

# Annual Report



2016



# About the Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District

The Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District, known more familiarly as the Dearborn County Recycling Center, employs 17 individuals at the main facility in Aurora, Indiana. This facility holds the Drive Thru, Household Hazardous Waste collection site, and serves as the operation's hub for recycling collection. From this hub, thirteen 24/7 recycling drop-off locations around Dearborn County are serviced, as well as recycling collection from 19 schools and 175 small businesses in the county.

As of 2016, DCSWMD was in its 24th year as a solid waste district and its 12th year as a collection agency. 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 from residents and businesses that are considered conditionally exempt small quantity generators.

Looking into 2017, the Dearborn County Recycling Center will continue to seek ways to reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfills through reduction, reuse, and recycling programs. We pride ourselves on being the local recycling experts for everyone in Dearborn County. Feel free to contact us anytime.

## Contact Information

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“Like” our Facebook page (Dearborn County Recycling Center)

Hours of Operation:  
Monday through Friday 9 am to 4 pm  
Wednesday 9 am to 6 pm

## Our 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.



# The People of DCSWMD



## Current Personnel

### Director

Sandy Whitehead

### Educator/Outreach Coordinator

Molly Resendes

### Office Assistant/Reuse Coordinator

Julie Robinson

### Operations Manager

David Craig

### Lead Forklift

Mike Teaney

### Residential Trailer Drivers

Jim Johnston and Dale Workman

### Drive Thru Attendants

Don Shelton and Steve Zoz

### Processing

Steve Black  
Elmer Campbell  
Wayne Cheatham  
Joe Dittmer  
Casey Gilmour  
Gene Voegelé

### Commercial/School Collection

Ken Bevis and Ross Cutter



## Board of Directors

**Shane McHenry, Board President**  
County Commissioner

**Art Little, Board Secretary**  
County Commissioner

**Kelly Mollaun**  
Mayor of Lawrenceburg

**Alan Weiss**  
Mayor of Greendale

**Kevin Lynch**  
County Commissioner

**Allen Goodman**  
County Council

**Bryan Messmore**  
Lawrenceburg City Coordinator

**Doug Garner**  
Attorney



## Citizens Advisory Committee

**Paul Filter, Chairman**

**Phil Piche, Vice Chairman**

**Patty Bourquein**  
(resigned March 2016)

**Bob Brookbank**

**George Gardner**

**Kevin Gerke**

**Bernadine Ickenroth**

**Steve Lieland**

**Nancy Lillie**

**Ralph Thompson**  
(resigned April 2016)



# Recycling Locations

## Dearborn County Recycling Center Drive Thru

10700 Prospect Lane, Aurora

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## 24/7 Recycling

### Aurora

6815 US 50

*Parking lot of the Heart House*

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### Bright

2045 Business Center Drive

*Parking lot of Merrilee's Hardware*

### Bright

22593 Stateline Road

*Front parking lot of Bright Elementary School*

### Dillsboro

13030 Executive Drive

*Parking lot behind Town Hall*

### Greendale

Rand Street

*Behind Greendale Park, next to City Garage*

### Lawrenceburg

Eads Parkway (US 50)

*Parking lot of Fairgrounds near Haag Ford*

### Manchester

*Parking lot by Manchester ball fields*

### Moores Hill

*Parking lot of Moores Hill Utility Building*

### New Alsace

200 Legion Road

*Parking lot of the American Legion*

### North Dearborn

5678 North Dearborn Road

*Parking lot off Sawdon Ridge Road*

### St. Leon

28870 St. Joe Drive (old SR1)

*Behind St. Leon Fire Department*

### State Route 1

19235 State Road 1

*Parking lot of Tanner Valley United Methodist Church*



# Program and Services Overview

## General Recycling Program

- Brown, white & gray paper boxes & paper rolls
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum beverage containers
- Steel/tin cans
- Cardboard boxes
- Newspaper & inserts, magazines, office paper & envelopes
- Plastic bottles

## Drive Thru Service

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

## Household hazardous waste collection

- Including, but not limited to, chemicals, oil based paints and stains, cleaners

## 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** -Dedicated to the diversion of reusable materials from disposal in landfills to educators and non-profit groups throughout Dearborn County

- Featuring *Costume Swap* and *ReProm*, programs focusing on the reuse of gently worn Halloween costumes and formal dresses



# General Recycling

<i>Commodity / General</i>	<i>Total pounds 2016</i>	<i>Total pounds 2015</i>
Aluminum (UBC)	33,040	0
Cardboard (OCC)	1,099,610	1,288,918
Glass	416,162	421,620
Tin Cans (SFC)	107,300	39,043
Mixed Paper (OMP)	1,065,481	1,073,452
All Plastic Bottles	259,443	160,350
<i>General Items Total</i>	2,981,036	2,983,383

<i>Commodity / Nuisance</i>	<i>Total pounds 2016</i>	<i>Total pounds 2015</i>
Cellular Phones	30	21
Scrap Copper & Aluminum	1,498	391
Scrap Metal	33,460	29,500
Refrigerator Compressors	2,892	0
A/C Coils/Refrigerant	314	47
Hard Cover Books	35,920	39,205
Tires	56,645	64,869
Alkaline Batteries	3,389	4,249
Electronics (non computer)	73,527	87,522
Computers [includes monitors]	17,822	18,092
Commercial Copiers	356	532
Household Hazardous Waste	34,370	31,757
Yard waste	3,420	0
<i>Nuisance Items Total</i>	263,643	276,185

<b>General &amp; Nuisance total pounds</b>	<b>3,244,679</b>	<b>3,259,568</b>
<b>Total Tons</b>	<b>1,622.3</b>	<b>1629.784</b>

2016 Rumpke Curbside Recycling tonnage	
Townships *	111.08
Dillsboro	32.97
Front load	47.51
Hidden Valley Lake	316.26
Total	507.82
*Townships where curbside recycling is available are Center, Harrison, Lawrenceburg, Logan, and Mil-	

# Waste vs. Recycling



Reported Waste Disposal Tonnage for Dearborn County	
Best Way	Rumpke
9363.49	12451.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>21815.4</b>

Dearborn County 2016		
Total trash (tons)	Total recycling (tons)	Diversion rate
21815.40	2130.12	9.8%

The waste and recycling charts do not include data from collection of materials from large companies within Dearborn County that deal directly with private haulers.

Recycling continues to increase in Dearborn County even though the numbers do not reflect this trend at first glance. Although the data shows a decrease of approximately 15,000 pounds, this loss is mitigated when considering other factors. The loss of a customer that recycled approximately 2,000 pounds per day of corrugated cardboard with the District purchased its own baler and began doing its own recycling directly with a broker in March.

## Total Customer report

Program	2016 Total	2015 Total	% change from 2015-2016
Drive Thru total visitors	4,100	2990	37%
General Recycling	1,970	not previously tracked	
HHW Appointment	189	121	56%
Document Shredding	317	197	61%
Reuse Donation	578	539	7%
HHW Event	67	126	-47%
Costume Swap	345	188	84%
Re-Prom	210	51	312%
Creation Station	311	not previously tracked	
<b>Total visitors to DCSWMD for recycling services</b>	<b>5,033</b>		

2016 was the first full year for the Drive Thru to be open Monday through Friday. These daily hours began in May of 2015.

HHW event attendance has declined while overall the number of HHW customers has increased. This is likely explained by the fact that HHW is now accepted by appointment during normal business hours.

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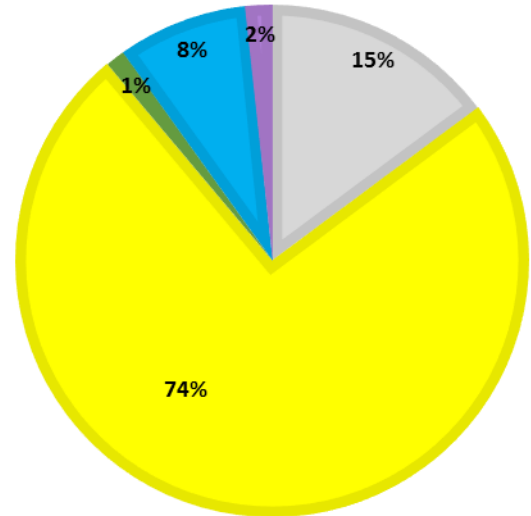
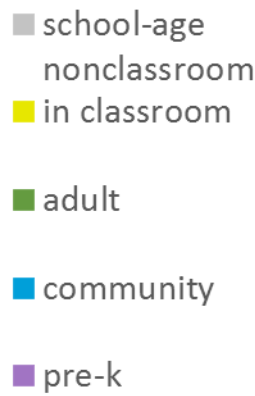
## Education and Outreach Programs

The District offers free education and outreach programs to County residents of all ages. Educational programs stress the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling as the best

ways to decrease waste and promote environmental conservation. Outreach programs use a project-based approach to engage participants.

In 2016 over 240 programs sessions were completed. A total of 8,284 people were reached including 6,887 students and 1,397 adults.

**PROGRAM SESSIONS BY PARTICIPANTS**



### Program Sessions by Type

Program	Sessions
3Rs	14
Arbor Day	1
Compost Stew	1
Edible Landfill	20
Enviro-Careers	10
Enviro-Jeopardy	12
Enviro-Survivor	6
Freddy The Fish	9
HHW	1
Holiday Greenery	8
How Do They Do That?	2
Litter Bugs	1
Litter Outreach	18
Outreach	16
ReProm Outreach	3
Paper Recycling	33
Reduce Lunch Waste	18
Renewable is Doable	2
Tour	3
What A Mess	7
Worm Composting	58

Completed program sessions are categorized by the age of participants and/or environment in which they were presented. The pie graph above shows the percentages of programs completed for each category of participants.

The table to the left details the number of times each of the 21 programs was presented during 2016.

Additional information tracking showed that an almost equal percentage of programs were completed for each of the County's three school districts.

Further data reports that most programs are completed during daytime hours, but that 31% were conducted in the evening or on Saturdays.





In addition to educational programming in 2016 an extensive community outreach project was accomplished. The project involved the efforts of thousands of school children, and was a collaboration among several towns, cities and county entities.

In the spring of 2015, in response to concern from residents, Dearborn County Commissioners decided to appoint a committee to work toward reducing the presence of litter. The committee started with three members: Celeste Calvitto of The Bright Beacon, Dearborn County Engineer Todd Listerman and Dearborn County Solid Waste

Management District Educator Molly Resendes. Their first task was to clean up roadways. 100 signs were posted on county roads warning the \$1000 fine for littering. Another 100 signs were posted on state roads by INDOT. These anti-littering signs are being studied by the Indiana government to determine their effectiveness and the possibilities for posting them state-wide.

The initial estimates of cleanups needed in Dearborn County led the committee to consider prevention as a key part of the goals for litter reduction. In an effort to reduce litter, a program was designed by Molly Resendes to place 96 permanent recycling containers in public areas.

In 2016, all 19 schools in Dearborn County helped make recycling containers from 55 gallon refurbished steel drums. Several other groups also participated, including Girl Scouts, 4-H and CASA Youth Ambassadors. Literally thousands of students help create 96 distinctive containers that showed eco-friendly messages as well as school and community pride.

Drums have been placed in Aurora, Lawrenceburg, Greendale, Dillsboro, Moores Hill, Manchester, Dearborn County Parks, outside the County

Administration building and Courthouse. They are equipped with recycled plastic lids and informational placards.

The cost of the recycling drum project was split between Celeste Calvitto and the Recycling Center.



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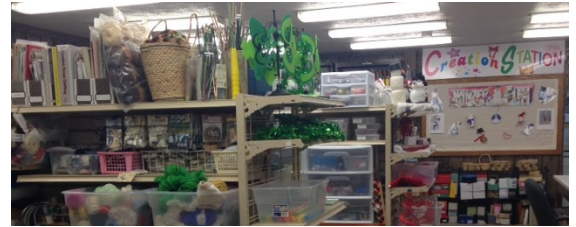




## Reuse Programs

### Creation Station

Dearborn County's reuse center diverts reusable materials from landfills while supplying non-profit educators with valuable resources. Materials are donated by individuals and local businesses. They are made available to classroom teachers, homeschool parents, non-traditional educators, 4-H leaders, Scout leaders, and more. In 2016 Creation Station surpassed the impressive number of 44.28 tons diverted from landfills since its inception in December 2004.



A total of 311 customers visited Creation Station in 2016.

The program was aided by RSVP and several individual volunteers who helped sort and arrange materials.

### Costume Swap

The 7th annual Costume Swap saw a participation increase of 84%. A total of 345 participants visited the swap.

As the program continues annually the customer base grows through word of mouth. Many participants commented that in 2016 they were attending for the third or fourth time.

Staff members Julie Robinson and Molly Resendes (at right) found their costumes at the swap.



### Re-Prom

Re-Prom is an exchange program that offers a way for prom-goers to swap their once-worn formal gowns for new or *new-to-you* options without creating the waste or financial burden of buying new.



The program's 4th year saw its biggest success with 210 people shopping. The number shows a 312% increase over 2015.

Most participants were teenage prom-goers, but others came for a different kind of "senior prom." Pictured at left are residents and staff of Ashford Place, which held a special dance for residents in May.

The ReProm stock was augmented in 2016 by a donation of about 400 dresses from a need-based prom program called the Cinderella Project.





# Financial Summary

## Income Statement

### Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District Fiscal Year 2016

Total for all Funds January 1, 2016

447,009

#### Income

Property Taxes			747,504
Interest			891
Refunds and Reimbursements			3,760
Donations, Gifts and Bequests			3,727
Recycling Sales			57,716
Recycling Fees			54,131
Additional Appropriation transfers			\$314,106

#### Total Income

1,181,836

#### Expenses

100s:	Personal Services	420,683	420,683
200s:	Supplies		
	Office supplies	4,678	
	Operating supplies	32,173	
	Repair and Main. Supplies	3,574	
	Total Supplies		40,425
300s:	Services and Charges		
	Professional Services	26,253	
	Communication and Transportation	5,668	
	Printing and Advertising	20,532	
	Insurance	35,044	
	Utility Services	20,919	
	Repairs and Maintenance	41,916	
	Other Services and Charges	52,438	
	Total Services and Charges		202,769
400s:	Capital Outlay		
	Payments on Bonds and other Debt		75,424
	Machinery, Equipment		22,867
	Additional Appropriation transfers		\$316,121

#### Total Expenses

1,078,289

Cash Balance (December 31, 2016)

550,557

