.90	$396.74	$160.47	$379.31	$276.06	$154.52	$160.65	$267.28	$64.75	$418.27	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-318-000-00	SMALL OFFICE FURNISHINGS	$0.00	$0.00	$152.89	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$261.42	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-322-000-00	SUBSCRIPTIONS/PERIODICALS	$28.33	$20.90	$7.00	$23.75	$24.75	$24.75	$25.00	$32.50	$25.00	$156.85	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-324-000-00	MEMBERSHIP DUES	$365.00	$220.00	$340.00	$0.00	$165.00	$230.00	$230.00	$230.00	$240.00	$444.42	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-325-000-00	REGISTRATION & TRAINING FEES	$729.00	$46.00	$300.00	$298.75	$263.00	$0.00	$0.00	$32.00	$832.00	$784.26	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-326-000-00	ADVERTISING	$6,945.89	$6,613.69	$3,268.94	$7,351.21	$5,392.22	$2,077.47	$2,582.47	$3,166.76	$5,133.64	$7,842.59	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-332-000-00	MILEAGE/EMP AUTO ALLOWANCE	$24.48	$19.71	$0.00	$0.00	$200.00	$129.75	$227.00	$0.00	$0.00	$209.14	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-335-000-00	MEALS	$78.64	$69.53	$174.54	$163.62	$36.00	$63.74	$23.50	$0.00	$0.00	$209.14	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-336-000-00	LODGING	$140.00	$208.00	$210.00	$210.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$292.79	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-340-000-00	DURABLE EQUIPMENT	$2,677.68	$666.15	$1,511.05	$2,284.88	$4,181.71	$4,582.72	$3,621.72	$7,603.79	$18,185.55	$5,228.40	$0.00

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			2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actuals	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Working
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-344-000-00	HOUSEHOLD/JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	$1,209.18	$1,068.41	($806.22)	$594.85	$1,255.25	$190.83	$379.98	$331.07	$2,277.02	$1,150.25	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-346-000-00	CLOTHING & UNIFORMS	$729.96	$820.90	$526.48	$751.95	$948.44	$504.24	$369.99	$559.00	$1,631.45	$1,045.68	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-351-000-00	FUEL	$22,851.74	$26,693.61	$30,105.24	$31,434.52	$19,332.98	$15,894.98	$21,042.05	$27,079.01	$22,468.59	$32,416.03	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-365-000-00	RECYCLING SUPPLIES	$5,066.26	$12,373.75	$11,277.76	$10,426.66	$17,109.95	$10,829.67	$9,655.71	$11,826.05	$13,149.79	$15,685.18	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-378-000-00	ALUMINUM CANS	$80,000.00	$40,000.00	$28,500.00	$41,500.00	$18,776.11	$14,833.54	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	$15,000.00	$52,283.92	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-533-000-00	RENT OR LEASE EQUIPMENT	$265.19	$163.89	$122.93	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-739-000-00	PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOV'T (ENDEAVORS)	$70,966.23	$71,857.56	$79,041.58	$81,234.81	$81,081.45	$83,464.57	$84,788.08	$84,536.26	$78,571.91	$82,000.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-812-000-00	FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-815-000-00	SHOP EQUIPMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-818-000-00	DURABLE EQUIPMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-822-000-00	BUILDINGS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-822-011-00	BUILDINGS	$9,016.40	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-829-011-00	OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	$16,958.60	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLING	101-07-53631-834-000-00	COMPUTER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-001-000-00	DEPT HEAD/ADMINISTRATOR	$7,782.35	$8,249.02	$8,642.13	$8,980.91	$9,145.13	$9,336.33	$9,537.87	$9,823.76	$5,141.70	$10,059.29	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-011-000-00	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT (FT)	$0.00	$5,430.89	$5,432.72	$5,530.54	$5,678.91	$5,688.26	$5,979.30	$6,135.10	$6,591.32	$6,287.80	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-151-000-00	SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	$573.90	$1,019.45	$1,039.80	$1,040.99	$1,091.53	$1,094.46	$1,132.57	$1,118.04	$795.21	$1,250.55	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-152-000-00	RETIREMENT (ER SHARE)	$718.35	$807.35	$939.04	$1,014.91	$1,007.10	$992.90	$1,054.61	$1,068.24	$767.62	$1,070.73	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-153-000-00	RETBUYOUT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-154-000-00	HEALTH INSURANCE (ER SHARE)	$1,530.37	$1,616.66	$1,716.28	$1,762.54	$1,818.85	$1,913.90	$1,953.77	$1,993.30	$1,120.97	$2,009.20	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-155-000-00	LIFE INSURANCE (ER SHARE)	$0.00	$3.40	$26.62	$36.98	$37.82	$38.72	$39.64	$40.95	$29.95	$42.50	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-160-000-00	LT DISABILITY (ER SHARE)	$0.00	$42.80	$51.11	$25.94	$26.42	$27.93	$30.54	$32.34	$18.58	$52.31	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-161-000-00	FLEX FEES (ER SHARE)	$2.53	$2.82	$6.02	$6.62	$6.62	$6.58	$2.74	$6.69	$5.68	$7.07	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-162-000-00	ST DISABILITY (ER SHARE)	$0.00	$0.00	$57.55	$57.85	$59.16	$59.97	$61.95	$66.81	$48.39	$67.02	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-297-000-00	REFUSE COLLECTION	$18,774.98	$10,122.28	$11,568.09	$19,545.47	$37,102.00	$51,702.75	$28,522.05	$29,320.74	$37,387.93	$20,913.57	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-311-000-00	POSTAGE & BOX RENT	$76.50	$64.35	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$156.85	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-312-000-00	OFFICE PAPER & FORMS	$517.22	$54.66	$18.00	$76.09	$19.95	$66.26	$20.60	$103.13	$36.49	$261.42	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-314-000-00	SMALL OFFICE ITEMS	$172.09	$200.00	$160.47	$62.23	$178.78	$11.62	$51.04	$29.28	$20.20	$157.26	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-322-000-00	SUBSCRIPTIONS/PERIODICALS	$10.00	$20.90	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$261.42	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-324-000-00	MEMBERSHIP DUES	$183.00	$189.00	$295.00	$200.00	$212.00	$212.00	$212.00	$212.00	$223.00	$365.99	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-325-000-00	REGISTRATION & TRAINING FEES	$415.00	$110.00	$350.00	$408.75	$0.00	$0.00	$92.50	$0.00	$500.00	$470.55	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-326-000-00	ADVERTISING	$537.08	$314.25	$259.63	$300.25	$47.17	$60.18	$306.90	$181.40	$140.46	$313.71	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-332-000-00	MILEAGE/EMP AUTO ALLOWANCE	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$95.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-335-000-00	MEALS	$31.71	$37.54	$33.21	$32.61	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$104.57	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-336-000-00	LODGING	$140.00	$208.00	$210.00	$210.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$261.42	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-340-000-00	DURABLE EQUIPMENT	$1,399.62	$259.22	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-351-000-00	FUEL	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$522.84	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-395-224-00	REIMBURSEMENT RAIN RESERVE KIT	$892.65	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-533-000-00	RENT OR LEASE EQUIPMENT	$253.07	$228.59	$6.86	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SOLID WASTE	101-07-53633-818-000-00	DURABLE EQUIPMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	101-07-53634-000-000-00	RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	101-07-53634-247-000-00	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIR	$401.30	$0.00	$20,375.48	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	101-07-53634-814-011-00	HEAVY MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT	$60,947.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	101-07-53634-814-013-00	HEAVY MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT	$0.00	$0.00	$18,396.57	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	101-07-53634-814-014-00	RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$29,770.00	$30,204.13	$96,409.94	$21,905.81	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	101-07-53634-814-018-00	2018 RECY BOXES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$9,283.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	101-07-53634-829-018-00	2018 RECY AIR HANDLER	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
RECYCLE EQUIPMENT REPLACE. N/L	101-07-53634-999-000-00	RECYCLE EQUIP.REPLAC. C/O N/L	$0.00	$0.00	$10,230.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
CLEAN SWEEP	101-07-53635-297-000-00	REFUSE COLLECTION	$13,000.00	$12,951.92	$16,952.22	$14,309.40	$0.00	$17,516.00	$12,868.80	$11,885.68	$27,794.59	$14,639.50	$0.00
CLEAN SWEEP	101-07-53635-326-000-00	ADVERTISING	$2,260.64	$1,100.09	$1,332.12	$2,032.09	$0.00	$806.51	$2,330.53	$4,099.21	$5,161.14	$522.84	$0.00
CLEAN SWEEP	101-07-53635-332-000-00	MILEAGE/EMP AUTO ALLOWANCE	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
CLEAN SWEEP	101-07-53635-335-000-00	MEALS	$0.00	$161.39	$215.66	$180.71	$0.00	$162.40	$207.08	$224.91	$262.14	$104.57	$0.00
		Total Expenses	**$711,022.95**	**$556,663.83**	**$607,817.06**	**$636,222.33**	**$598,049.87**	**$681,130.66**	**$585,866.96**	**$659,418.85**	**$667,637.24**	**$674,805.72**	**$0.00**

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	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actuals	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2019 Budget	2020 Working
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	($115,479.32)	($66,702.95)	($149,364.47)	($139,090.89)	($187,704.33)	($232,870.10)	($79,582.06)	($227,743.50)	($113,692.71)	$0.00	$0.00

ST. CROIX COUNTY Wisconsin

Innovation Through Cooperation

Recycling Program

May 18, 2020

St. Croix County Recycling Ordinance

See attachment "St. Croix County Chapter 21"

Recycling Program Costs

The SCC Recycling Program is solely funded by the WI DNR annual grant.
2019 grant was $196,956.40

- Approximately $60,000 was spent on the Recycling Specialist's salary/fringes
- Approximately $30,000 was spent on outreach programs and operating costs

The remainder was proportionately divided amongst St. Croix County's 26 municipalities based on:

- Town drop-off site costs
- Revenues generated by the RU's recycling programs
- Purchased equipment/depreciation
- Municipal salaries

There are no recycling fees collected from residents or levy funds collected from the county.

Waste Haulers in St. Croix County

St. Croix County has eight private haulers that provide service to some portion of the county.

- Advanced Disposal
- Hometown Disposal
- Murtha's Sanitation
- Olson's Sanitation
- Paul's Industrial Garage
- River City Disposal
- Waste Management
- Waterman's Sanitation

The Recycling Specialist stays in contact with them to ensure the recycling campaign is consistent at all levels: County / Municipalities / Haulers.

Each municipality decides how to handle waste for their residents.

- Towns/cities may sign a contract with a private hauler to service all their residents
- Towns may let their residents work with any hauler willing to provide service in their area
- Towns may provide drop-off sites / centers for residents with regular operating hours - the collection centers in-turn work with one of the eight private haulers for disposal

Collection Events

Traditionally, St. Croix County offers residents collection events in the spring and in the fall.

They are intended to manage the items that are required by law to be recycled but cannot be put into curbside bins or dropped-off at local recycling centers.

TIRE COLLECTIONS: these events are held at three different locations within the county.

- The hosting towns provide staff to unload the tires, collect the fees and maintain totals
- Residents bring in their tires and pay a fee based on the size
- The following week, SCC's tire vendor comes out to the three sites to pick-up the tires
- SCC is then invoiced by the vendor based on total weight
- The hosting towns forward all collected fees from the event to the county

APPLIANCE / ELECTRONIC COLLECTIONS: these events are held at three different locations within the county (on the same day/location as the tire event)

- The recycling vendor is on-site with their staff and semi's
- Residents bring in their appliances and electronics
- Residents pay the recycling vendor directly

The county does not have any expenses for this – simply provides the service.

CLEAN SWEEP COLLECTION: held at one location

- Funded partially with DNR grant money (2019 was $16,400)
  This only covers approximately 1/5 of the cost to hold the event
- $5.00 fee is charged for all paints (may consider more fees in the future)
- Remaining funds are covered by a county levy
- The event is free for farms and residents
- Small businesses / churches pay for all fees incurred
  SCC just provides the service

OTHER elements to the recycling program

- Education/public outreach programs are provided
- Two recycling newsletters are published and mailed each year
- Emails and phone calls are responded to regarding recycling questions
- Website and Facebook pages are maintained and updated
- 40 portable recycling bins are managed and available for special events

ROLL CALL Board Members	Aye	Nay	Exc.
Olson			
Route			
Warndahl			
Nelson (Chairperson)			
LaBlanc			
Masters			
Prichard			
O'Connell			
Middleton			
Luke (2nd Vice Chair)			
Duncanson			
Arcand			
Bonneprise (Vice Chair)			
Demulling			

BOARD ACTION

Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Motion to Approve Adopted ☐

1st _____ Defeated ☐

2nd _____

Yes: ____ No: ____ Exc: ____

Reviewed by: _____, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: _____, Administrator

Reviewed by: _____, Finance

FISCAL & LEGAL IMPACT:

Certification:

I, Lisa Ross, Clerk of Polk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the ___ day of _____, 2020 by the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

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Lisa Ross
County Clerk, Polk County

Resolution No. 18-20

RESOLUTION TO CREATE PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY GROUP

TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Supervisors has the authority to appoint committees made up of members of the board or electors of the county, or both, to research topics and provide recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Polk County owns seven (7) parks, maintains over 400 miles of trails and trail-based recreational activity that has increased over time; and

WHEREAS, investment in Recreation/Tourism/Parks was ranked as the 2nd highest priority by the County Board of Supervisors and included in the 2020 Budget Allocation (table 2); and

WHEREAS, currently, there are established trail user groups that represent activities such as: ATV/UTV, bicycling, cross country skiing, equestrian, hiking/walking/running, camping, and snowmobiling; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish and build relationships with trail and park user stakeholder groups; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to better understand the recreational needs and build collaborations with other government entities (Cities, Villages, Towns and School Districts); and

WHEREAS, Polk County desires input and collaboration from all user groups and all government entities on future recreational development that will promote economic development and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the operations, maintenance, and future development of Polk County Parks/Trails would benefit from direct input from trail user stakeholder groups and local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, opportunities exist to leverage additional recreational funding toward trail and park planning; and

WHEREAS, Polk County needs to ensure that all recreation demands are being addressed and that its residents and visitors are being adequately served by quality recreation facilities: and

WHEREAS, Polk County businesses rely on recreational opportunities and amenities to stay competitive in recruitment and retention of employees; and

WHEREAS, the recreational amenities in Polk County have a competitive advantage over neighboring counties such as: St. Croix and Chisago Counties (MN); and

WHEREAS, Polk County has the opportunity to develop and enhance recreational amenities by utilizing techniques such as: trail interlinks, corridor development, easement acquisition, contingent on long range planning; and

WHEREAS, County staff, the Trail Advisory Group (TAG), in collaboration with a professional consultant, will develop a comprehensive parks and trail recreational plan; with an initial estimated project cost of $50,000.00. Hence, the cost to Polk County will be $50,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors does authorize the creation of a Trails Advisory Group, as described below:

1. Membership and Appointments.
    a. This group shall have two (2) County Board Supervisors appointed by County Administrator for the term of two (2) years and shall be non-voting members of the group; and
    b. One of the County Board Supervisors will serve as chairperson and the other County Supervisor will serve as vice-chair
    c. This group shall have one (1) representative of nominated by trail stakeholder user group. Initial appointments shall be provided by the stakeholder groups and approved by County Administrator. Each stakeholder member shall be a voting member of the group; and
    d. In addition, the initial appointments, half shall be for one-year terms, the other half for two-

year terms. Thereafter, the appointments to the group shall be for two-year terms.

2. Duties. The group shall have the following duties:
    a. Serve as the steering committee for the development of the comprehensive parks and trail recreational plan.
    b. Review and provide recommendations on the annual operations and maintenance of the Polk County parks and trails.
    c. Review, research, and provide recommendations on park and trail-based issues posed by the Environmental Services Committee.
    d. Review, research, and provide recommendation to full County Board of Supervisors on future outdoor recreation opportunities.
    e. Will serve as the main advisory group to the full County Board or ES Committee when approached for trail and park related activities and development.

3. Meetings and Agendas.
    a. The group shall meet monthly, or more often, as needed.
    b. The Polk County Parks and Trails Coordinator will attend said meetings, act as liaison for the ESC, take and distribute meeting minutes and, along with other staff, run the meeting.
    c. Agenda are organized by the Parks and Trails Coordinator through suggestions from ESC, TAG Members/Chairperson(s), Environmental Services Director, and the County Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Supervisors does agree to pay its share of the eligible costs for a professional consultant for development of the plan, as outlined above.

SUBMITTED BY:

Amy Middleton by L. Ross 6/4/2022

Pro's & Cons
County Recycling vs. for profit Private Company

This report has been put together to review the county recycling & solid waste program. It will compare the recycling Center/program to a for profit private company. This will also look at resident fees compared to other counties.

Solid Waste Items	
Item Accepted at Polk County Recycling:	***Nearest other drop-off location: (to the best of our knowledge)***
Tires	Almena Incinerator
Oil Filters	none
Confidential Shredding	?
Mattresses	?
Light Bulbs	none
Appliances	Deere Lake, Amery Auto, Gone Green
Electronics (properly disposed of per state requirements and reported to the state program)	We are the only local drop-off location through the state Ecycle program.
Latex Paint	none
Used motor oil/antifreeze	none
Cooking oil	none
Christmas lights	none
Scrap metal	Deere Lake, Amery Auto, Gone Green
Printer Cartridges/Cell Phones	Can be shipped to recycle
Propane Cylinders	none
Rechargeable/Button Batteries	None for button/rechargeable
Auto Batteries	parts store

Here is a comparison on the recycling Center showing Pros and Cons for investment to continue operating.

Continue to Operate Recycling Center	
Pros	***Cons***
Drop off bin locations available throughout the county. Most bin locations are available 24 hrs/day	Hauler could increase fees to residence in order to offer curbside pickup depending on hauler
Employee 8-10 adult handicap that may not otherwise have employment and have been with the recycling center for several years.	Maybe difficult to find a hauler certified to recycle electronics through the state for our area.
Cost is low to county residents through Levy	low markets
Bin locations have been set up with the relationship we have with the towns and villages that a private hauler would not.	Few haulers available could end up with increased cost to residence
Recycling staff attends DNR trainings to ensure items are being recycled.	Dependent on Market for Revenues
Recycling facility set up for sorting & baling	Inconsistent Levy Usage, hard to budget

Pros	Cons
Free event recycling bins to loan to public	Politics-People Like program
Recycling manager works with other counties and state for pricing on commodities Tipping fees would help offset expenses	Effect on County and Endeavor Staffing
Local Customer Service	Long term Capital needs
	Short term Capital needs

Move Program to Private Hauler and Close Recycling Center	
Pros	***Cons***
County still Responsible Unit	Hauler could increase fees to residence in order to offer curbside pickup depending on hauler
Short term Capital needs not required	Maybe difficult to find a hauler certified to recycle electronics through the state for our area.
Long term Capital needs not required	Most County bin locations are available 24 hrs/day
No or minimum Levy usage	Few haulers available could end up with increased cost to residence
Current Revenues are market dependent	Dependent on Market for Revenues
Grant used for staff and outreach programs	
Location of Recycling Center , value of property	Effect on County and Endeavor Staffing Politics-People Like program
County would still host Two Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Collections per year	Drop off bin locations available throughout the county.

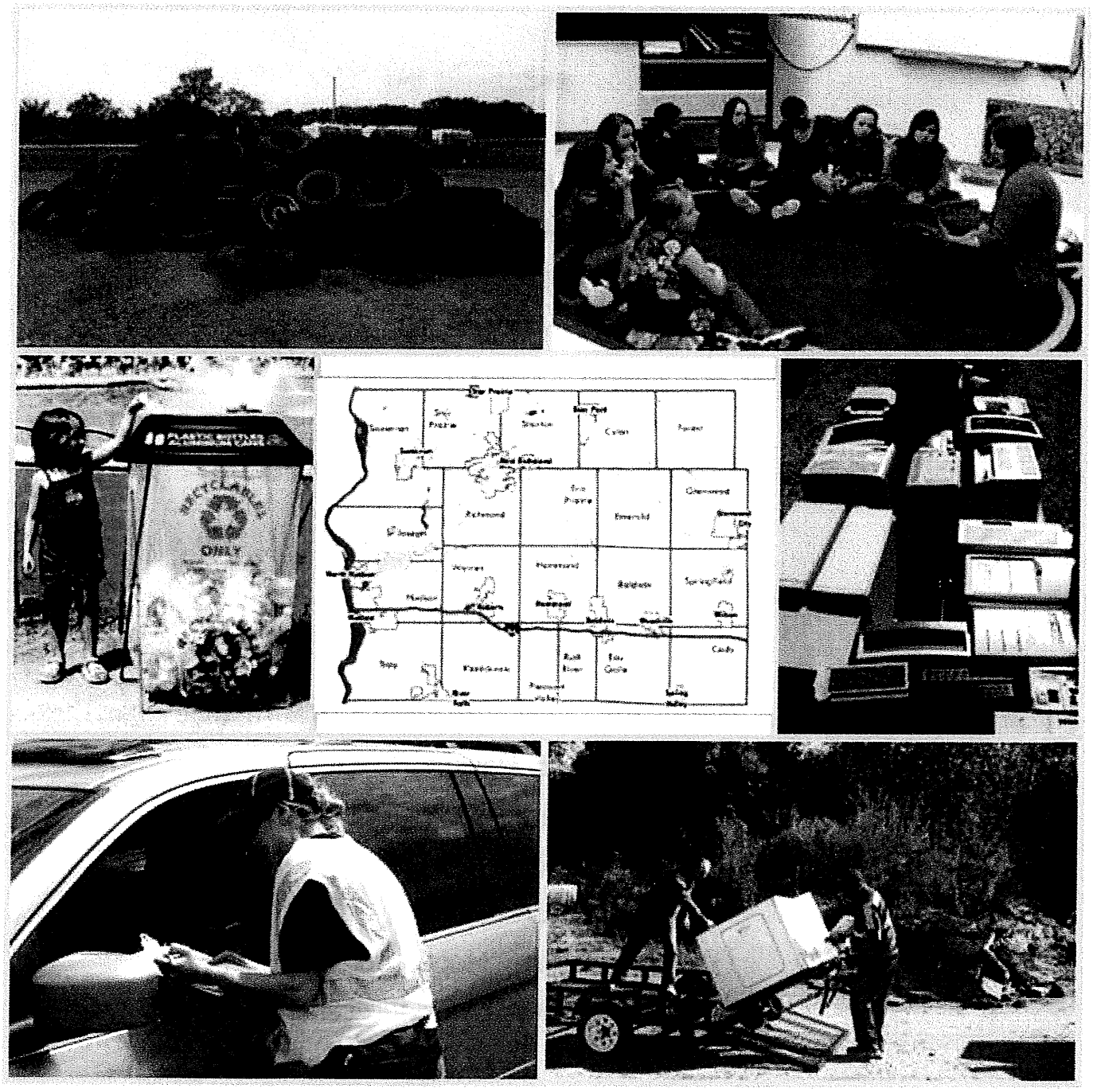
If

Neighboring County Recycling Program Fees & Costs		
County	***Resident Fee***	***Program Description***
Burnett/Washburn	Pay private hauler fees	-drop-off recycling sites -yearly collection events with fees for some items -solid waste items can be dropped off for a fee
Dunn	-Per capita municipal fee -Fee is based on their municipal population. Municipalities decide how they want to fund the fee. -County pays hauler fees.	No MRF/bldg for hauler drop off and outside bin locations -yearly collection events with fees for some items -yard waste collection -solid waste items can be dropped off for a fee -recycling information outreach
Eau Claire	-$27 household fee	-No MRF -yearly collection events with fees for some items -recycling information outreach
Pepin	No fee	-No MRF -yearly collection events -recycling information outreach -drop-off recycling sites
Pierce	$25 tax bill fee	-Private haulers bring material to the county recycling facility to be processed and sold. - County owns the roll-offs -recycling information outreach -solid waste items can be dropped off for a fee
Portage county	Pay Private hauler fees	-County has a contract with Advanced Disposal to run county equipment and use the county building & grounds. AD receives the money from commodities sold and the county pays them a per ton state processing fee on contracted county materials. -recycling information outreach
St. Croix	Pay private hauler fees	-recycling information outreach

		-yearly collection events -sell compost bins

St. Croix County, Wisconsin

Solid Waste & Recycling Management Plan



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Ordinance No. 870 (2018)

ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ST. CROIX COUNTY SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, St. Croix County is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in Wis. Stat. §66.1001(1)(a); and

WHEREAS, St. Croix County is authorized to prepare and develop a solid waste management plan as defined in Wis. Stat. §59.70(2)(a); and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste & Recycling Management Plan is Section 16, Volume 1 and 2 of the St. Croix County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, St. Croix County's Solid Waste & Recycling Management Plan was last updated in 1981 and is outdated; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Committee and county staff have gathered input from residents, businesses and organizations regarding solid waste and recycling activities through a public opinion survey, a website of all plan development materials, public meetings and an open house; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Committee and county staff have drafted an updated St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Management Plan, attached; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Committee held a public hearing on the St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Management Plan on March 15, 2018 and recommends adoption of the attached Solid Waste & Recycling Management Plan is Section 16, Volume 1 and 2 of the St. Croix County Comprehensive Plan;

THEREFORE, the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors does ordain that the St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Management Plan is adopted as part of the St. Croix County 2012-2035 Comprehensive Plan Section 16, Volume 1 and 2 under Wis. Stat. §66.1001 and Wis. Stat. §59.70(2)(a).

FURTHER be it resolved that the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors does ordain this ordinance will take effect upon publication.

Legal – Fiscal – Administrative Approvals:

Legal Note:

Fiscal Impact:

Scott L. Cox, Corporation Counsel 7/20/2018

Ken Witt, Interim-Finance Director 7/27/2018

Patrick Thompson, County Administrator 7/27/2018

05/17/18 Enacted

Vote Confirmation.

Dan Hansen CommunityDevelopment, Chairman 7/27/2018

St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:

Roll Call - Vote Requirement – Majority of Supervisors Present

RESULT:	**ENACTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Daniel Hansen, Supervisor
SECONDER:	Tammy Moothedan, Supervisor
AYES:	Schachtner, Nordstrand, Miller, Coulter, Long, Moothedan, Fosterling, Feidler, Ostness, Larson, Hansen, Brinkman, Peterson, Anderson, Achterhof, Leibfried, Peavey
ABSENT:	Roy Sjoberg, District 13

St. Croix County
Solid Waste & Recycling
Management Plan

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SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MANAGEMENT VISION

By 2035, St. Croix County is a leader in the state by recycling 50% of all municipal solid waste in the county. All municipalities wholly located within the county are part of the St. Croix County Responsible Unit (RU) providing more efficient and convenient countywide coordination of recycling services.

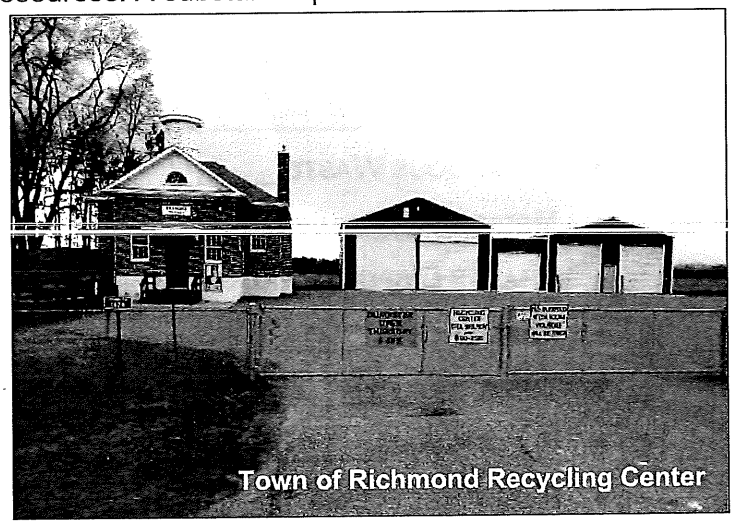
All county residents have access to curbside recycling and the recycling program coordinates with waste and recycling haulers that operate in the county to provide uniform access to curbside waste and recycling services. All residents have access to a variety of curbside recycling options including #1-7 plastics, cartons and organics. Residents are charged volume-based fees for waste services to promote reuse and recycling.

There is countywide coordination of recycling services for items such as appliances, electronics, tires, medical waste, unwanted prescription medications, yard waste, hazardous waste and other recyclable materials. Residents prioritize waste reduction and reuse before recycling and utilize many of the available reuse options locally and online.

St. Croix County in cooperation with local municipalities protects public health and land and water resources by administering the recycling and solid waste program.

Introduction

Solid waste and recycling management is critical to improve and protect the safety, health and welfare of our residents and land and water resources. A substantial portion of solid waste and recycling management in the county is provided by private sources although there is still significant public investment through municipally operated recycling centers and county-sponsored collections.

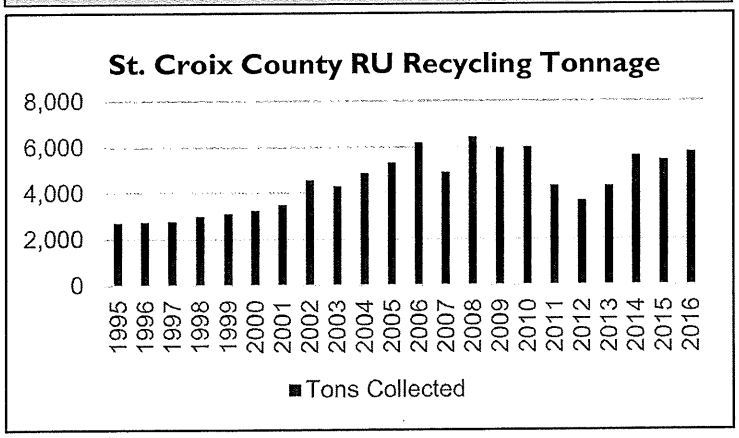

Town of Richmond Recycling Center

The State of Wisconsin Solid Waste Reduction, Recovery and Recycling Law (§287.09) created Responsible Units (RU) for the administration of effective recycling programs. Counties were considered RU's by default and municipalities had the choice to opt out and become their own individual RU. St. Croix County became the RU for 26 of the 35 municipalities in St. Croix County. RU's are charged with providing easy and convenient access to recycling along with recycling education and outreach.

Conditions, Trends, and Issue Prioritization

Conditions & Trends

- Weight of recyclable materials collected in the County has decreased from 5,994 tons in 2010 to 5,427 tons in 2015. This is likely due to the "light-weighting" of packaging materials by manufacturers. The volume of recyclable materials has stayed the same or increased.
- The amount of hazardous waste collected during the Clean Sweep programs has increased from 39,914 pounds in 2010 to 47,239 pounds in 2015.
- The amount of unwanted prescription and non-prescription medicine collected has increased from 400 pounds in 2011 when the program began to 1,329 pounds in 2015. Demand is expected to increase as the county population ages.
- The number of opportunities for recycling items such as electronics and appliances, has decreased within the private marketplace in the County.



Top Issues

- Illegal dumping of solid waste, tires, electronics, appliances and other recyclable items continues to be a costly problem for municipalities.
- Finding alternative funding sources for the recycling and hazardous waste programs as state grants decrease and demands for services increase.
- Access to curbside recycling services continues to be a concern in rural areas of the county.
- Demand for hazardous waste disposal services and convenient electronics recycling is increasing.
- Illegal burning of solid waste, recyclables and yard waste is still occurring in the county. This pollutes the air and is a health hazard for residents.

Implications

- Increasing population growth will result in increasing demand for solid waste and recycling services. The County and municipalities will need to assess and prioritize cost effective and convenient ways to provide solid waste and recycling services to residents.
- The effectiveness and efficiency of solid waste and recycling services could improve with multi-municipality approaches. Cooperative efforts between municipalities for drop-off centers and collection events will be crucial with increasing demand and decreasing budgets. The County can provide assistance in evaluating cooperative efforts.
- Explore partnerships between the public and private sectors to maintain adequate access to convenient and responsible recycling disposal opportunities.

Special Subsections

History of Solid Waste Management in St. Croix County

Prior to 1987, most local municipalities operated "local dumps" where solid waste was buried or burned, however regulations in the 1970's decreased the viability of these operations. In 1981, there were 15 licensed landfills in St. Croix County. By 1987, all the licensed landfills had been capped and closed and waste was hauled outside St. Croix County.

In response to increased regulations and decreasing landfill capacity, two solid waste planning studies were conducted in the early 1970's. Both studies concluded that the County should take a leadership role in solid waste management. In 1981, the County adopted a solid waste management plan that concluded a single landfill, owned and operated by the County, was the preferred solid waste management strategy. When only one site was deemed feasible to operate a landfill, the County Board directed the committee to research the possibility of a waste-to-energy (WTE) incinerator.

In 1987, construction of the $8.5 million waste-to-energy incinerator began in New Richmond. American Resource Recovery (ARR) was to construct and operate the incinerator that provided steam heat to the nearby County-owned nursing home. The incinerator began operation in 1988. After operations began, the facility faced ongoing operational problems. In 1992, there were several lawsuits contesting the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permitting process, emissions compliance, noise and vibrations from the facility. The incinerator was shut down until it could meet acceptable dioxin emission, it never reopened. Eventually, ARR released the County from its contract and the incinerator was razed.

The current St. Croix County Recycling ordinance was most recently updated in 2012. Chapter 21: St. Croix County Municipal Solid Waste: Reduction, Recovery and Recycling became effective in March 2012. This ordinance repealed Chapter 41: Metal or Glass, Chapter 43: Recycling, and Chapter 44: Storage of Waste Tires.

Review of Existing Operations

Solid Waste

Solid waste is primarily collected via curbside collection or drop-off centers, depending on the municipality. In addition, there are several transfer stations operated by private haulers that operate within the county. The Advanced Disposal Transfer Station, located in Roberts, is the only transfer station open to the public for solid waste disposal on a pay-for-service basis. There are no landfills operating within St. Croix County.

Landfills and waste haulers are not required by law to report how much waste they collect in any given community so there are no exact numbers for the amount of waste generated in St. Croix County. A 2013 study by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found the municipal solid waste generation rate to be 4.4 pounds per person, per day. They also calculated a 34.3% national recycling rate which then calculates the rate of solid waste disposed of per capita to be 2.89 pounds per day. Using this number, it is estimated that

St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Public Opinion Survey Report Results, 2015:

- County residents reported using the following methods of solid waste disposal:
  - Curbside service (75%)
  - Residential dumpster (13%)
  - Municipal drop-off center (8%)
  - Other (4%)

125.5 tons of solid waste per day are thrown away for a total of 45,808 tons of solid waste per year in St. Croix County.

Recycling

St. Croix County is a Responsible Unit (RU) tasked with ensuring adequate recycling access is provided to residents within its jurisdiction. When the county became a RU by resolution, several municipalities within the county opted out and chose to be their own RU. These municipalities include:

- Town of Cady
- Town of Cylon
- Town of Forest
- Town of Warren
- Village of Roberts
- Village of Wilson
- City of Glenwood City

St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Public Opinion Survey Report Results, 2015:

- County residents reported recycling regularly at the following locations:
  - Home (94%)
  - Work (78%)
  - Public Places-Gas Stations, Parks, Schools, etc. (33%)

The Village of Spring Valley and the City of River Falls were assigned to the Pierce County RU since the majority of their population is located in Pierce County. The county applies for and administers the grant funding from the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The state recycling grant is the sole funding source for the recycling program.

Municipalities interested in joining St. Croix County's Responsible Unit can discuss the pros and cons with the County Recycling Specialist. Becoming part of the County's RU would not change local management of drop off centers but would provide assistance with grant applications and reports and possibly additional funding. Recyclables are primarily collected via curbside collection or drop off centers, depending on the municipality. The county provides support to local municipalities recycling efforts by providing financial assistance and education.

The County hosts collection events for appliances and tires that are co-sponsored with local municipalities. These collections are held twice per year. The County also offers special event recycling bins for recycling at community festivals, family gatherings and school sporting events.

Private businesses provide recycling opportunities for many items not typically collected in curbside collections or drop off centers. Private opportunities for recycling electronics, appliances, scrap metal, oil filters, fluorescent light bulbs, plastic film and bags, rechargeable batteries, printer cartridges and tires are available in St. Croix County.

The County holds a compost bin sale each spring in conjunction with the Resource Management Division tree sale. The bins are sold to promote backyard composting of yard waste and food scraps.

The county recycling specialist provides recycling education through a variety of platforms including printed newsletters, a recycling website, Facebook, Pinterest, educational presentations and displays, school field days, email and phone conversations.

Hazardous Waste

St. Croix County sponsors a two-day Clean Sweep hazardous waste collection once or twice each year. The program is partially funded by a grant administered by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The program consists of household, farm and business collection of hazardous waste.

The county contracts with a vendor to collect, transport and properly dispose of the hazardous waste from the event. The county organizes and promotes the event as well as provides traffic control, answers questions and conducts surveys.

Highlights of the program are:

- A fee-for-service business collection is open to businesses who qualify as a very small quantity generator (VSQG).
- An agricultural hazardous waste collection is open to farms and ag-related businesses.
- A household hazardous collection is open to all county residents. Residents of Pierce, Polk and Dunn counties are also invited through cooperative agreements with those counties.
- Latex paint was added as an accepted item, for a fee, beginning in 2015. Revenue collected from the fee helps offset the disposal costs for the county. The addition of latex paint has stimulated an increase in attendance and pounds of hazardous waste collected. Figure 3.1 shows the participation numbers and weight of waste collected each year the hazardous waste collection was held. The County provided two collections, spring and fall, from 1998 to 2010 and in 2017, a single collection event the other years.

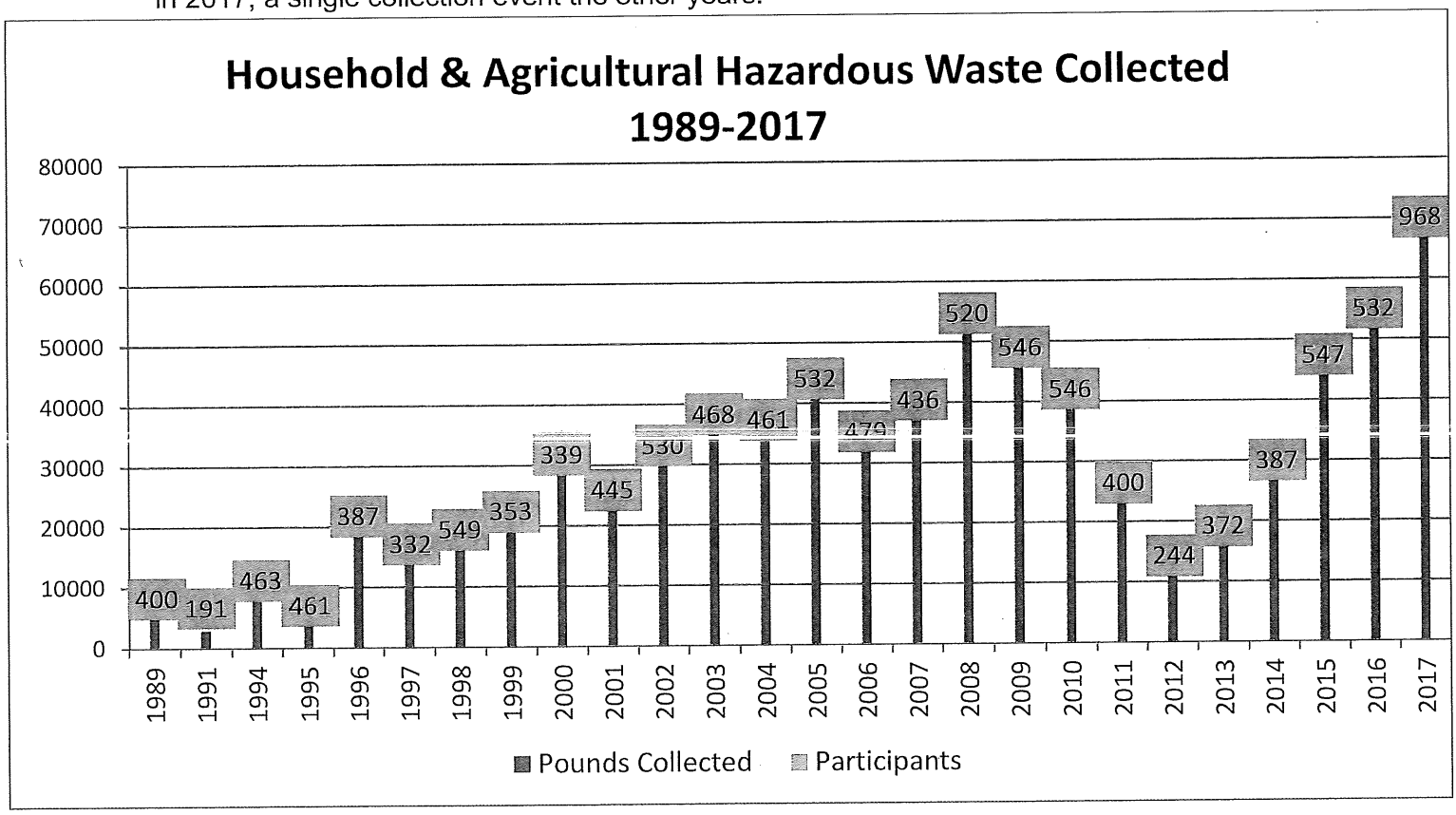


Figure 16.1 Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste program participants and weight of waste collected. Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program.

Medical Waste

St. Croix County has programs for collecting and properly disposing of sharps and unwanted medications. The sharps program is a cooperative effort between the St. Croix County Recycling program and the St. Croix County Public Health department. The program is largely funded on a donation from a local Lion's Club to purchase the red sharps collection containers. Residents can receive a free container then bring it back to local care centers, clinics and hospitals to dispose of sharps and exchange it for a new container.

The medication take back program is administered by the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office with cooperation from municipal law enforcement departments and the St. Croix County Recycling program. Permanent drop-off boxes for unwanted prescription and non-prescription medications are found at the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office and each of the nine municipal police departments in the county.

Assessment of Future Needs

Solid Waste

Access to convenient solid waste disposal will continue to be a high priority in St. Croix County. Increasing access to curbside solid waste disposal in rural areas will be a priority, especially as the county population grows and ages. St. Croix County will continue to provide a supportive role to municipalities and waste haulers who manage the majority of solid waste within the county. The county's primary role in solid waste management will continue to be assisting and supporting residents, businesses and municipalities with their solid waste needs.

Recycling

As the county population grows, addressing the gap in access to convenient and quality recycling in rural areas will be critical. Several areas of the county do not have access to curbside recycling at this time. Future recommendations for the recycling program include:

- Increase recycling education efforts to community groups, schools and businesses.
- Maintain semi-annual tire and appliance collections and evaluate locations on a yearly basis to provide convenient access to all county residents.
- Maintain semi-annual mailings of the recycling newsletter
- Restore the county-sponsored electronics collection program as private electronics recycling opportunities have significantly decreased in recent years. Evaluate the demand for this program and frequency of collections.
- Continue to evaluate the recycling specialist position and level of serviced needed to accommodate collection events and recycling education in the county.

St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Public Opinion Survey Report Results, 2015:

- County residents reported they preferred to receive recycling information from the following sources:
  - County newsletter (57%)
  - County website (26%)
  - Newspaper (11%)

- Evaluate recycling programs for other recyclables, including, but not limited to, mattresses, carpet, and motor oil, as needed to provide convenient recycling access to county residents.
- Encourage municipalities and haulers to expand curbside recycling and waste collection in rural areas of the county.
- Encourage multi-municipality cooperation in recycling services, whether it be mutual drop-off centers or multi-municipality contracts with waste and recycling haulers. Increasing efficiencies between municipalities will decrease recycling costs in the county.
- Consider alternative funding mechanisms for the recycling program in the event that state grant funding dramatically decreases. Enacting a special assessment collected with real estate taxes could be an option to consider.
- Consider creating a uniform minimum recycling code for haulers operating in St. Croix County. This minimum code would ensure equal and uniform recycling access to all St. Croix County residents. Consider licensing the haulers to operate in St. Croix County as a way to ensure the minimum recycling code is being followed.
- Encourage all municipalities wholly located within the county to join the St. Croix County RU to help provide coordinated and efficient recycling services.

St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Public Opinion Survey Report Results, 2015:

- 84% of County residents reported that they find it difficult to recycle electronics. 56% reported it was due to cost and 46% reported that it was due to inconvenient locations.

Hazardous Waste

The demand for hazardous waste disposal will continue to grow as the population grows in St. Croix County. The county has several options to pursue to meet the demand for hazardous waste disposal, including:

- The county should consider adding collections events and/or days to existing collections to help keep up with the demand for hazardous waste disposal and prevent some illegal dumping of these materials.
- The county should continue to accept latex paint at the Clean Sweep collections and evaluate the fee structure for latex paint on a yearly basis.
- Evaluate alternate funding options such as per vehicle user fees, free-will donations and sponsorships from local businesses. Disposal costs continue to greatly exceed state grant funding, so alternative sources of revenue to offset the county levy impact will be needed.
- Attempts have been made in the past to partner with the Washington County (MN) Environmental Center to have St. Croix County residents be able to use their hazardous waste disposal facility. This may be worth attempting again in the future to offer year-round opportunities for hazardous waste disposal.
- Consider offering a waste exchange facility where residents could bring usable paint, stain, cleaners, automotive fluids, and lawn and garden products for reuse. County residents could also come pick up items from the waste exchange facility for free. This might decrease the disposal cost at Clean Sweep collection events.

St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Public Opinion Survey Report Results, 2015:

- 84% of County residents reported that they would be more likely to attend the Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Collection if it was held for more days per year.

MEDICAL WASTE

The need for proper disposal of unwanted or unused medications and sharps will continue to increase as the county population grows and ages. Future recommendations for the medication take-back program and sharps program include:

- The unwanted and unused medication take back program will continue to be coordinated through the St. Croix County Sheriff's office and the local law enforcement agencies who all have permanent drop boxes for residents to use.
- The county recycling program will continue to educate and promote residents on the proper disposal of medications and sharps.
- No major changes to the medication take-back program are recommended as the drop-off model should work well into the future.
- The recycling program, along with the St. Croix County Public Health Department and community partners will continue to offer sharps disposal via drop-off locations.
- Expanding the current drop off model for the sharps disposal program to include more locations may be necessary in the future. Convenient locations where residents purchase medical supplies, like pharmacies and drug-stores, could be targeted to be included in the program.
- A program for agricultural sharps should be evaluated in the future to provide proper disposal of these materials for the county's agricultural producers.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Protect public health and land and water resources through proper solid waste management and recycling.

Objectives:

1.1 Protect the county's public health, natural environment, groundwater and surface water resources, air, land and other natural resources through proper solid waste disposal and responsible recycling.

1.2 Provide information, coordination, education and assistance to local municipalities and residents on the proper management of solid waste, hazardous waste and recyclable materials.

1.3 Ensure compliance with state and local laws and ordinances regarding solid waste and recycling to reduce illegal dumping and disposal of solid waste.

Goal 2:Provide convenient and adequate access to quality recycling services for all county residents.

Objectives:

2.1 Encourage private haulers to expand curbside collection of solid waste and recyclables to rural areas of the county.

2.2 Provide convenient access to recycling at all county owned facilities and parks.

2.3 Provide support to municipalities and businesses to establish recycling programs in public places such as parks, gas stations and schools.

2.4 Ensure that multi-family residences provide adequate recycling to all tenants.

2.5 Create a uniform recycling requirement that ensures all county residents have access to the same consistent recycling opportunities.

Goal 3: Reduce the amount of waste generated within the county.

Objectives:

3.1 Encourage the establishment of municipal composting and organics collection.

3.2 Educate residents on the benefits of waste reduction and re-use through private non-profits.

Goal 4: Provide cost efficient and coordinated solid waste and recycling services for all county residents.

Objectives:

4.1 Solicit bids for county sponsored recycling collection services every three to five years to maintain the most cost effective services.

4.2 Encourage municipalities to join together to solicit multi-municipality contracts for solid waste and recycling collection services to reduce costs.

4.3 Pursue a partnership with a permanent household hazardous waste facility to provide residents with a year-round, cost effective disposal option for hazardous waste.

4.4 Encourage municipalities to join St. Croix County's Responsible Unit to increase efficiency and access of solid waste and recycling services.

Policies

Solid Waste & Recycling

1.1 Local municipalities and/or residents will continue to be responsible for private curbside or drop-off sites for solid waste and recycling collection and disposal. The county will continue to provide support.

1.2 St. Croix County will continue to serve as the Responsible Unit for its 26-member municipalities to implement the state recycling laws, expand education, information, special collections and related services for recycling.

1.3 Sponsor and organize countywide collections for appliances, tires and electronics.

1.4 Evaluate the need for other collection events, such as electronics and mattresses, as deemed appropriate by market conditions to provide convenient recycling options for residents.

1.5 Provide resources and information to individuals, businesses and municipalities regarding recycling laws, best practices and recycling opportunities.

1.6 Loan recycling bins to local municipalities and residents for use at festivals, concerts, events and family gatherings within the county.

1.7 Support establishment of municipal composting programs and organics collection.

1.8 Encourage private haulers to expand curbside collection of solid waste and recyclables to rural areas of the county.

1.9 Promote continuation and strengthening of recycling and household hazardous waste collection programs.

Hazardous Waste

2.1 Sponsor and organize an annual, countywide hazardous waste collection event open to households, farms and businesses.

2.2 Maintain existing partnerships with surrounding counties to allow County residents to dispose of hazardous waste at other counties Clean Sweep collection events.

2.3 Expand Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste program to include two or more collection events in the county to provide more convenient and frequent access to proper hazardous waste disposal.

2.4 Explore the possibility of partnering with permanent household hazardous waste facilities in the Twin Cities to offer year round hazardous waste disposal opportunities.

Medical Waste

3.1 Provide opportunities for residents to drop off unwanted medications at municipal law enforcement agencies and the St. Croix County Sheriff's Department.

3.2 Evaluate adding a medication take back event to one of the existing collection events such as the Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste collection, appliance collection, or Earth Day event.

3.3 Provide opportunities for residents to dispose of sharps at the St. Croix County Public Health Department, care centers, clinics and hospitals.

Program Funding

4.1 Annually evaluate user fees charged for all county sponsored collection events.

4.2 Evaluate options for enacting special charges on real estate parcels to supplement funding for the Clean Sweep and recycling programs in the event state grant funding is eliminated or drastically reduced.

4.3 Explore possibility of licensing waste and recycling haulers who work in the county.

Education

5.1 Update and maintain the county recycling website to provide accurate information on proper recycling and solid waste disposal options.

5.2 Provide recycling education via various outlets including social media, the internet, displays at public venues and public presentations.

5.3 Publish biannual recycling newsletters to inform residents of recycling opportunities.

5.4 Coordinate with local centers of learning, including schools, universities, community centers and libraries to display recycling information.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MANAGEMENT VISION

By 2035, St. Croix County is a leader in the state by recycling 50% of all municipal solid waste in the county. All municipalities wholly located within the county are part of the St. Croix County Responsible Unit (RU) providing more efficient and convenient countywide coordination of recycling services.

All county residents have access to curbside recycling and the recycling program coordinates with waste and recycling haulers that operate in the county to provide uniform access to curbside waste and recycling services. All residents have access to a variety of curbside recycling options including #1-7 plastics, cartons and organics. Residents are charged volume-based fees for waste services to promote reuse and recycling.

There is countywide coordination of recycling services for items such as appliances, electronics, tires, medical waste, unwanted prescription medications, yard waste, hazardous waste and other recyclable materials. Residents prioritize waste reduction and reuse before recycling and utilize many of the available reuse options locally and online.

St. Croix County in cooperation with local municipalities protects public health and land and water resources by administering the recycling and solid waste program.

Introduction

Solid waste and recycling management is critical to improve and protect the safety, health and welfare of our residents and land and water resources. A substantial portion of solid waste and recycling management in the county is provided by private sources although there is still significant public investment through municipally operated recycling centers and county-sponsored collections.

The State of Wisconsin Solid Waste Reduction, Recovery and Recycling Law (§287.09) created Responsible Units (RU) for the administration of effective recycling programs. Counties were considered RU's by default and municipalities had the choice to opt out and become their own individual RU. St. Croix County became the RU for 26 of the 35 municipalities in St. Croix County. RU's are charged with providing easy and convenient access to recycling along with recycling education and outreach.

Table 16.1 List of County Responsible Units (RU)

St. Croix County RU	St. Croix County RU	Individual RU
Town of Baldwin	Town of St. Joseph	Town of Cady
Town of Eau Galle	Town of Stanton	Town of Cylon
Town of Emerald	Town of Star Prairie	Town of Forest
Town of Erin Prairie	Town of Troy	Town of Warren
Town of Glenwood	Village of Baldwin	Village of Roberts
Town of Hammond	Village of Deer Park	Village of Wilson
Town of Hudson	Village of Hammond	City of Glenwood City
Town of Kinnickinnic	Village of North Hudson	Pierce County RU
Town of Pleasant Valley	Village of Somerset	City of River Falls
Town of Richmond	Village of Star Prairie	Village of Spring Valley
Town of Rush River	Village of Woodville	
Town of Somerset	City of Hudson	
Town of Springfield	City of New Richmond	

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

INVENTORY OF SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICES

Solid Waste & Recycling Haulers

There are eight solid waste and recycling haulers that provide service in St. Croix County. These haulers service residential, multi-family and/or commercial accounts. Some haulers provide curbside waste and recycling services, some service municipal drop-off centers and others only provide dumpster services. Table 16.2 lists the waste and recycling haulers that provide service in St. Croix County. The waste and recycling haulers listed may not provide service in all St. Croix County communities. Several haulers collect mixed recyclables all in one cart or bin while others require residents to sort recyclables. Advanced Disposal, Murtha Sanitation, Paul's Industrial Garage (PIG) and Waste Management collect mixed recyclables from residents. Olson Sanitation, River City Disposal, Stephens Sanitation and Waterman Sanitation require residents to sort recyclables into two or more categories.

Table 16.2 - Garbage & Recycling Haulers in St. Croix County

Hauler	Location
Advanced Disposal	St. Paul, MN
Murtha Sanitation	Baldwin, WI
Olson Sanitation	Somerset, WI
Paul's Industrial Garage (PIG)	Hager City, WI
River City Disposal	River Falls, WI
Stephens Sanitation	New Richmond, WI
Waste Management	Somerset, WI
Waterman Sanitation	Amery, WI

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling Centers

Several communities in the county provide drop-off centers for residents to bring their trash and recycling. Most communities contract with haulers to transport and market the materials collected. A few communities do sell their aluminum cans, scrap metal, paper and cardboard on their own. Most of the drop-off centers are open to residents of that particular community, with the exception of the Town of Richmond Recycling Center, which is open to all St. Croix County residents.

Table 16.3 details the communities within the St. Croix County Responsible Unit (RU) that operate drop-off centers for recycling and the haulers they contract with. Note that not all communities are part of the St. Croix County RU and not all operate drop-off centers.

Table 16.3 Municipal Recycling Drop-Off Centers

Municipality	Hauler
Town of Baldwin	Murtha Sanitation
Town of Emerald	Murtha Sanitation
Town of Glenwood	Murtha Sanitation
Town of Hammond	Murtha Sanitation
Town of Kinnickinnic	River City Disposal
Town of Pleasant Valley	Waste Management
Town of Richmond	Stephens Sanitation
Town of Rush River	Waste Management
Town of Somerset	Olson Sanitation
Town of Springfield	PIG
Town of Stanton	Waterman Sanitation
Town of Troy	PIG
Village of Deer Park	Waterman Sanitation
City of New Richmond	Stephens Sanitation

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

Curbside Solid Waste & Recycling Service

Most communities pair their curbside recycling collection with curbside trash collection services. Curbside recycling service is typically provided weekly or bi-weekly by haulers. Several haulers in the county have transitioned to providing recycling carts, instead of a standard 18 gallon recycling bin, and provide bi-weekly collection service. These haulers also typically utilize fully automated arms to pick up recycling carts, eliminating the need for the collection driver to leave the vehicle.

Some municipalities contract directly with haulers to provide curbside trash and recycling services while others allow residents to privately subscribe to the hauler of their choice.

Table 16.4 details haulers that provide curbside recycling service and the communities they serve. Note that not all communities are part of the St. Croix County Responsible Unit (RU) and not all communities have access to curbside recycling. Data is not available for the municipalities which are not part of the St. Croix County RU.

Table 16.4 Curbside Recycling Haulers & Service Areas St. Croix County Responsible Unit Communities

Community	Hauler	2017 Recycling Services	
Towns		Municipal Curbside Contract	Private Curbside Subscription
Eau Galle	Murtha Sanitation	X	
Erin Prairie	Waste Management		X
Hammond	Waste Management		X
Hudson	Waste Management	X	
Kinnickinnic	Waste Management		X
Kinnickinnic	PIG		X
Pleasant Valley	Waste Management		X
Richmond	Waste Management		X
Rush River	Waste Management		X
St. Joseph	Waste Management		X
St. Joseph	Olson Sanitation		X
Somerset	Olson Sanitation		X
Somerset	Waste Management		X
Stanton	Waste Management		X
Star Prairie	Waste Management		X
Troy	Waste Management		X
Troy	PIG		X
Villages/Cities		Curbside	Subscription
Baldwin	Murtha Sanitation	X	
Hammond	Murtha Sanitation	X	
North Hudson	Advanced Disposal	X	
Somerset	Olson Sanitation	X	
Star Prairie	Waterman Sanitation	X	
Woodville	Advanced Disposal	X	
Hudson	Advanced Disposal	X	
New Richmond	Stephens Sanitation	X	

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

Transfer Stations, Landfills and Incinerators

All trash that is collected in St. Croix County is disposed of in a landfill or incinerator in Wisconsin. Trash is often combined at local transfer stations before being hauled to a landfill or incinerator. Table 16.5 lists transfer stations, landfills and an incinerator that provide service to haulers who collect trash in St. Croix County.

Table 16.5 Transfer Stations, Landfills and Incinerators

Operator	Location
Transfer Stations	
Advanced Disposal	Eau Claire, WI
Advanced Disposal	Roberts, WI
Boxx Sanitation	Eau Claire, WI
Dunn County Solid Waste	Menomonie, WI
Paul's Industrial Garage	Hager City, WI
Waste Management	Chippewa Falls, WI
Waste Management	Osceola, WI
Waste Management	River Falls, WI
Landfills	
Lake Area Disposal	Sarona, WI
Seven Mile Creek	Eau Claire, WI
Timberline Trail	Weyerhauser, WI
Incinerator	
Barron County	Almena, WI

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Material Recovery Facilities (MRF)

Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) are facilities that receive multiple recycling commodities from haulers and prepare them for sale. They are designed to sort the various components of the recycling stream, such as paper, metal, glass, and cardboard, so that the commodities can be baled or otherwise readied for the market. Wisconsin's recycling law requires MRFs to be registered with the state and for recycling programs to send their materials to licensed facilities. Table 16.6 lists the four MRFs that current accept recyclables generated in St. Croix County.

Table 16.6 Material Recovery Facilities (MRF)

Operator	Location
Paul's Industrial Garage	Hager City, WI
Pierce County Solid Waste	Ellsworth, WI
Polk County Recycling	St. Croix Falls, WI
Waste Management Recycle America	Minneapolis, MN

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

Yard Waste

Yard waste is defined by Wisconsin law as grass, leaves, garden refuse and wood branches that are 6" or less in diameter. These materials have been banned from landfills since 1995. Burning of yard waste is allowed by the state but may be banned at the municipal level. Burning is highly discouraged due to air pollution and safety concerns. There are a few communities that operate yard waste disposal sites for their residents. Other municipalities only offer seasonal pick-ups, such as in the fall and spring on certain dates. At this time, there is no county operated yard waste disposal site. In addition to municipal opportunities, there are several private businesses and haulers that provide yard waste disposal in the county. A table of these opportunities is detailed in Table 16.7.

Table 16.7 Yard Waste Services in St. Croix County

Haulers	Location	Service
Advanced Disposal	Several	Subscription Curbside
Waste Management	Several	Subscription Curbside
Municipalities	**Location**	**Service**
Village of Baldwin	Baldwin	Drop-off
Glenwood City	Glenwood City	Pick-up
Village of Hammond	Hammond	Drop-off
New Richmond	New Richmond	Drop-off
Village of Somerset	Somerset	Pick-up
Woodville	Woodville	Pick-up
Private Businesses	**Location**	**Service**
Diamond D Farms	Somerset	Drop-off
Freedom Farm	Houlton	Drop-off
All Natural Recycling	River Falls	Drop-off
Composting Concepts	Woodbury, MN	Drop-off
Sean & Sons	Spring Valley	Pick-up

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

ST. CROIX COUNTY PROGRAMS

Recycling

The County recycling program provides the following services:

- Organizes hazardous waste, tire, appliance and electronics collections
- Supports the County medication and sharps disposal programs
- Coordinates the special event recycling program
- Answers solid waste and recycling questions
- Educates residents on recycling and solid waste topics through a variety of platforms
- Supports recycling in the 26 member municipalities of the St. Croix County Responsible Unit (RU) administratively and financially
- Sells compost bins to help promote backyard composting

The county recycling program is almost entirely dependent on state grants administered by the DNR. There are no general tax levy dollars that support recycling in St. Croix County. The state grant reimbursement program was established as part of the state mandatory recycling law. The recycling specialist is responsible for applying for grant funding on behalf of the county and the 26 municipalities that are part of the St. Croix County RU. This includes annually collecting recycling tonnage and expenses from the RU member municipalities and reporting it to the state.

The formula to determine grant awards has varied over the years. A list of state grant awards to the St. Croix County Recycling Program can be found in Table 16.8. Note that the recycling program costs include expenses incurred by the county and the RU member municipalities. During the years 1995-1999, a portion of the grant funding was set aside as supplemental grants. These were per capita grants based on the number of residents within the RU whose fees for garbage service were based on volume. From 2003-2009, in addition to the basic grants, additional

Table 16.8 Recycling Grants and Expenses

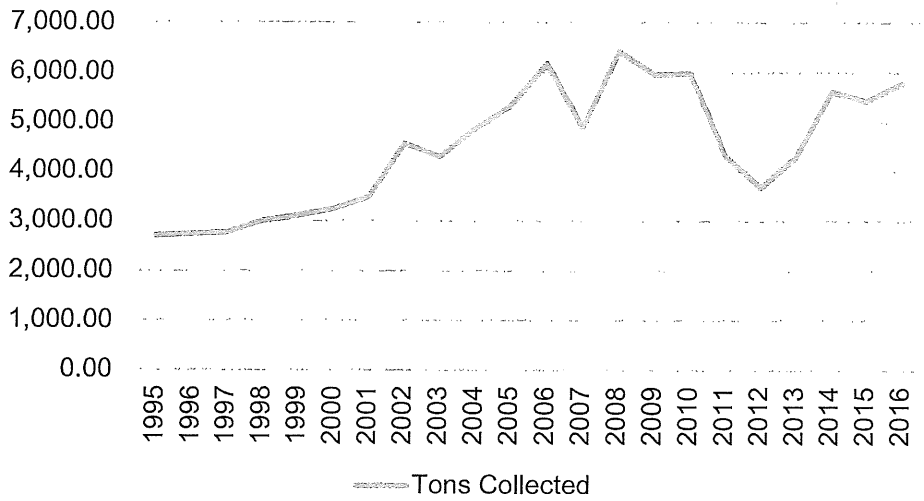
Year	Recycling Program Cost	Basic State Grant Received	Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grant	Total State Grant	Percent of County & RU Expenses Covered by Grants
1995	$300,583	$208,190	***	$208,190	69%
1996	$264,762	$193,025	***	$193,025	73%
1997	$228,963	$228,963	***	$228,963	100%
1998	$264,762	$222,215	***	$222,215	84%
1999	$291,276	$230,397	***	$230,397	79%
2000	$319,348	$228,074	***	$228,074	71%
2001	$363,468	$227,760	***	$227,760	63%
2002	$400,123	$227,766	***	$227,760	57%
2003	$407,442	$227,974	$42,457	$270,432	66%
2004	$448,446	$228,254	$46,289	$274,543	61%
2005	$426,687	$228,112	$42,006	$270,118	63%
2006	$434,535	$228,085	$47,105	$275,190	63%
2007	$470,064	$227,965	$48,421	$276,386	59%
2008	$372,572	$288,351	$45,007	$333,358	89%
2009	$405,108	$259,535	$39,163	$298,698	74%
2010	$362,511	$273,122	***	$273,122	75%
2011	$336,654	$176,454	***	$176,454	52%
2012	$338,719	$196,522	***	$196,522	58%
2013	$325,850	$196,539	***	$196,539	60%
2014	$457,186	$196,532	***	$196,532	43%
2015	$312,502	$196,685	***	$196,685	63%
2016	$387,674	$187,483	***	$187,483	48%
Total	**$7,919,235**	**$4,878,003**	**$310,448**	**$5,188,446**	**66%**

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

funds were available through a separate appropriation known as the Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grant (REIG). St. Croix County used the REIG funding to work on joint programming efforts with Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce and Polk Counties. This work included an inventory of recycling at multi-family buildings, convenience stores and schools and expanding recycling efforts in these areas.

The state grant money covers all of the county recycling expenses and the remaining balance is distributed to the RU member municipalities to help offset the cost of their recycling programs. Since 2013-14, the distribution of grant monies to the municipalities has been based on of a percentage of the previous year's recycling expenditures. One check per year is cut to each RU member municipality with qualifying recycling expenses. Since recycling funding has decreased while expenses continue to increase, the county has taken steps to reduce its expenditures, primarily by reducing the recycling specialist position from full time to part time and cutting newsletter printing costs by decreasing the size and length of each issue.

Figure 16.9 St. Croix County RU Recycling Tonnage



Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

The amount of recycling collected in the St. Croix County RU since the state recycling law went into effect in 1995 is shown in Figure 16.9. The increase in recycling collected since 1995 can be attributed to:

- Increased population
- Curbside recycling availability
- Increased single stream (mixed recycling) collection
- More materials becoming recyclable

The data represents only the recycling collected from municipalities who are part of the St. Croix County RU. It does not include recycling from the independent RUs in the county or recycling that is done in the private sector; for example, scrap metal dealers who accept aluminum cans or businesses that recycle electronics, appliances, tires, used oil, etc. These numbers also do not include any yard waste tonnage accepted curbside or at municipal drop-off centers in the county.

Hazardous Waste

St. Croix County held its first Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste collection in 1989. The collection has been held annually since 1993. There are no businesses located within the county that provide hazardous waste disposal. St. Croix County residents have the opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste at other local counties' Clean Sweep events due to partnerships with Pierce, Dunn and Polk counties. Residents who are moving or otherwise have an immediate need to dispose of hazardous waste are able to schedule an appointment with WRR Environmental Services in Eau Claire, WI for disposal.

St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Public Opinion Survey Report Results, 2015:

- 74% of County residents reported that they would be more likely to attend the Clean Sweep program if additional collection days were added.

The County has historically contracted with Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC), located in Spooner, WI, for hazardous waste disposal services. In 2017, the county changed contractors to hire WRR Environmental Services, located in Eau Claire, WI. WRR quoted significant cost savings for the program and allowed the County to increase the number of hazardous waste collection days from two to three days in 2017.

The County began with just a single yearly collection in 1989 but expanded the program to two collections in 1998. In 2011, the program was decreased to a single yearly event due to grant funding decreases. The Clean Sweep program was expanded in 2017 to hold two collections; the normal two-day collection in the spring and a one day collection in the fall.

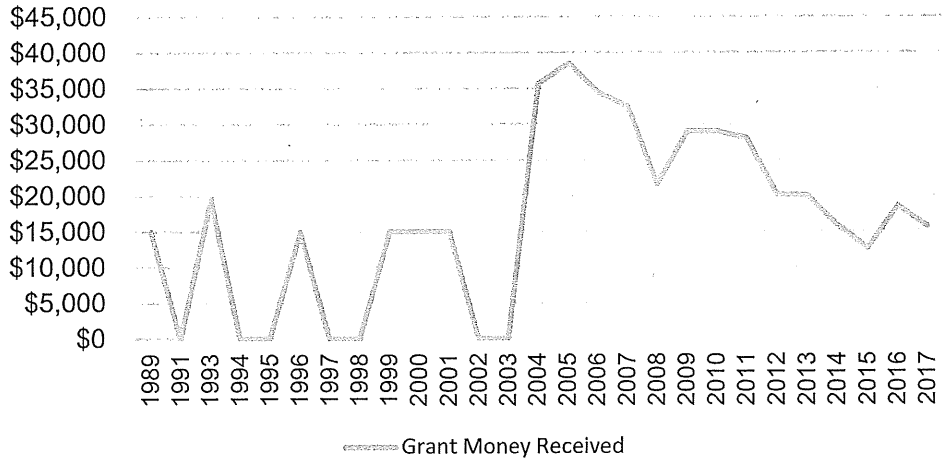
Table 16.10 Latex Paint Weights & Revenue

Year	Latex Paint Collected (lbs)	Net Profit ($)
2015	14,158	2,743.80
2016	9,224	1,942.00
2017	13,542	6,694.65
Total	**31,129**	**11,380.45**

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

Latex paint was added to our Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste collection in 2015 in response to requests from residents and as a way to generate revenue for the program. Residents were extremely happy with this addition and a large amount of latex paint was brought in to the Clean Sweep collection in 2015. This also resulted in people bringing in more hazardous waste, making it the largest single event hazardous waste collection in St. Croix County history, in terms of weight of hazardous waste. Latex paint is collected from residents during the Clean Sweep collection for a nominal fee. All revenue from the collection of latex paint is used to pay for latex paint disposal and excess funds help fund

Figure 16.11 Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste Grant Funding



Source: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)

the Clean Sweep program. The amount of latex paint collected and the net profit from the latex paint collection (after disposal costs) is shown Table 16.10. The amount of latex paint has decreased each year since the initial collection in 2015, which is expected as residents dispose of stored latex paint. Table 16.10 shows that the latex paint net profit has increased even though the amount of paint collected has decreased. This is because in 2015 and 2016, WRR Environmental Services handled the latex paint collection, but was not the prime contractor for the event, so the county had to pay for disposal boxes provided by WRR for the latex paint collection.

In 2017, WRR became the prime contractor and the boxes for disposal were part of the general collection invoice, thus showing a greater net profit for latex paint.

The Clean Sweep Hazardous Waste program is funded by a combination of state grant funding and the general county tax levy. The state grant funding for hazardous waste is administered by the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The state has reduced the amount of money programs receive for Clean Sweep grants in recent years due to the total amount of funding for the statewide program decreasing from $1,000,000 to $750,000 in 2009 and using a portion of that money to fund drug collection programs, starting in 2008. The amount of grant funding the county has received for Clean Sweep is shown in Figure 16.11.

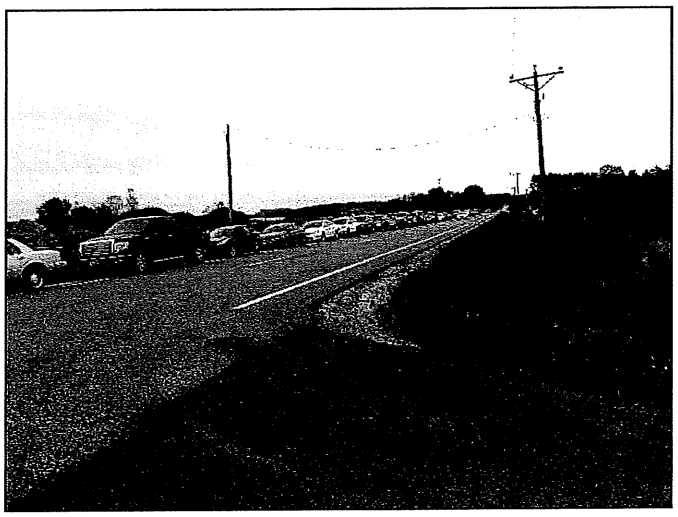
Table 16.12 details the number of collections, number of participants, weight of hazardous waste collected and the pounds collected per participant.

Table 16.12 St. Croix County Clean Sweep Collections

Year	Number of Events	Number of Collection Days	Number of Participants	Poundage	Pounds per Participant
1989	1	1	400	5,311	13.28
1991	1	1	191	2,707	14.17
1993	1	1	76	4,661	61.33
1994	1	1	463	8,533	18.43
1995	1	1	461	4,582	9.94
1996	1	1	387	20,008	51.70
1997	1	1	332	14,745	44.41
1998	2	2	549	17,600	32.06
1999	2	2	353	22,320	63.23
2000	2	2	339	30,239	89.20
2001	2	2	445	24,064	54.08
2002	2	2	530	31,000	58.49
2003	2	2	468	35,879	76.66
2004	2	2	461	33,453	72.57
2005	2	2	532	41,663	78.31
2006	2	2	461	35,454	76.91
2007	2	2	470	38,407	81.72
2008	2	2	536	42,691	79.65
2009	2	2	546	37,848	69.32
2010	2	2	572	39,914	69.78
2011	1	2	407	26,623	65.41
2012	1	2	264	9,934	37.63
2013	1	2	391	23,585	60.32
2014	1	2	375	27,886	74.36
2015	1	2	515	54,529	105.88
2016	1	2	526	52,217	99.27
2017	2	3	1,006	78,041	77.58
Total	41	48	12,056	763,894	60.58

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

The number of participants in the Clean Sweep program has significantly increased since the addition of latex paint. This has led to significant back-ups and long wait times for residents to dispose of hazardous waste. The County has made several efficiency improvements including eliminating fees for all items except latex paint, increasing the amount of contractor labor, increasing hours for the household collection, and implementing a number system to serve residents in order of arrival. These improvements helped some but wait times can exceed one hour during peak hours of the household collection. The demand for proper hazardous waste disposal will continue to increase as the population increases and becomes more concerned with protecting our natural resources in St. Croix County. Increasing the number of collections and/or number of collection days will be needed to keep up with demand. This will result in an increasing strain on the general county levy funding. The continued support of the County Board will be needed to allocate funding for additional Clean Sweep collections in the future.



Cars backed up on to US Hwy 12 during the Fall 2017 Clean Sweep event. Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program.

Medical Waste

Medication Collection Program

Unwanted prescription and non-prescription medications can be safely disposed of through the St. Croix County Medication Collection Program. This effort, implemented in 2011, is coordinated by the St. Croix County Sheriff's Department due to state and federal regulations. Permanent drop-off containers were purchased in 2011 for the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office and all of the local municipal law enforcement agencies. Unwanted medicines are collected anonymously and for free in permanent drop-boxes located at the county sheriff's office and all municipal police departments in the county. Unwanted medicines can be dropped off during normal office hours of the Sheriff and police department.

Table 16.13 Medication Take Back Program Drop Box Locations

Locations
St. Croix County Sheriff (Hudson, WI)
Baldwin Police Department
Glenwood City Police Department
Hammond Police Department
Hudson Police Department
North Hudson Police Department
New Richmond Police Department
River Falls Police Department
Village of Roberts Police Department
Somerset Police Department
Woodville Police Department

Source: St. Croix County Sheriff's Department

A list of permanent medication take-back program drop-box locations can be found in Table 16.13. The St. Croix County Sheriff's Department is responsible for consolidating the collected medications from the municipal law enforcement agencies and accompanying the transportation of the consolidated medications to the State Patrol Headquarters in Eau Claire, WI. This consolidation happens twice per year. The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) currently funds the disposal of the medications at licensed facilities.

The Sheriff's Department has received a grant in the past from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to help cover eligible expenses related to the program. As long as the disposal of the medication continues to be covered by the DOJ, the costs to run this program will be minimal for the county. Table 16.14 summarizes the expenses, grant revenue and medication

collected since 2011. The St. Croix County Sheriff's Office has not applied for a grant since 2015, therefore there is no grant related expense information for 2016 and 2017.

Table 16.14 Medication Collection Program Financials

Year	Pounds	Total Costs	In-Kind Expenses	DATCP Grant	Cost per Pound
2011	400	$3,692.59	$994.68	$2,697.91	$9.23
2012	640	$2,362.64	$719.79	$1,642.85	$3.69
2013	1,100	$3,611.14	$2,011.14	$1,600.00	$3.28
2014	1,000	$2,401.70	$951.70	$1,450.00	$2.40
2015	1,329	$3,006.85	$1,406.85	$1,600.00	$2.26
2016	1,132	-	-	-	-
2017	2,239	-	-	-	-
Total	**7,840**	**$15,074.92**	**$6,084.16**	**$8,990.76**	

Source: St. Croix County Sheriff's Department

Sharps Disposal Program

The sharps disposal program began in 2005 and is a joint effort between the St. Croix County Public Health Division of the Health & Human Services Department, the St. Croix County Recycling program, the Lions Club and local medical clinics.

The sharps program was initiated by a monetary donation from the Lions Club to fund the purchase of sharps containers. The county contributed some funds to purchase additional containers as well. The recycling program primarily handles promotion and education of the program while Public Health handles the distribution of the sharps containers and works with community partners for disposal.

Table 16.15 Sharps Disposal Locations

Facility	Location
Western Wisconsin Health	Baldwin, WI
Glenhaven Care Center	Glenwood City, WI
American Heritage Care Center	Hammond, WI
Hudson Hospital	Hudson, WI
Park View Care Center	Woodville, WI
Westfields Hospital	New Richmond, WI

Source: St. Croix County Public Health

There are several hospitals and clinics in the county that accept sharps from St. Croix County residents. These locations are listed in Table 16.15. These community partners receive sharps containers from St. Croix County Public Health but are responsible for the administrative and financial costs of properly disposing of the sharps. The county only pays for the disposal of sharps generated by the county. The county contracts with Medical Disposal Systems in Shakopee, Minnesota to properly dispose of sharps generated by Public Health and the St. Croix County Health & Rehab Center. The sharps are sterilized and then landfilled at the SKB Landfill in Rosemount, Minnesota.

In addition to the community partners listed, sharps containers can be picked up at the St. Croix County Services Center in New Richmond and the County Market grocery store pharmacy in Hudson. Neither of these locations accepts sharps for disposal from the public.

The sharps program is for household use only. Pharmacies, commercial entities and agricultural producers must dispose of their sharps through mail-back programs or contract with a sharps disposal service.

Appliances

St. Croix County has sponsored spring and fall collections for appliances since 1994. These collections are hosted in coordination with several municipalities and in conjunction with the county-sponsored tire collection. Historically, there have been three collection sites in spring and two collection sites in the fall. Since 2015, there are three collection sites in both spring and fall.

St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Public Opinion Survey Report Results, 2015:

- 85% of County residents reported that they recycle appliances and 62% indicated they recycle them through public events.

The county currently contracts with JR's Advanced Recyclers from Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota to recycle the appliances. JR's collects all fees from the residents and hauls the appliances away the same day. The only expense the county has for the appliance collection is the time spent by the recycling specialist to organize locations and promote the collection. Table 16.16 shows the number and weight of appliances collected during county-sponsored appliance collections from 2011-2017.

Table 16.16 St. Croix County Appliance Collections

Year	Number of Collections	Number of Appliances	Tonnage
2007	5	726	54.2
2008	5	726	53.0
2009	5	682	52.9
2010	5	728	50.9
2011	5	426	29.7
2012	5	434	27.3
2013	5	362	24.2
2014	5	456	29.2
2015	6	728	49.1
2016	6	692	46.6
2017	6	614	40.4

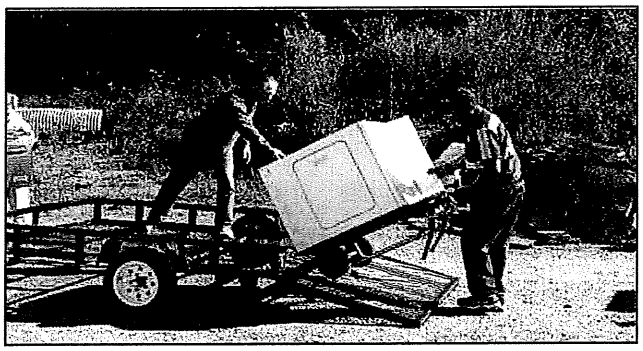
Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

In addition to the county sponsored collections, there are several private opportunities to recycle appliances year-round. These businesses are listed in Table 16.17. Some garbage haulers also pick-up appliances curbside for recycling and several municipalities host clean-up days in which residents can bring appliances to be recycled.

Table 16.17 Appliance Recycling Locations

Business	Location
Advanced Disposal Transfer Station	Roberts, WI
Habitat for Humanity ReStore	Roberts, WI
JR's Advanced Recyclers	Inver Grove Heights, MN
Sears Hometown Store	River Falls, WI
Sears Hometown Store	Menomonie, WI
Appliance-B-Gone	Spring Valley, WI
Sean & Sons	Spring Valley, WI

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program



Appliances are being unloaded at a 2017 Appliance Collection in the Town of Troy. Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program.

Tires

Similar to appliances, St. Croix County has held tire collections annually since 1995. The tire collections are also co-sponsored by local municipalities. Traditionally, the tire collection has only been offered in the spring but in 2015 a fall collection was added. The program allows residents to recycle tires at various locations for a per tire fee. The program accepts a wide range of tire sizes, from bicycles to tractors.

St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Public Opinion Survey Report Results, 2015:

- 62% of County residents reported that they recycle tires and 38% indicated they recycle them through public events.

The county co-sponsors tire collections twice a year in coordination with several municipalities and in conjunction with the county sponsored appliance collection. Each collection occurs at two or three host municipalities who provide a convenient site to host the collection at. The county contracts with Liberty Tire from Savage, MN to recycle the tires.

Unlike the appliance collection, Liberty Tire does not collect fees or haul away the tires on collection day. The host municipality is responsible for collecting fees and providing a secure location to store the tires until Liberty Tire picks up the tires the week after the collection.

The host municipality then provides the county with a count of the number and type of tires collected and forwards all fees collected to the county. Table 16.18 shows the number, weight and cost of tires collected from 2011-2017.

Table 16.18 St. Croix County Tire Collections

Year	Number of Collections	Number of Tires	Tonnage	Cost per Ton
2007	3	1,888	42.6	$110.00
2008	4	2,000	47.0	$110.00
2009	3	1,928	36.3	$115.00
2010	3	2,660	35.86	$115.00
2011	3	1,813	30.5	$110.00
2012	4	1,553	27.1	$125.00
2013	3	2,236	37.4	$135.00
2014	4	863	21.8	$135.00
2015	5	1,819	38.0	$143.00
2016	5	1,932	40.4	$175.00
2017	5	1,544	23.7	$185.00

Source: St. Croix County Recycling

In addition to county sponsored events, several municipalities host clean-up days where tires can be recycled. There are several private businesses within the county that recycle tires year-round. A detailed list of tire recycling locations in St. Croix County can be found in Table 16.19.

Table 16.19 Tire Recycling Locations

Business	Location
Emerald Tire & Auto	Emerald, WI
Mike's Auto Body	Glenwood City, WI
Dave's Auto Service	Hammond, WI
Hilltop Service Center	Hudson, WI
Fleet Farm	Hudson, WI
J&R Tire	New Richmond, WI
Nobles Tire Service	New Richmond, WI
River Falls Tire Co.	River Falls, WI
Swede's Marathon	River Falls, WI
Dave's Service Center	Star Prairie, WI
OB's Repair	Wilson, WI
Village Auto Service	Woodville, WI

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

Tires collected from a Spring 2017 Tire Collection in the City of Hudson.

Electronics

St. Croix County sponsored an electronics collection from the early 1990's until 2010. In 2010, the state passed the mandatory E-Cycle law that banned certain electronics from landfills. This led to an increase in private recycling opportunities and the county no longer sponsored an electronics collection. There are several private businesses within the county and several in surrounding counties that recycle electronics. A list of businesses can be found in Table 16.20.

St. Croix County Solid Waste & Recycling Public Opinion Survey Report Results, 2015:

- 88% of County residents reported that they recycle electronics. 86% of the municipal officials surveyed reported they would like the county to resume an electronics collection.

The county resumed sponsoring an electronics collection in 2017 due to decreased private recycling opportunities and due to demand from municipalities and residents.

St. Croix County sponsored electronics collections up until the state passed a mandatory electronics recycling law. This law provided opportunities for local governments and businesses to register with the state and become electronics collectors. The registered collectors work with registered recyclers to properly recycle the collected electronics. Manufacturers of electronics were required to help pay for a portion of the cost of electronics recycling, based on how many electronics they sold in the state. This created opportunities in the industry and many local businesses became registered collectors. Since there were ample opportunities for residents to conveniently and affordably recycle their electronics in the area, the county decided to discontinue its electronics collections in 2010.

Table 16.20 Electronics Recycling Locations

Business	Location
E-Cycling	Hudson, WI
Town of Richmond Recycling Center	New Richmond, WI
St. Croix Electric Cooperative	Hammond, WI
Best Buy	Oakdale, MN
JR's Advanced Recyclers	Inver Grove Heights, MN
ProAct, Inc	Red Wing, MN

Source: St. Croix County Recycling Program

Over time, the cost of recycling electronics increased due to market conditions and many local businesses stopped recycling electronics. In response to decreased local opportunities to recycle electronics and increases in illegal dumping of electronics in municipal ditches, the county decided to resume an electronics collection in 2017. The 2017 collection had limited participation due to the event being scheduled after the spring *Your Wasteline* newsletter was distributed. The county will again hold a collection in 2018 and will evaluate the success of the program and decide whether to continue in 2019.

Electronics being unloaded during the 2017 Electronics Collection at the St. Croix County Services Center in New Richmond.

Event Recycling

The county purchased 40 portable recycling bins in 2012 to be loaned out for recycling at public events, town festivals, graduation parties, family reunions, etc. These bins help support compliance with our county recycling ordinance, which requires recycling to be available in public places. The bins were purchased with financial assistance from the following sponsors: St. Croix County Fair, St. Croix Electric Cooperative, Hudson Boosters, North Hudson Pepperfest, Xcel Energy and the St. Croix County Sportsman's Alliance. The bins were first available for use in 2013. The bins are rented for free to county residents and towns. The bins have steadily increased in use, with 175 bins being rented out in 2013 to 227 bins being rented out in 2017.

Special event recycling bins being used during the 2016 Earth Day Celebration at YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson.

Education

An integral part of the recycling program in St. Croix County is providing recycling education to county residents through a variety of different platforms. The county provides recycling education through printed newsletters, a recycling website, Facebook, Pinterest, educational presentations and displays, school field days, email, phone conversations, brochures and promotional items featuring recycled content.

Some highlights of the recycling education program include:

- The recycling program mails out a recycling newsletter twice a year to all of the addresses in the county. This newsletter contains information on upcoming recycling events, a recycling guide, frequently asked recycling questions and waste reduction tips.
- The recycling website contains information regarding upcoming collection events, how to properly dispose of many items, hauler contact information, a recycling guide, information on our special event recycling bins and more. The recycling website is updated and maintained by the recycling specialist.
- The recycling Facebook page was created in 2012 as an additional way to reach residents with recycling information. The page is maintained by the recycling specialist and has steadily grown in followers. Posts include information on upcoming recycling events, fun recycling facts and recycling articles.
- The recycling Pinterest page was created in 2015 as another online platform to provide recycling education to residents. Information on Pinterest includes composting tutorials, recycling infographics, re-use ideas, natural cleaner recipes, waste reduction tips, and holiday craft projects using recyclable items.
- The recycling specialist speaks at a variety of community and civic groups, schools and libraries free of charge. These presentations include information on what is recyclable in St. Croix County, waste reduction ideas, composting information and natural cleaner recipes. In 2017, the recycling specialist gave eleven recycling presentations, reaching 280 residents.

The recycling specialist reads a book to a local group of Girl Scouts in 2015.

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The Board of Supervisors of St. Croix County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows: Chapter 41 Metal or Glass; Chapter 43 Recycling Ordinance, as amended on December, 1994, and October, 2003; and Chapter 44 Storage of Waste Tires, are repealed and recreated as follows:

21.1 INTRODUCTION

A. TITLE, AUTHORITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

1. **TITLE**
   a. This ordinance shall be cited as "Chapter 21 - St. Croix County Municipal Solid Waste: Reduction, Recovery and Recycling Ordinance" and hereinafter referred to as the "ordinance."
2. **AUTHORITY**
   a. This ordinance is enacted pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 287, 289 and 59 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. NR 544.
   b. The versions of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Administrative Code cited in a. which are in effect at the time of adoption of this ordinance, together with any subsequent amendments thereto or recreations of said statutes and code provisions, constitute authority for this ordinance.
3. **EFFECTIVE DATE**
   a. This ordinance shall be effective on March 15, 2012. Ordinance No. 809/2012.

B. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

1. **PURPOSES**
   a. To promote and protect public health, environment, safety and general welfare by minimizing environmental, economic and social costs to the residents of the <u>responsible unit</u> and beyond in an effort to promote ecological and environmental sustainability.
   b. To ensure proper <u>municipal solid waste</u> management to protect the environment and health of the citizens of St. Croix County and beyond.
   c. To protect life, health and property.
   d. To establish and maintain an effective municipal solid waste management program by promoting reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and resource recovery through administration of effective programs, as provided in Wisconsin Statutes §§287.09(2)(a) and 287.11 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. NR 544.

2. **OBJECTIVES**

a. To minimize expenditures of public funds for remediation or environmental repair.

b. To develop and implement a comprehensive policy and program for management of municipal solid waste generated within the responsible unit and promote reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and resource recovery through administration of effective programs, as provided in Wisconsin Statutes §§287.09(2)(a) and 287.11 and Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 544.

c. To protect the public's health, prevent public nuisances, and prevent contamination of air, soil, surface water, ground water and other environmental features of St. Croix County.

d. To protect natural resources through control of location and operation of municipal solid waste management activities.

e. To promote safe management of municipal solid waste by all persons, especially hazardous waste, appliances, electronics, tires, yard waste, and sharps.

f. To encourage all persons to be both informed and responsible for their actions regarding municipal solid waste that may affect the environment and the community now and in the future.

g. To support activities that will promote reduction, reuse and recycling of materials found in municipal solid waste.

h. To augment, supplement and support existing State of Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules regarding municipal solid waste.

i. To impose penalties and forfeitures concerning violations of this ordinance.

j. To address unforeseen circumstances which are not specifically covered, the basic principles enumerated in this ordinance shall serve to define the intent.

C. APPLICABILITY AND EXEMPTIONS

1. **APPLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE**

a. This ordinance applies to the responsible unit under Wisconsin Statutes §287.09(1), including but not limited to:

1) All persons within the responsible unit.
2) All land within the responsible unit.
3) All haulers or persons conducting business within the responsible unit.
4) All persons who own, lease or occupy residential, multi-family and non-residential properties within the responsible unit.
5) All persons holding special events or managing public places within the responsible unit.
6) Any activity that generates municipal solid waste within the responsible unit.

b. This ordinance shall not apply or be enforced in those municipalities of St. Croix County which retain their own responsible unit designation and authority.

2. **COMPLIANCE**

a. All persons shall manage municipal solid waste which is owned, controlled or possessed by them, in compliance with this ordinance.

b. Property owners and occupants within the responsible unit must comply with this ordinance.

3. **INCORPORATION OF PROVISIONS BY REFERENCE**
   a. This ordinance incorporates by reference the following rules, regulations and laws, as set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes and the Wisconsin Administrative Codes governing recycling and municipal solid waste:
      1) Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 287, 289, and 291.
      2) Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapters NR 500 to NR 555 and NR 660 to 679.
   b. These rules, regulations and laws shall apply until amended or renumbered and then shall apply as amended or renumbered.
4. **EXEMPTIONS**
   a. The following are exempt from this ordinance:
      1) Domestic wastewater which is regulated by the St. Croix County Sanitary Ordinance, Chapter 12.
      2) Sludge as defined in Wisconsin Administrative Code §NR 500.03(212).
      3) Animal waste which is regulated by the St. Croix County Animal Waste Ordinance, Chapter 11.
      4) Clean Fill.
      5) The demolition debris resulting from the burning of an existing structure for practice and instruction of fire fighters or testing of fire-fighting equipment, subject to Wisconsin Administrative Code §NR 502.11(2)(c).
      6) Food Waste.
      7) Livestock Mortality Composting subject to Wis. Statute §95.50 and Wisconsin Administrative Code §NR 502.12(5)(d), (10) & (11).

D. INTERPRETATION

1. **ABROGATION**
   a. It is not intended by this ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair or interfere with any existing easements, covenants, deed restrictions, agreements, rules or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, whenever this ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this ordinance shall apply.
   b. Nor is it the intent of this ordinance to abrogate, impair or interfere with the legal rights of any person as may be guaranteed by the state and federal constitutions, statutes and administrative rules.
   c. The provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any power granted by the Wisconsin Statutes.
   d. Where any terms or requirements of this ordinance may be inconsistent or conflicting, the more restrictive requirements or interpretation shall apply.
   e. Where a provision of this ordinance is required by Wisconsin Statutes or Wisconsin Administrative Code, the ordinance provision shall be interpreted in light of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Wisconsin Administrative Code in effect at the time of interpretation.
2. **LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION**
   a. The provisions of this ordinance shall be liberally construed in favor of St. Croix County and shall not be construed to be a limitation or repeal of any other power now possessed or granted to St. Croix County.

3. SEVERABILITY AND NON-LIABILITY

a. If any section, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

E. LIMITATION OF ACTION

1. CLAIMS

a. This ordinance shall be subject to the notice of claims and claim requirements of Wisconsin Statutes §893.80(1).

21.2 STANDARDS & COLLECTION

A. GENERAL STANDARDS

1. PROPERTY STANDARDS

a. It shall be the duty of any person owning or occupying any property to maintain the premises in a clean and orderly manner, free from any municipal solid waste, unless managed as required in this section, **§21.2.**

b. It shall be the duty of any person owning or occupying any property or lands to ensure that all municipal solid waste or litter shall be picked up and disposed of properly.

2. BURNING OF YARD WASTE AND UNTREATED WOOD

a. Unless prohibited by local regulation, any person may burn yard waste and clean wood, including but not limited to wood that has not been painted, stained, sealed or treated, and is generated by a single family or household if the following standards are met:

1) Properly notify and receive approval, including any necessary permits, from the local governing municipality and/or fire department.

2) Conduct all allowed burning of yard waste and clean wood in a safe manner, when wind and weather conditions are such as to minimize adverse health and/or fire hazard effects and in conformance with local and state fire protection regulations.

b. Cities, Villages, Towns and the County may burn clean wood, including but not limited to wood that has not been painted, stained, sealed or treated, as long as the municipality has obtained a Solid Waste Woodburning Site License from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

c. Persons may burn clean wood that has or has not been generated on their own property for recreation, heating or food preparation. Persons must also meet all other burning requirements.

d. All burning shall be controlled to prevent property damage. All damage caused by burning is the responsibility of the person who is conducting the burn.

e. Enclosed or indoor burning for heating residential or nonresidential facilities is exempt from this section.

3. COMPOSTING AND BURYING

a. All persons who own, lease or occupy residential property may manage, compost or bury, yard waste and compostable organic materials on the property where it is generated if it does not create a nuisance, public health risk or environmental hazard and is in accordance with this ordinance.

b. All persons may manage or compost yard waste and compostable organic materials from their own or another's property if they are used as a soil amendment or mulch on the property where it is composted or managed. It shall not create a nuisance, public health risk or environmental hazard and shall be in accordance with this ordinance.

c. City, village, town and county composting and reuse programs may manage or compost yard waste and compostable organic materials if they do not create a nuisance, public health risk or environmental hazard.

d. A wood chipping or grinding facility is permitted if it processes clean wood that is not mixed with other municipal solid waste. It shall not create a nuisance, public health risk or environmental hazard and is required to hold all applicable permits.

4. AUTHORITY TO REMOVE

a. Subject to Wisconsin Administrative Code §NR 502.06, any person may collect municipal solid waste from a single household or municipal solid waste amounting to less than 20 tons per year and transport it to a proper facility including, but not limited to, licensed municipal solid waste facility, municipal recycling center, county-wide or municipal collection event, or a private recycling facility, when authorized by the property owner, tenant or designated agent.

b. A hauler may collect municipal solid waste when authorized by the municipality, property owner, tenant or designated agent.

c. In accord with lawful authority, St. Croix County may remove or cause to be removed from property subject hereto, all municipal solid waste and litter which is not deposited in lawful containers and the placement of which is a violation of this ordinance. In accord with Wisconsin Statutes §66.0627, St. Croix County shall consider this to be a current service rendered on behalf of the property from which the municipal solid waste is removed and may impose a special charge therefore which will be placed on the tax roll, if not paid by the owner upon being billed for said service.

B. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

1. LITTERING AND MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE ACCUMULATION

a. No person shall litter.

b. No person shall accumulate on land subject to his or her ownership or control or allow a third person to accumulate, any municipal solid waste, which accumulation violates this ordinance or which creates an unsanitary condition, nuisance or health or fire hazard.

2. BURNING

a. No person shall burn trash, recyclable materials, banned materials or separated materials, except for yard waste and clean wood (WI Administrative Code NR 502.11 & 429.04) that has not been painted, stained, sealed or treated. Clean fill is exempt from this ordinance, see **§21.1 C.4**.

3. BURYING AND DISPOSING

a. No person shall bury or dispose of any municipal solid waste in any unlicensed WI DNR disposal site, public or private, within the responsible unit except as provided in **§21.2 A.3.** above. Clean fill is exempt from this ordinance, see **§21.1 C.4**.

4. SCAVENGING

a. No scavenging of municipal solid waste shall be permitted from containers; haulers' equipment or vehicles; disposal, reuse and recycling sites; or county collection events.

C. TRASH AND RECYCLABLE MATERIAL MANAGEMENT: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. COLLECTION

a. All persons who own, lease or occupy property shall provide temporary storage for any trash and recyclable materials.

b. All trash and recyclable materials shall be deposited in separate containers to be placed at collection locations or, if not in containers, shall be placed at collection locations, on private or public property, agreed to by the property owner and hauler.

c. All persons who own, lease or occupy property in a city, village or town whose population exceeds 3000 shall have their containers, emptied at least once every 14 days or more frequently to prevent the creation of nuisances, public health risks or environmental hazards except for containers subject to e. below.

d. All persons who own, lease or occupy property in a city, village or town whose population is less than 3000 shall have their containers emptied at least once a month or more frequently to prevent the creation of nuisances, public health risks or environmental hazards except for containers subject to e. below.

e. Construction and demolition material containers shall be emptied at least once every four months or more frequently to prevent a nuisance, public health risk or environmental hazard and shall be in compliance with this ordinance.

2. CONTAINERS

a. Containers shall be of a size that will hold the volume of trash or recyclable materials generated between each collection.

b. Containers shall be durable, and resistant to leaking, rusting and breaking.

c. Containers for trash which are placed in an exterior location shall have fitted or attached covers. Covers shall generally be kept closed to prevent problems caused by precipitation, animals or wind.

d. Within six months of the effective date of this ordinance, all containers shall be plainly labeled if they are:

1) Intended for collection of trash or recyclable materials; and
2) In public or private locations; and
3) Accessible to those in a shared space; and
4) Are two yards or larger.

e. The label in d. above shall be located on the most highly visible side or lid of the containers with bold lettering no smaller than 1.5 inches in height conveying the message, **"RECYCLABLES ONLY" or "TRASH ONLY".** A description of the types of recyclable materials accepted is encouraged. The hauler's name and phone number should be displayed.

f. The following containers are exempt from a.- e. above:

1) Containers used **inside** private residences.
2) Containers maintained for personal use and not intended to be placed for collection by a hauler.
3) Containers not in a shared space.

g. Containers should not be placed out for curbside collection more than 48 hours prior to collection, and should be removed within 48 hours following collection.

h. Unless intended for public use, no unauthorized person shall deposit any materials in any container, including but not limited to those located at convenience stores, apartment buildings, schools, construction sites, etc.

i. No person shall scavenge, displace, damage, deface, destroy or disturb containers and their contents when placed for collection.

3. OWNER AND/OR OCCUPANT OBLIGATION

a. The owner and/or occupants of all occupied dwellings shall supply containers that meet the standards of this ordinance, either directly or through a hauler, for the temporary storage of trash and recyclable materials for disposal or recycling prior to collection and transportation to an appropriate facility.

b. Property owners and/or occupants are responsible for maintaining containers in a reasonably neat, clean and sanitary condition. Trash containers shall also be resistant to leaking. If the container is supplied by a hauler, the owner and/or occupant shall notify the hauler of the container's poor condition and the hauler shall ensure that the container conforms to the requirements of this ordinance.

4. NON-RESIDENTIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY

a. The owners of all occupied multi-family and non-residential properties or their agents shall do all of the following:

1) Provide containers to collect municipal solid waste for recycling and disposal that conform to the standards in **§21.2 C.2. and 21.2 C.3.** above.
2) Ensure that the users know where the recyclables and trash need to be placed.
3) Notify in writing at the time of renting or leasing the property and at least semi-annually thereafter, all users, tenants, employees and occupants of the properties about the recycling program that has been established. The information shall include at a minimum:
   a) Reasons to reduce and recycle municipal solid waste.
   b) A list of recyclable materials, banned materials and separated materials that shall be separated from trash.
   c) How recyclable materials are to be prepared to meet processing requirements, i.e. remove cap, flatten, co-mingle.
   d) Location of containers.
   e) Contact person, including name, address and phone number.
4) Provide for collection and delivery of recyclable materials to a recycling facility either directly or through a hauler.
5) Provide for collection and delivery of trash to a licensed municipal solid waste facility either directly or through a hauler.

5. SPECIAL EVENTS AND PUBLIC PLACES

a. All special events at public places and all organizers and sponsors of and owners of the property where said events are held shall do the following:

1) Provide containers to collect municipal solid waste for recycling and disposal that conform to the standards in **§21.2 C.2.** and **21.2 C.3.** above.
2) Ensure that the users know where the recyclables and trash need to be placed.
3) Provide for collection and delivery of recyclable materials to a recycling facility either directly or through a hauler.
4) Provide for collection and delivery of trash to a licensed municipal solid waste facility either directly or through a hauler.

6. **COUNTY COLLECTION EVENTS**
   a. In its discretion, the County may hold county collection events for collecting, processing, recycling and disposing of materials including but not limited to hazardous waste, electronics, appliances and tires.
   b. During the course of holding a county collection event, the County reserves the right to reject any load of recyclable or other municipal solid waste that does not meet the specifications established by the County.
   c. For the purpose of holding collection events, the County may see fit to act through an agent and may charge fees to those who deposit materials at such events.

D. SEPARATED MATERIALS

1. **SEPARATION STANDARD**
   a. The following banned materials shall be separated from other municipal solid waste for recycling and/or beneficial reuse:
      1) Electronic Devices.
      2) Lead-Acid Batteries.
      3) Major Appliances.
      4) Waste Tires.
      5) Used Waste Oil.
      6) Used Oil Filters.
      7) Used Oil Absorbent Materials.
   b. The following materials shall be separated from other municipal solid waste for burning, composting or burial in accord with **§21.2 A.** and **B.**:
      1) Yard Waste.
      2) Compostable Organic Materials.
   c. The following materials shall be separated from other municipal solid waste for recycling, beneficial reuse or proper treatment and disposal:
      1) Antifreeze.
      2) Fluorescent Bulbs.
      3) Hazardous Waste.
      4) Mercury-Containing Devices.
      5) Rechargeable Batteries.
      6) Sharps.
2. **MANAGEMENT OF SEPARATED MATERIALS**
   a. Materials in**§21.2 D.1.** above shall be delivered to or collected by municipal collection programs or sites or a private operation that accepts these materials for recycling, beneficial reuse or proper treatment and disposal. The collection site must meet all applicable local, state and federal regulations. Yard waste and compostable organic materials are exempt from this provision as provided under **§21.2 A.3.**
   b. Automotive, truck and farm tractor tires when reused shall not cause or contribute to a nuisance, public health risk or environmental hazard and shall be in compliance with this ordinance.

E. RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

1. SEPARATION STANDARD

a. No person may place in a container the contents of which will be disposed of in a solid waste treatment facility, converted into fuel, or burned at a solid waste treatment facility any of the items identified below. These recyclable materials shall be separated from other municipal solid waste for recycling and/or beneficial reuse unless exempted by Wisconsin Statutes §287.07 and §287.11.

1) Aluminum Containers.
2) Glass Containers.
3) Steel and Tin Containers.
4) Newspaper.
5) Cardboard.
6) Magazines.
7) Office Paper.
8) Plastic Containers.

2. MUNICIPAL RECYCLABLES COLLECTION

a. A member municipality with a population of over 5,000 shall be required to provide curbside collection of recyclable materials to single-family and 2-4 unit residences at least once per month.

b. A member municipality with a population of less than 5,000 shall provide curbside collection at least once per month and/or have reasonable access to a drop-off facility for the collection of recyclable materials at least two days each month for a minimum of five hours each day for single-family and 2-4 unit residences unless demonstrated by the municipality that fewer hours adequately meet the needs of the residents.

c. A member municipality shall collect recyclable materials in a manner that maintains the marketability of those materials.

d. A member municipality may submit an application to the St. Croix County Community Development Committee, as provided for in Administrative Code §NR 544.08(3), for an alternative collection or processing system.

e. A member municipality is responsible for processing recyclable materials, collected from single-family and 2-4 unit residences, by ordinance or contract or a combination thereof.

f. Annually, the member municipality shall file a report with the Planning and Zoning Department, on forms provided by the Department, identifying all the following for the preceding year:

1) The tons of recyclable materials collected.
2) Associated costs for operating their recycling program.
3) Any other information requested by the Planning and Zoning Department regarding recycling activities.

21.3 HAULER STANDARDS

A. HAULER REQUIREMENTS

1. OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

a. All haulers operating in St. Croix County shall comply with the requirements of this ordinance.

b. All haulers shall obtain and keep any WI DNR and/or WISDOT licenses prior to operating as a hauler within the responsible unit.

2. COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT

a. Haulers shall transport recyclable materials, set out for recycling, to a self-certified material recovery facility as defined in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 544.16 and Wisconsin Statute §287.27(1) that sorts, packages and otherwise prepares recyclable materials for sale.

b. The hauler shall conduct collections in a manner which ensures that no separated recyclables are contaminated with trash.

c. Containers supplied by haulers shall conform to the standards in §§**21.2 C.2.** and **21.2 C.3**.

d. A residential audit card shall describe the contaminated materials that were found and how to prepare recyclable materials and trash for collection.

e. Haulers shall use a residential audit card to notify any residential customer that has:

1) Trash contaminated with any recyclable or banned materials.
2) Recyclable materials contaminated with trash, banned materials or separated materials.

f. Haulers shall notify any multi-family or non-residential customer that has:

1) Trash contaminated with any recyclable, banned materials or separated materials.
2) Recyclable materials contaminated with trash, banned materials or separated materials.

g. The non-residential notice shall describe the contaminated materials that were found and how to prepare recyclable materials and trash for collection.

3. REPORTING

a. Each hauler shall submit an annual report to the Planning and Zoning Department identifying the average number of residential customers and the weight in tons of trash, recyclable materials and yard waste materials collected from residents within the responsible unit including contracted and subscription services. Reports shall be submitted for the year by January 31st of the following year.

b. Haulers who collect and remove recyclable materials within/from the responsible unit shall maintain records and submit in their annual report the weights of recyclable materials, separated by types of recyclables as identified in **§21.2 E.1.a.**

4. NOTIFICATION TO CUSTOMERS

a. Upon the initial provision of municipal solid waste collection services to new customers and annually thereafter, the hauler shall notify its customers of their need to comply with the provisions set forth in this ordinance. At a minimum the notice shall include:

1) Reasons to reduce and recycle municipal solid wastes.

2) A list of recyclable materials, banned materials, and separated materials that shall be separated from trash.
3) How recyclable materials are to be prepared to meet processing requirements, i.e. remove cap, flatten, co-mingle.
4) Contact person, including name, address and phone number.
5) Locations and hours of operation of drop-off collection sites for recyclable materials not collected on-site.
6) The hauler's rate system.

b. For a multi-family or non-residential account, a notice may be sent to the account representative, provided that the notice shall inform the account's representative of its obligation to notify all individual customers or users of the recycling services that are available.

c. On or before January 31st of each year, the hauler shall deliver to the Planning and Zoning Department a true and correct written copy of the notification sent to each customer type, i.e. residential, multi-family or non-residential during the previous year.

21.4 ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. ADMINISTRATOR

a. The St. Croix County Planning and Zoning Director shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance.

2. POWERS AND DUTIES

a. The Planning and Zoning Director shall have the following powers and duties:

1) Delegate duties to and supervise department staff, other employees and authorized representatives to assure full and complete compliance with this ordinance and related Wisconsin Statutes and the Administrative Code.
2) Advise any person concerning the provisions of this ordinance and assist them in understanding the ordinance requirements.
3) Keep records of all inspections made, exemptions approved, reports and other official actions.
4) Have access to premises for the purpose of performing official duties as prescribed by law, subject to **§21.4 C.1**. below.
5) Investigate and enforce violations of this ordinance.
6) Issue and enforce orders to any person to assure proper compliance with all provisions of this ordinance.
7) Develop fees in accordance with this ordinance and approved by the St. Croix County Community Development Committee.
8) Receive and process appropriate forfeitures and fees.
9) Apply for and distribute grants obtained through the WI DNR Recycling Grant Program and other grant programs.
10) Develop and provide forms for member municipalities' annual reports and other information required to administer the municipal solid waste and recycling program(s).
11) Perform other duties regarding the recycling, reduction, recovery and disposal of municipal solid waste as considered appropriate by the Community Development Committee or the State of Wisconsin.
12) For purposes of inspections and application, obtain and execute special inspection warrant under Wisconsin Statutes §66.0119.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. AUTHORITY

a. The St. Croix County Board of Supervisors has assigned the authority and responsibility for policy direction for municipal solid waste and recycling programs to the St. Croix County Community Development Committee.

2. ORGANIZATION

a. All meetings and hearings of the Committee shall be conducted in conformance with Wisconsin Statutes §§19.81 through 19.98, the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and amendments and revisions thereto.

b. Subject to change by the County Board, the Committee may adopt such rules and regulations governing its procedures as it considers necessary or advisable and not in conflict with the Wisconsin Statutes.

3. POWERS AND DUTIES

a. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

1) To direct the preparation of a municipal solid waste management plan under Wisconsin Statutes §§59.70(2)(a) and 287.09(2)(a) and recommend to the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors for approval.
2) To hold public hearings pursuant to petitions for amendments to a plan and/or ordinance.
3) To recommend to the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors amendments to the municipal solid waste and/or recycling ordinances under Wisconsin Statutes §§59.70(2)(h) and 287.09(3)(b) or such further ordinances as it deems appropriate to fulfill the County's designation as responsible unit.
4) To approve or deny appeals from administrative decisions. All decision on appeals shall be in writing, shall state the reasons for the decision and shall be mailed to the applicant within 10 working days of the decision.
5) To commence civil actions for damages to recoup any and all costs of cleanup, together with the enforcement costs and fees (including attorney's fees) incurred in the removal of municipal solid waste or litter in accordance with **§21.4 D**.
6) To review applications from member municipalities for alternative collection or processing systems and determine whether to apply for approval of such system(s) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, as provided for in Administrative Code §NR 544.08(3) and **§21.2 E.2.d.**
7) To provide direction and legislative policy to the Planning & Zoning Department regarding the recycling and municipal solid waste programs.
8) To establish fees.
9) To avoid conflicts of interest or nepotism through adherence to the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Code of Ethics, St. Croix County Board Rules & Bylaws, Article IV, Section B, and the Wisconsin Statutes §§ 19.59 and 946.12 and 946.13.

C. INSPECTIONS

1. PURPOSE

a. To determine whether a person subject to the provisions of this ordinance is in compliance therewith, the Planning and Zoning Department, subject to the provisions in b. through f. below, and after receipt of a complaint, reserves the right to inspect municipal solid waste at or in the following:

1) Collection sites and facilities to which multiple loads of municipal solid waste are brought.
2) Hauler vehicles.
3) Sites, (excluding livestock housing areas, pens and barnyards)
   a) Exterior to a residential dwelling or on undeveloped property, if municipal solid waste on the site is suspected of posing a threat to public health, safety or the environment, or creates a nuisance, an eyesore, an unsanitary condition, or a fire hazard, or is being burned or buried; or

b) In the shared spaces of a multi-family property; or
c) On non-residential property.

b. Before engaging in any such inspection the county's representative shall seek permission from the owner or authorized agent thereof for access to inspect.

c. The county's representative(s) shall present to the owner or their authorized agent appropriate credentials, identifying them as a representative of St. Croix County for these purposes.

d. Staff shall not inspect an agricultural property unless accompanied by the owner or authorized agent, and will take necessary standard precautions as requested by the owner/agent to prevent cross-contamination from bio-hazards to or from the property. Staff will follow the standard practices established by the property owner to prevent contamination. Staff will avoid contact with livestock housing areas, pens and barnyards unless it is absolutely necessary to the inspection. Staff will not have direct contact with animals or animal manure.

e. If an owner or agent declines access to the county's representative, an application for a special inspection warrant under Wisconsin Statutes §66.0119, may be made.

f. If violations are identified enforcement procedures shall commence.

D. ENFORCEMENT

1. PROCEDURES

a. The Planning and Zoning Director or his/her authorized representative or any County law enforcement officer, may institute any appropriate action or proceeding against violators of this ordinance as provided by law or this ordinance, including issuing citations [St. Croix County Citation Ordinance - Chapter 1] or commencing a lawsuit seeking forfeitures and/or injunctive relief.

b. The Planning and Zoning Director shall generally use the following, in the order listed, to address violations of this ordinance:

1) Issue a written notice of violation and order that specifies the nature of the violation and the corrective action to be taken.

2) Issue a citation, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §66.0113 or consult with legal counsel regarding potential civil litigation in conjunction with citation enforcement or in lieu thereof for forfeitures, monetary damages or injunctive relief.

c. The Planning and Zoning Director is not mandated to follow the order of possible action if, in the Planning and Zoning Director's discretion, a situation requires different action.

2. PENALTIES

a. Any <u>person</u> who is adjudicated for violating this ordinance shall pay a forfeiture in accordance with the schedule set by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors and/or be subject to injunctive relief.

b. Each day a violation exists is a separate violation.

c. Each unit violation is a separate violation.

d. Additionally, the person adjudicated for violation of this ordinance shall pay court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

e. The remedies provided herein shall not be exclusive of other remedies.

f. Extraordinary fees, which may also include the cost of obtaining professional work or opinions including, but not limited to, engineers, hydrogeologists or public health professional, shall be charged to the person adjudicated for violation of this ordinance.

g. As a substitute for and in addition to forfeiture or injunction, the County may commence civil actions for damages to recoup any and all costs of cleanup, together with the enforcement costs and fees (including attorney's fees) incurred in the removal of the municipal solid waste or litter in accordance with this ordinance.

3. APPEALS OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

a. All administrative decisions shall be in writing.

b. Any person aggrieved by a written administrative decision made by the Planning and Zoning Director, or his/her authorized representative, may appeal the decision to the Community Development Committee.

4. PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL

a. An aggrieved person may appeal a decision to the Community Development Committee within 30 days of the date of a written decision.

b. An appeal of a decision shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Planning and Zoning Department.

c. The Planning and Zoning Department will prepare notices and schedule the appeal with the Community Development Committee.

21.5 DEFINITIONS

A. PURPOSE

1. INTERPRETATION

a. For the purpose of administering and enforcing this ordinance, the terms or words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

1) Words used in the present tense include the future: in the singular include the plural and in the plural include the singular.
2) The word "shall" is mandatory, not permissive.
3) All definitions that refer to Wisconsin Statutes shall incorporate any revisions or amendments to statutory language.
4) All definitions other than those referenced below shall be as the normal definition found in a standard dictionary.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. **Aluminum Containers:** Empty aluminum food and beverage cans and bottles.
2. **Banned Materials:** The items listed in **§21.2 D.1.a.** and **21.2 D.1.b.** or described in Wisconsin Statute §287.07 that are prohibited from land disposal and incineration.
3. **Beneficial Reuse:** The utilization of a solid waste of an industrial by-product in a productive manner.
4. **Cardboard:** Paperboard used in the manufacture of boxes and related products. The term does include corrugated cardboard, dry food boxes, shoe boxes, and like containers. It does not include cardboard packaging used in the refrigerator or freezer such as frozen food boxes, pizza boxes, waxed or glossy cardboard, beverage cartons or like containers.
5. **Clean Fill:** Trees; limbs; stumps; roots; shrubs with root balls; brush; weeds; wood that has not been painted, stained, sealed or treated; boulders, rock, soils; gravel; stones; unpainted bricks or concrete.
6. **Compostable Organic Materials:** Unprocessed plant material which microorganisms or soil invertebrates reduce into component compounds, producing carbon dioxide and water as primary by-products.
7. **Construction and Demolition Material:** Waste resulting from the construction or demolition of buildings, roads, and other man-made structures, including but not limited to, materials such as concrete, brick, bituminous, treated and untreated wood, masonry, glass, rock, and plastic building parts.
8. **Container:** Includes dumpster, yard box, wheeled cart, can, box, bin, basket, bag or any other similar object intended for the collection of trash or recyclable materials.
9. **County:** The County of St. Croix, a State of Wisconsin quasi-municipal corporation, or any department or representative that is authorized by this ordinance to represent the County in the administration or enforcement of this ordinance.
10. **County Collection Event:** A county-sponsored or sanctioned activity at which the County or a private entity collects specified recyclables or other banned or separated materials from the public for reuse, recycling or disposal.

11. **Curbside Collection:** A system for collecting and transporting municipal solid waste and/or recyclable materials for processing and marketing by a hauler.

12. **Dwelling:** A building or a portion thereof designed or used for residential occupancy, including single family and multi-family units but not including hotels, motels, boarding or rooming houses.

13. **Electronic Devices:** Devices that require electric current or electromagnetic fields to function and that contain a circuit board. Those devices identified in Wisconsin Statute §287.07 (5) are prohibited from land disposal and incineration and includes items defined in Wisconsin Statute §287.17(1), such as computers, laptops, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, televisions, computer monitors, keyboards, mice, central processing units (CPU's), other computer peripherals, video cassette recorders (VCR's), digital video devices (DVD's), compact disc (CD) players, other video players, cell phones, and phones with video display.

14. **Fluorescent Bulbs:** Bulbs that produces visible light by fluorescence, especially a glass tube whose inner wall is coated with a material that fluoresces when an electrical current causes a vapor within the tube to discharge electrons, includes compact fluorescent lamps.

15. **Glass Containers:** Empty glass bottles or jars; the term does not include other items made of glass including but not limited to plate glass, ceramics, light bulbs or mirrors.

16. **Hauler:** Any person who collects, transports or disposes of trash and/or recyclable materials for a fee from any person.

17. **Hazardous Waste:** Any municipal solid waste that is generated by any person and is defined hazardous by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or in Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. NR 661.

18. **Lead-Acid Batteries:** Storage batteries in which the electrodes are grids of lead containing lead oxides that change in composition during charging and discharging, and the electrolyte is dilute sulfuric acid.

19. **Litter:** Any municipal solid waste deposited or discharged on any property, roadway, right-of-way, waterway or in the municipal solid waste containers belonging to others except in containers appropriately labeled for public use.

20. **Magazines:** Periodicals made from paper which has a shiny appearance and other materials printed on similar paper; the term does not include phonebooks or periodicals printed on newsprint paper.

21. **Major Appliances:** All air conditioners, clothes washers, clothes dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, furnaces, trash compactors, conventional ovens, microwave ovens, ranges, stoves, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers and other similar devices.

22. **Member Municipality:** A city, village or town in the county responsible unit subject to 287.09(1)(c).

23. **Mercury-Containing Devices:** Electrical products or other devices, excluding batteries and lamps that contain mercury as a necessary component for their operation, including but not limited to mercury thermostats, thermometers, electric switches and relays, marine float switches and manometers.

24. **Multi-Family:** A property containing five or more dwellings, including those which are occupied seasonally.

25. **Municipal Solid Waste:** Residential, multi-family and non-residential trash, recyclable materials, banned materials, separated materials and construction and demolition material. It does not include domestic wastewater; sludge; animal waste, regulated under St. Croix County Ordinance Animal Waste Management Chapter 11; clean fill; or any process waste which is the direct or indirect result of the manufacturing of a product.

26. **Newspaper:** A publication printed on newsprint, such as a phonebook or flyer.

27. **Non-residential:** A property that is not residential or multi-family. It includes, but is not limited to commercial, industrial, office and retail properties.

28. **Nuisance:** An unreasonable activity or use of property that interferes substantially with the comfortable enjoyment of life, health, safety of another or others, including what are deemed to be both public and private nuisances.

29. **Occupant:** A person or persons who either permanently or temporarily resides in a dwelling.

30. **Office Paper:** High grade printing, copying and writing papers, as well as, envelopes and mail.

31. **Person:** Any human being; municipality or other governmental or political subdivision or other public agency; public or private corporation, business, partnership, firm, association or other organization; receiver, trustee, assignee, agent or other legal representative of any of the foregoing; or other legal entity.

32. **Plastic Containers:** Polyethylene terephthalate (PETE), plastic #1 and high density polyethylene (HDPE), plastic #2 plastic bottles which have a pourable neck. The term does not include caps, rings or bottles that have contained pesticides, herbicides or used waste oil; or other plastic containers (plastics #3-7).

33. **Public Place:** Facilities or properties open for public use or occupation, whether permanently or temporarily and whether owned or occupied by governmental entities or private persons.

34. **Recyclable Materials:** Aluminum containers, cardboard, glass containers, magazines, newspaper, office paper, plastic containers and steel and tin containers.

35. **Recycling Facility:** A facility that accepts recyclable materials and may perform some processing activities.

36. **Residential:** A property containing 1-4 dwellings, including those which are occupied seasonally.

37. **Responsible Unit:** The County and all municipalities in the County which have not retained responsible unit status under Wisconsin Statutes §287.09 (1) as well as those municipalities which have retained responsible unit status for themselves but which have contracted with the County to fulfill their duties as a responsible unit.

38. **Separated Materials:** The items listed in **§21.2 D.**

39. **Sharps:** Any medical item having a projecting cutting edge or fine point that was used in animal or human patient care or treatment or in medical research or industrial laboratories. The term includes, but is not limited to, hypodermic needles, syringes (with or without the attached needles), pasteur pipettes, scalpel blades, blood vials, needles with attached tubing, and culture dishes (regardless of the presence of infectious agents). Also included are other types of broken or unbroken glassware that were in contact with infectious agents, such as used slides or cover slips.

40. **Solid Waste:** Any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant or air pollution control facility and other discarded or salvageable materials, including solid, liquid, semisolid or contained gaseous materials resulting from industrial, commercial, mining and agricultural operations, and from community activities, but does not include solids or dissolved materials in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or industrial discharges which are point sources subject to permits under Chapter 283, or source material, as defined in §254.31(10), special nuclear material, as defined in §254.31(11), or bi-product material, as defined in §254.31(1).

41. **Special Events:** Entertainment, educational, musical, school-related, family and cultural events involving the assembly of people.

42. **Steel and Tin Containers:** Empty bi-metal, tin or steel food, beverage and aerosol cans.

43. **Trash:** Any person's putrescible or non-putrescible waste or discarded material. Recyclable materials, banned materials and construction and demolition materials are not included in this definition.

44. **Used Oil Absorbent Materials:** Materials that have been used to absorb waste oil.

45. **Used Oil Filters:** A filter that has been used for automotive engine oil, as defined in Wisconsin Statute §287.15 (1)(a) and (e).

46. **Waste Oil:** Any petroleum-derived or synthetic oil that has been used or spilled.

47. **Waste Tire:** A tire that is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage or defect as defined in Wisconsin Statute §289.55(1)(c).

48. **Yard Waste:** Leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden debris and brush, including clean woody vegetative material no greater than six inches in diameter in size. It does not include stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls.

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