



2021

annual report



dearborn county recycling center

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about us

DEARBORN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District, also known as the Dearborn County Recycling Center or DCRC, is located in Aurora, Indiana. This facility serves as the operation's hub for recycling collection, as well as holds the Drive-Thru, Household Hazardous Waste collection, and Creation Station, which includes Costume Swap, ReProm, and the newest program, the Lending Station. From this hub, fifteen 24/7 recycling drop-off locations around Dearborn County are serviced, as well as recycling collection from 19 schools and close to 200 small businesses in the county.

2021 marked the DCRC's 28th year as a solid waste district and 17 years as a collection and processing facility for recycling. It continues to be the only entity within Dearborn County that accepts televisions for recycling, as well as the only collection point for household hazardous waste.

Our efforts are continually focused on reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfills through reduction, reuse, and recycling programs.



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Office Hours:
Monday – Friday: 8am – 4pm

Drive-Thru Hours:
Monday – Friday: 9am – 4pm
Wednesdays: 9am – 6pm



mission

The mission of the Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District is to foster a sense of responsibility and inspire action by Dearborn County residents to reduce solid waste by creating an awareness and commitment to reduction, reuse and recycling programs.

programs & services



general recycling program

- Brown, white, and gray paper boxes and bags
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans
- Steel/tin food containers and empty aerosols
- Cardboard boxes (flattened) and clean pizza boxes
- Newspaper, magazines, office paper, and envelopes
- Cartons and plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs

drive-thru service

- General recycling
- Document shredding
- Electronics (computers, monitors, phones, small kitchen appliances, etc.)
- Non-alkaline batteries
- Motor oil and filters
- Cooking oil
- Scrap metal
- Televisions
- Appliances
- Tires
- Latex paint

household hazardous waste collection

Including, but not limited to, household chemicals, oil based paints and stains, cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, and flammable liquids

commercial/school recycling

Program serves small businesses and schools throughout Dearborn County

education programs

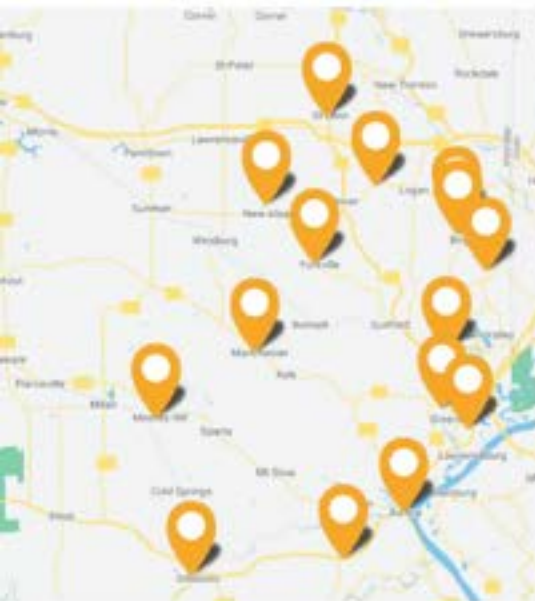
Education and outreach programs on a variety of environmental issues provided to schools, youth, and other community organizations

creation station

- Reuse center dedicated to the diversion of reusable materials from disposal in landfills to educators and non-profit groups in Dearborn County
- Featuring Costume Swap and ReProm, programs focusing on the reuse of gently worn Halloween costumes and formal dresses
- Lending Station allows individuals to borrow one-time use items for weddings, parties, and events

recycling locations

The DCRC owns and operates 16 source-separated recycling trailers, with one or two trailers located at 14 of the sites listed below 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Plastics-only collection trailers are also available at 3 locations: the Aurora Lions Club, Lawrenceburg, and Bright Elementary School. Toward the end of 2021, the DCRC added three cardboard-only collection containers to Bright Meadows, North Dearborn, and St. Leon. The DCRC has contracted with Rumpke Recycling to have a 30-yard commingled recycling container at the St. Leon location. Based on usage, the trailers are emptied on regularly scheduled days each week.



AURORA	The Heart House 6815 US 50
AURORA	Behind Lions Club between Main and Judiciary St
BRIGHT	Bright Elementary School 22593 Stateline Rd
BRIGHT	Bright Meadows Park 2095 Einsel Rd
BRIGHT	Merrilee's Hardware 2045 Business Center Dr.
DILLSBORO	Behind the Fire Dept between Front St. & Western Row
GREENDALE	Behind Greendale Park Rand St.
LAWRENCEBURG	County Fairgrounds US 50
MANCHESTER	Manchester Ballfields St. Route 48 & County Farm Rd
MOORES HILL	Intersection of Manchester St. & College St.
NEW ALSACE	American Legion Post 452 25329 Legion Rd
N DEARBORN	Lot on Sawdon Ridge Rd 5678 N. Dearborn Rd
ST. LEON	St. Leon Fire Department 28870 St. Joe Dr.
STATE RT 1	Tanner Valley UM Church 19235 St Rt 1
NEW! YORKVILLE	Widolff's General Store 7981 Yorkridge Rd

Rumpke Recycling Container: no need to sort at St. Leon. Loose, mixed recyclables will be taken to the Rumpke Materials Recovery Facility in Cincinnati for sorting and recycling.



Plastic Trailers

Aurora
Bright Elementary
Lawrenceburg



Cardboard Trailers

Bright Meadows
North Dearborn
St. Leon



10700 Prospect Lane
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Monday-Friday

9am – 4pm

Wednesdays

9am – 6pm

recycling center drive-thru

total customer report

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020	% CHANGE
Total Drive-Thru Visitors	391	276	495	469	462	498	519	505	513	481	485	506	5,400	4,551	23%
BREAKDOWN															
Antifreeze	1	4	12	8	5	8	6	7	10	11	1	5	78	55	47%
Batteries (auto)	5	1	5	6	4	7	4	5	2	2	0	0	41	55	17%
Batteries (household)	30	19	31	26	22	32	26	31	31	25	30	36	337	219	54%
Computers	24	10	20	22	14	17	24	20	14	15	20	21	219	218	0%
Document Shredding	32	15	31	24	29	32	36	26	28	22	27	25	327	215	52%
Flourescent Lamps	11	5	10	10	5	9	9	15	16	18	22	14	140	147	-5%
Freon Appliances	15	7	24	7	15	24	26	19	12	16	26	15	202	196	3%
General Recycling	150	185	275	227	241	284	287	282	505	277	186	323	3,020	2,460	23%
HHW walk-in	7	3	24	29	40	34	27	48	42	9	35	20	318	174	83%
Ink Cartridges	5	7	1	5	4	5	9	1	8	4	4	7	58	35	66%
Motor Oil	27	15	38	41	34	47	47	45	51	42	25	31	419	311	35%
Oil Filters	1	2	6	5	5	4	8	6	5	5	5	3	55	36	53%
Other Electronics	26	5	42	40	30	29	32	36	36	32	38	37	383	366	5%
Printers	17	12	18	15	6	10	15	9	18	11	15	15	161	186	-13%
Reuse Donation	42	29	32	31	41	45	50	53	43	29	34	34	503	485	4%
Scrap Metal	30	14	35	44	36	46	53	40	47	36	50	36	487	405	20%
Tires	18	12	39	25	14	43	37	32	33	25	31	22	327	275	20%
TVs	24	13	32	21	16	38	43	37	34	28	31	31	368	395	-6%
Water Based Paint	19	9	26	32	33	35	31	34	38	34	26	17	354	286	24%



general recycling



COMMODITY/ GENERAL	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
Aluminum (UBC)	19,460								7,920	12,890			40,270	0
Cardboard (OCC)	82,920	81,920	82,220	121,760	81,900	80,940	123,400	81,720	123,520	83,992	82,160	123,420	1,149,872	1,029,068
Glass		20,340		25,000	25,022	24,340		21,280		25,000			140,982	149,670
Mixed Paper (OMP)	42,570	40,000	41,410		41,645	41,015	41,250	40,880	40,880	41,245		41,674	472,569	501,916
Sorted Office Paper (SOP)			42,877		42,090					40,688			125,655	14,465
Shredding event				7,700									7,700	11,950
40 yard on-site		7,080	3,960		3,520	4,020	3,840	8,020		3,640		4,080	38,160	48,020
Computer receiver	53,200	43,880	49,320	43,460	50,840	54,520	47,120	56,040	46,340	48,640	40,920	55,620	591,900	668,120
Commingled - St. Leon	17,500	12,740	17,680	14,880	12,240	15,420	16,820	14,580	14,220	14,520	17,540	15,440	183,580	174,680
Commingled - New Alcoa	20,260	8,740	11,650	10,060	8,740	10,360							69,840	153,320
COMMODITY/NUISANCE														
Scrap Copper & Aluminum					420	28		448					896	1,542
Christmas lights		332											332	0
Scrap Metal		5520	3,480	8,400	5,820	4,420	4,260	4,380	5,640	4,360			46,280	56,180
Refrigerated units	3,292		2,794		1,319	2,840	3,278			5,568	2,830		19,721	21,880
Hard Cover Books				23,472									23,472	25,290
Tires	2,735	2,550	12,779	14,340	8,442	17,255	8,915	15,058	10,350	1,400	22,730	6820	123,154	170,855
Batteries (alkaline)						1,102							1,102	2,304
Televisions	4,766		3,941		14,357	5,257	3,205		4,887	3,642	3,554		41,609	52,611
Computers	932		660		2,159	1,814	568		842		625		7,598	8,298
Electronics	3,077		3,964		8,561	2,893	4,892		2,807	4,177	4,321		56,692	59,477
Matthew 25 miscellaneous	75										40		115	349
Total Pounds	250,787	225,102	278,765	246,700	350,347	264,224	257,548	242,586	257,206	287,562	174,718	247,054	3,061,167	2,916,029
General Items Total (Pounds)	255,910	214,700	249,147	224,860	265,997	230,615	232,430	222,520	232,880	270,615	140,620	240,234	2,760,528	2,537,174
Nuisance Items Total (Pounds)	14,877	8,402	29,618	22,740	64,350	33,609	25,118	19,866	24,326	16,947	54,098	6,820	300,971	378,855
General Items Total (Tons)	118.0	107.4	124.6	112.4	155.0	115.3	116.2	111.5	116.4	155.3	70.5	120.1	1,380.3	1,268.6
Nuisance Items Total (Tons)	7.4	4.2	14.8	11.4	32.3	16.8	12.6	9.9	12.2	8.5	17.0	3.4	150.5	189.4
Total Tons	125.4	111.6	139.4	123.8	187.3	132.1	128.8	121.2	128.6	163.8	87.4	123.5	1,530.8	1,458.0

waste vs. recycling

dearborn county waste 2021

		Waste (tons)
Rumpke	Hidden Valley Lake	2,083.90
	Rest of Dearborn County	13,517.32
Best Way	City of Greendale	2,067.45
	City of Lawrenceburg	5,777.90
	Rest of Dearborn County*	14,653.65
Total		38,100.22

The diversion rate is the percentage of waste diverted away from landfills. While the weights of all recyclables are not captured in the table to the left due to limitations of data collection from private industry, this picture gives a fair representation of the County's waste and recycling picture as a whole. Dearborn County's diversion rate for 2021 is 8%.

dearborn county recycling 2021

		Waste (tons)
Dearborn County	Recyclables & Nuisance	1,562.90
	Household Hazardous Waste	39.00
Rumpke	City of Greendale	329.71
	Hidden Valley Lake	346.35
	City of Lawrenceburg	483.66
	Town of Dillsboro	36.38
	Commercial Recycling	332.99
Total		3,094.99

Two waste haulers, Best Way and Rumpke, offer private trash hauling services in Dearborn County. Greendale and Lawrenceburg have their own sanitation departments and haul waste for their respective cities; both haul their waste to the Best Way Transfer Station in Greendale. Greendale offers single-stream curbside recycling to its residents and Lawrenceburg offers corrugated cardboard collection to its businesses and curbside recycling to its residents. Both haul their materials to Rumpke in Cincinnati for processing.



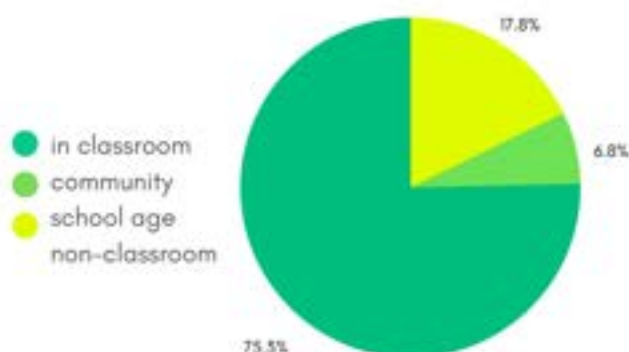
education programs



Programs in 2021 were slightly different from other years. Due to COVID, some schools were not allowing visitors to enter, and many events were canceled or scaled back. Educational efforts were shifted to outdoor and virtual programs for students. Advertising via social media and local newspaper outlets continued to be a great outlet for community and adult education.

Overall, 1,391 students and 818 adults participated in the DCRC's education and outreach programs.

2021 sessions



Classroom sessions are always higher than other types of sessions because there are almost always multiple sessions for each day spent at a school.

The Program Sessions by Title table to the left shows how many sessions of each program were completed. While the sessions were down from previous typical years, the DCRC was still excited to be back in the schools for programming. Worm Composting was the most popular program in part because it is used for the Ag Days event, serving all county 3rd graders.

Program sessions for Kindergarten through 2nd grade made up 35% of the total while 3rd through 5th was 53% and 6th through 12th accounted for 12%.

PROGRAM	SESSIONS
Worm Composting	44
Paper Recycling	8
3Rs	2
Freddy Fish	1
Virtual 3Rs	1
Virtual Worm Composting	1



outreach programs



Community
Shred Day

Outreach efforts in 2021 included a Community Shred Day, a mobile electronics collection in Bright, a booth at the Dearborn County 4-H Fair, the Lawrenceburg Farmers' Market, CASA Teen Halloween and a tire collection event.



The DCRC partnered with the North Dearborn Library in April for a Community Shred Day. Student volunteers from Harrison Middle School Junior Honor Society helped remove items from the cars. The DCRC also donated items for a bird feeder craft that was done inside the library.



Dearborn
County
4-H Fair

The DCRC strives to make its services as convenient as possible to the population it serves. In 2021, a mobile electronics collection was held in Bright at the old North Dearborn Elementary School. One hundred forty customers were served at this remote location where 83 televisions and 5,656 pounds of computers and miscellaneous electronics were collected.

The Dearborn County 4-H and Community Fair is always time well-spent out and about in the community, meeting with residents as well as people from the surrounding communities. The Fair was slightly scaled back from other years but was still a success. The Fair was the third week in June and was open Monday through Saturday evenings. The DCRC had a total of 574 visitors over the six days, with 249 students, and 325 adults. A hand-shaped chair and recycling bins were awarded as prizes.

L'burg
Farmers'
Market



Mobile
Electronics
Collection

The DCRC also had a booth at the Lawrenceburg Farmers' Market during two different weekends in September. A DCRC representative handed out reusable bags and literature about the DCRC services. The booth was time well-spent in the community, meeting with residents as well as people from the surrounding communities. Although our recycling services only cover Dearborn County, we work with other industry leaders like Rumpke to provide consistent messaging regarding recycling.

The DCRC was invited to pass out candy at the 2nd Annual Dearborn County Youth Ambassadors Teen Halloween Night at Tanners Creek Boat Ramp.



reuse programs



Creation
Station



Costume
Swap



reuse services used

	2021	2020	% CHANGE
Reuse Donation	503	485	4%
Costume Swap	819	720	14%
ReProm	435	434	0%
Creation Station	623	375	66%

creation station

Creation Station is Dearborn County's reuse center and one of the greatest local resources for non-profit organizations. This program would not be successful without generous donations from the community. Individuals and businesses donate items they no longer need but are still usable and helpful to others. Creation Station has a large assortment of office, educational, school and craft supplies to offer teachers, church leaders, 4-H leaders, Scout leaders, and other non-profit groups. Customers comment on a regular basis how Creation Station has saved them and their non-profit organizations a lot of money. Creation Station hours were increased two hours per week in 2021, and it is now open on Wednesdays from 1-6 pm. There were 301 customers in 2021 and 7751 pounds of material disbursed, not including deliveries from Creation Station to the teachers which are listed below. Since 2004, the Creation Station has diverted close to 68 tons of material from the landfill!

school delivery program

The School Delivery Program just finished its fifth year. This program was put in place to help teachers and staff that are unable to visit Creation Station during open hours. Deliveries are made to teachers in up to 17 different Dearborn County schools once a month during the school year based on e-mailed requests. Deliveries were made to an average of 36 teachers and 14 schools per month. There was a total of 322 deliveries made totaling 3748 pounds in the nine months that school was in session in 2021.

costume swap

Costume Swap is one of the District's biggest reuse programs. This is an exchange program with over 1000 costumes available for exchange. There is also a lot of makeup, accessories, and Halloween decorations. 2021 still followed several of the guidelines used the previous year which allowed social distancing and crowd control. A lot of new costumes and decor were donated from a local business at the end of the Halloween season to be used for next year's swap. Customers who did not have a costume to trade gave a donation. Donations to Costume Swap totaled \$1,316. There was a total of 720 customers that used Costume Swap in 2021.

reuse programs

reprom

ReProm is the District's formal dress exchange program which started in 2012 with about a dozen dresses and has grown to about 1200 dresses. Many girls purchase a dress and wear it one time. This exchange program allows girls to bring in a dress they do not plan on wearing again and swap it for one that is new to them. This program saves families money as it cuts down on the expense of the Prom. It also gives these formal dresses a chance to be worn again instead of hanging in the closet for years never to be used again. ReProm is open all year on Wednesdays from 1-6 pm for all types of formal events with special dates and times around Prom time. Appointments were required all year. Girls who did not have a dress to exchange gave a donation. In 2021 a total of \$1,638 in donations were received. ReProm had an impressive 435 visitors considering many annual events still did not happen in 2021.



ReProm

holiday giveaway

2021 was our third Holiday Giveaway. Since it was canceled in 2020, there were two years worth of donations to give away. Thanks to the help from several volunteers and employees, the warehouse was turned into a huge holiday and craft shop. In just three days, 555 customers took holiday and craft supplies home totaling 4,660 pounds including 31 Christmas trees. Holiday items are collected in the Drive-Thru throughout the year for this event. Many individuals and non-profit organizations enjoyed getting holiday decorations thanks to the Holiday Giveaway. Most of these items would have otherwise ended up in the landfill.



Holiday Giveaway

lending station

This program can be used for weddings, graduation parties, showers, and other special events. It has a variety of glassware, table coverings, and decorations in multiple quantities. Lending Station is constantly growing with new donations giving people a larger variety to choose from for their special occasion. This program was used for 12 different events in 2021. The inventory can be found on our website at dearborncountyrecycles.com.



Lending Station

improvements and awards



creation station grant

The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. (DCF) awarded \$1,000 to the Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District from the Board Member Proactive Grants Program for the Recycling Center's Creation Station. Jim Stock, a retired educator and DCF board member visited Creation Station and made the recommendation for the grant to the board.

The funds were used to supplement the resources available to educators and non-profit groups in Dearborn County. During November school deliveries, teachers were surveyed on what type of items they need for their classrooms. The funds from the grant were used to purchase those additional items. Most items that are donated to Creation Station are donated in a limited amount. Having this grant allowed the District to supply teachers with some items that are not usually donated.

recycling market development grant

The DCRC was a 2020 recipient of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Recycling Market Development Grant. The grant money was used to purchase three new recycling drop-off containers that are dedicated to corrugated cardboard. The funding for the grant was received in 2021. The containers arrived in October and were placed at North Dearborn, Bright Meadows Park, and St. Leon. The locations were chosen due to the high volume of recycling at those locations.



employee milestones

joe dittmer

The DCRC celebrated Joe Dittmer's 10th anniversary on January 6th! This milestone is shadowed by the fact that Joe spent 30 years at Cincinnati Incorporated, where he built machines. Joe has brought years of valuable experience to the DCRC processing facility. When asked what he likes most about his job, Joe replied that he likes the camaraderie of the employees at the DCRC, as well as feeling like he is contributing to the betterment of the community. Like Joe, the majority of employees at the DCRC are retired from other occupations, bringing experience and dedication to the workplace while continuing the use of their skills. In his spare time, Joe enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, as well as cutting wood.



mike teaney

The DCRC celebrated Mike Teaney's 10th anniversary on September 6th. Mike spent over 36 years at Tanner's Creek I&M, where he ran tractors in the coal yard, worked on barges and was a welder. After Mike retired from I&M, he spent 5 years working for Hollywood Casino (originally Argosy Casino) as a slot machine attendant. Since Mike joined the DCRC, he has been a skid steer operator, drive-thru attendant, worked in processing, and currently drives routes for our residential trailers. Mike's favorite part of the DCRC is celebrating birthdays for employees, and the homemade desserts that come with those celebrations. Mike is married and enjoys spending his free time traveling and camping with his wife, two daughters, and 4 grandchildren.



additional anniversaries

- 11** **Dale Workman**
Residential Driver
11 years January 4
- 11** **Elmer Campbell**
Processing Employee
11 years June 22
- 11** **Steve Black**
Processing Employee
11 years November 2
- 9** **Sandy Whitehead**
Director
6 years November 4
(plus 3 years as Educator)
- 6** **Ross Cutter**
Commercial Driver
6 years August 4
- 6** **Julie Robinson**
Reuse Coordinator
6 years October 27
- 5** **David Craig**
Operations Manager
5 years February 1
- 5** **Don Shelton**
Forklift Operator
5 years October 13
- 5** **Gene Voegelé**
Drive-Thru Attendant
5 years December 2

congratulations!

financial report

dearborn county solid waste management district budget



Line Item	Description	2021 Budget
<i>Category: Personnel Services</i>		
100	Salaried	\$121,000
110	Hourly Full-Time	\$146,000
111	Hourly Part-Time	\$169,000
171	FICA	\$34,000
172	PERF	\$31,000
174	SUTA	\$3,000
182	Advisory Per Diem	\$2,200
Total		\$506,200
<i>Category: Supplies</i>		
211	Office Supplies	\$3,000
213	Reuse Center Supplies	\$4,000
221	Processing Supplies	\$5,000
231	Equipment Expense	\$8,000
232	Fuel Expense	\$31,000
241	Safety Supplies	\$3,000
242	Janitorial & Property Supplies	\$3,000
Total		\$57,000
<i>Category: Other Services and Charges</i>		
312	Professional Services	\$10,000
321	Travel	\$1,100
322	Conference & Training	\$2,500
324	Subscriptions & Dues	\$500
332	Printing	\$1,200
333	Advertising	\$22,000
334	Promotions	\$3,500
341	Insurance	\$30,000
350	Utilities	\$22,000
351	Communications	\$5,000
362	Equipment repairs & maintenance	\$40,000
381	Property Loan	\$34,000
390	Education	\$1,500
391	Education Partnerships	\$1,500
392	Recycling Programs	\$5,000
393	Uniforms	\$1,000
394	HHW Disposal	\$29,000
395	Non-Hazardous Disposal	\$75,000
Total		\$284,800
<i>Category: Capital Outlays</i>		
431	Property Improvements	\$10,000
444	Processing Center Equipment	
450	Machinery, Equipment and Vehicles	\$34,000
Total		\$44,000
Grand Total		\$892,000

the people of dcswmd



2021 personnel

Director	Sandy Whitehead
Educator/Outreach Coordinator	Stefanie Hoffmeier
Reuse Coordinator/ Office Assistant	Julie Robinson
Operations Manager	David Craig
Drive Thru Supervisor/ HHW	Randy Robinson
Residential Trailer Drivers	Dale Workman Mike Teaney
Commercial/ School Collection	Ross Cutter Randy Bath Terry Black
Lead Forklift	Don Shelton Randy Stenger
Drive Thru Attendants	Gene Voegele Clinton Burlage
Processing	Elmer Campbell Steve Black Joe Dittmer Ken Masmeier

executive board

Alan Weiss	Mayor of Greendale, Board President
Art Little	County Commissioner, Board Secretary
Rick Probst	County Commissioner
Tim Doll	Representative, County Council
Jim Thatcher	County Commissioner
Kelly Mollaun	Mayor of Lawrenceburg
Bryan Messmore	City Coordinator, Lawrenceburg
Doug Garner	Pillar Law Group, Board Attorney

citizens advisory committee

Paul Filter (Chairperson)	Linda Johnson
Phil Piche (Vice Chairperson)	Linda Chastang
Bernadine Ickenroth	Amy Deaton
Deb Crosby	Nancy Lillie





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