



Ogle County Solid Waste
Management Department

2022 Annual Report

To the Residents of Ogle County

This is my first Annual Report as Director of the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department as I have taken over for Mr. Stephen Rypkema, who served the residents of Ogle County for a total of 32 years.

I have worked within this department since 2014, serving as Solid Waste Management Specialist since that time, and was promoted to the Director's position in May of 2022. Since then the department has maintained our mission and kept constant the programs and services that are of benefit to the residents of Ogle County.

Whether it is enforcement of state laws and regulations regarding landfills and illegal dumpsites, education and awareness of proper waste disposal and recycling, or providing recycling of difficult to dispose of materials, the mission statement for the department has been maintained and expanded in 2022. I look forward to additional expansion of services in 2023 and beyond.

There will be many challenges and opportunities in the future for waste management in Ogle County. I appreciate the efforts of our citizens who strive to make waste reduction, reuse, and recycling a habitual part of their everyday lives. Our combined efforts do make a difference. What will be your "one thing" to do each day to live out these three "R's"? Please feel free to contact us with any questions and suggestions. Our department looks forward to serving Ogle County in 2023 and beyond!

Sincerely,
Paul Cooney, Director

2023 Ogle County Board HEW/Solid Waste Committee

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department is to promote a clean and healthy environment by encouraging recycling, waste reduction, and safe disposal options for waste generated in Ogle County. The Department strives to fulfill this mission through educational programs, recycling grants and initiatives, local monitoring and enforcement of solid waste laws and regulations, and the implementation of special collection events that benefit the residents of Ogle County.

2022 Electronics Recycling Program

In 2022, twelve electronics recycling events were held. We continue to require free permits for these events, which allows us to verify residency, predict or limit the number of participants, and to better prepare for the events and staffing required. Permits are available by calling or emailing the department and providing your name, address, email, and phone number.

A total of 1,984 participants brought in over 80 tons (159,640 lbs.) of electronic waste which were diverted from local landfills and recycled by Dynamic Lifecycle Innovations, Onalaska, WI. That included almost 869 tube TVs (approximately 38 tons), 111 computer monitors, 224 microwave ovens, and a variety of other electronics.

We appreciate the help we get from volunteers, public service workers, and the Ogle County Probation Department to make this program possible.

Other 2022 Programs & Collection Events

- 1) Our 10th annual **Christmas Lights Recycling Program** was held at ten locations throughout the county. Approximately 1,230 pounds of Christmas light and extension cords and other scrap metal were collected.
- 2) The 24th annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Program** was co-sponsored by park districts, and local businesses. The 2021/2022 program collected 280 trees which were chipped and used for mulch. Since the program began, a total of over 414 tons of trees have been chipped and diverted from local landfills.
- 3) The 8th annual **Oil, Antifreeze, and Oil Filters Recycling Event** was held in August. 134 participants brought in 1,030 gallons of motor oil, 40 gallons of antifreeze, and a 3/4 full tote of oil filters, which were recycled.
- 4) **Latex Paint Recycling Events** were held in April & August along with aerosol cans, and propane cylinders. A total of 146 participants brought in 860 gallons, 230 quarts & 50 buckets of latex paint. 106 containers of oil based paints & stains. Aerosol cans and propane cylinders were also collected from 55 participants.
- 5) To help promote **Earth Day** OCSWMD worked with the Rock River Trail Initiative to distribute 10,000 oak tree saplings in ten counties bordering the Rock River in Illinois and Wisconsin. The free trees were provided by **Living Lands & Waters Million Trees Project**. 1,700 oak tree saplings were distributed to Ogle County residents or agencies to help improve the Rock River watershed.
- 6) Two **Paper Shredding Events** were held, one in April and one in October with 168 participants.

2022 Grants Awarded

Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants:

Kennay Farms Distilling	\$1,248.00
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Clean-Up Day Grants:

Village of Stillman Valley	\$2,000.00
Monroe Township	\$2,000.00
Village of Adeline	\$245.00
Village of Leaf River	\$1,259.50
Village of Forreston	\$1,576.50
Lynnville Township	\$1,106.33
Davis Junction	\$500.00
Village of Hillcrest	\$625.50
City of Oregon	\$2,000.00
City of Rochelle	\$2,000.00

Other Sponsorship:

In 2022 the OCSWMD was a \$1,000 sponsor of the Illinois Counties' Solid Waste Management Association's Annual Conference held in Utica at Starved Rock Lodge & Conference Center November 3rd & 4th, 2022. Over 80 participants from counties all over Illinois met in person for seminars and training for solid waste enforcement, waste reduction, solid waste grant information, and recycling education at Illinois' most popular state park.

IEPA Enforcement Grant and Delegation Agreement

Ogle County has maintained a Delegation Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency since 1990. This agreement allows the OCSWMD to enforce State solid waste laws and regulations in Ogle County. Since the start of the program the IEPA has provided an enforcement grant to off-set some of the costs incurred. Enforcement activities conducted in the last three fiscal years are shown below.

Complaints and Inspections 2020 - 2022 (12/01/20-11/30/22)

Complaints Investigated	2020	2021	2022	Number of Inspections Conducted	2020	2021	2022
Illegal Dumping	13	9	16	Permitted Landfills	39	38	39
Waste Burning Violations	17	13	1	Open Dump/Burning/Other	47	37	50
				Other Grant Related Activities	9	9	7
Nuisance/Other	12	4	3	Waste Removed and Properly Disposed from Illegal Dump Sites (cubic yards)	1349	969	594
Landfill Complaints	114	21	11				
Total # Complaints	156	47	31	Administrative Citation Fines Paid	\$250	\$50	\$0

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Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Statement (December 1, 2021—November 30, 2022)			
Revenues	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Solid Waste Fund Beginning Balance (12/01/FYr)	\$2,237,054	\$2,830,396	\$1,779,001
Landfill Host Fees	\$2,592,498	\$1,918,069	\$1,926,078
Interest	\$43,200	\$10,547	\$11,545
IEPA Enforcement Grant	\$60,744	\$60,744	\$60,679
Recycling Income	\$2,114	\$2,168	\$2,074
Fines/Restitution	\$250	\$50	0
Interfund Transfer in - IMRF Loan	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	0
Interfund Transfer in—Byron PD Loan	0	0	\$480,000
Interfund Transfer in - General Fund Loan	0	\$275,000	0
Misc. Income	0	\$5	\$4
Cares Act (Covid)	\$7,415	0	0
Annual Revenues	\$3,206,221	\$3,266,583	\$2,480,380
Total Revenues	\$5,443,275	\$6,096,979	\$4,259,381
Expenditure/Transfers	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Salaries	\$159,732	\$162,357	\$139,087
Fringe Benefits	\$77,334	\$63,141	\$44,350
Supplies, Equipment, Postage	\$4,553	\$3,091	\$2,602
Telecommunications	\$1,303	\$1,314	\$907
Contractual Services	\$6,868	\$12,500	\$23,566
Travel & Training Expenses	\$1,414	\$989	\$3,142
SW Reduction/Recycling/Collection Programs	\$12,811	\$16,015	\$14,213
County Grants Paid	\$8,532	\$9,949	\$14,561
Total Departmental Expenditures	\$272,547	\$269,356	\$242,428
Host Fee Payments to Other Units of Government	\$64,848	\$66,857	\$68,776
Transfers to Long Range Capital Improvement Fund	\$2,202,445	\$3,501,765	\$1,686,143
Transfers Out - County General Loan	\$29,800	0	0
Transfers Out - County Officers (interest)	\$43,239	0	0
Transfer Out - Byron Park District Loan	0	\$480,000	0
Total Non-Departmental Expenditures and Transfers	\$2,340,332	\$4,048,622	\$1,754,919
Total Expenditures & Transfers	\$2,612,879	\$4,317,978	\$1,997,347
Ending Balance	\$2,830,396	\$1,779,001	\$2,262,034

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