

# 2015 Annual Report

## To the Residents of Ogle County

This annual report highlights the many activities which the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department (OCSWMD) accomplished in 2015 to reduce waste, increase recycling, enforce solid waste laws and regulations, and provide safe disposal options for county residents.

In 2015, collection events were held for electronics, oil, antifreeze and oil filters, waste medicine, Christmas trees, and Christmas lights. An Earth Day Fair & Recycling Event was also held in Rochelle. The department also assisted in the clean up after the tornado that struck the County on April 9th by collecting and recycling electronics, household hazardous waste and scrap metal in affected areas.

I appreciate the efforts of Ogle County residents who have made waste reduction, recycling and safe disposal of waste a part of their everyday life. Your efforts do make a difference! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions. Our department looks forward to serving Ogle County in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
*Stephen J. Rypkema*, Director

### 2015 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.*

### Ogle County Drop-Off Recycling Program

The OCSWMD continued to maintain five drop-off recycling sites (Byron, Forreston, Monroe Center, Oregon and Rochelle) and assisted with promotion of two other private sites (Moring in Polo and Orchard Hills Landfill in Davis Junction.) In 2015, the sites collected about 1,801,684 pounds (901 Tons) of materials for recycling. This program continues to be very popular among county residents. Business owners are reminded that this program is intended for household recycling and not businesses.

### Annual Recycling Survey

In order to monitor progress towards recycling and waste reduction goals, the OCSWMD sends surveys to businesses, schools, waste haulers, and other entities in the County to determine how much waste is recycled or disposed. Based on the information received, the estimated amount of municipal waste recycled in 2015 increased by about 1,050 tons, however, the amount landfilled also increased by about 8,500 tons. This resulted in a recycling rate of 30%, a decrease of 3% from 2014. This can be attributed to the tornado debris that was generated and managed in 2015. Thank you, Ogle County residents and businesses, for continuing to recycle a significant portion of your waste.

### Business Recycling Recognition Program

For the 12th year, businesses, schools, and agencies that responded to our annual recycling survey and recycled at least three different materials or a significant amount, were recognized in paid display ads in local newspapers, and with a door sticker that states "Recognized by Ogle County for our Recycling Efforts." Thirty-nine businesses, schools, and agencies were recognized for 2015.

## Environmental Education Efforts

The OCSWMD maintains an educational library consisting of books, DVDs, and curriculum for county residents, schools, and businesses to use. To help promote Earth Day and environmental education in Ogle County, the Department sponsored 14 school performances by Jack Kaufmann, *In-The-Green Productions*. The multi-media program taught about recycling, hazardous waste management and environmental stewardship. In addition, classroom presentations, educational supplies such as recycled pencils, activity booklets and bookmarks were provided to many students & teachers. Donations of educational DVD's and books were provided to schools and public libraries throughout the county. These donated books and DVD's focused on recycling and environmental topics.

## Special Collection Events

- 1) Our third annual **Christmas lights Recycling Program** was held at nine locations throughout the county. 1,010 pounds of Christmas light and extension cords and other scrap metal were collected. The OCSWMD donated \$150 to the United Way of Ogle County from the price paid by Behr Iron & Metal in Rochelle.
- 2) The 17th Annual **Christmas Tree Recycling Program** was co-sponsored by park districts, FFA groups and local businesses. The 2014/2015 program collected 611 trees which were chipped and used for mulch. Since the program began, a total of over 331 tons of trees have been chipped and diverted from local landfills.
- 3) In April an **Earth Day Fair & Recycling Event** was held in Rochelle to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Earth Day. Twelve businesses, non-profits, and government agencies participated in the fair and provided services like electronics recycling, free oak trees, and information on recycling, conservation, environmental health, gardening, and renewable energy. Almost 12 tons of electronics were collected and recycled!
- 4) An **oil, antifreeze, and oil filters recycling event** was held in August. 120 participants brought in 1,746 gallons of motor oil, 268 gallons of antifreeze, and two barrels of oil filters, which were recycled.
- 5) The OCSWMD worked with the Oregon Park District, the Sheriff's Department and other groups to hold the 7th Annual Oregon Area **Rock River Sweep** in September. 47 volunteers cleaned up a seven mile section of the river and collected four dump truck loads of trash, which were sorted for recycling.
- 6) In September, the department worked with local law enforcement agencies and LSSI to promote and hold a **waste medicine take-back event** in which about 1,500 pounds of medicine were collected and disposed through the DEA program.
- 7) For the second year, the department sponsored a **monthly electronics recycling program** at our facility for Ogle County residents. 71 tons of electronics were collected, sorted and recycled.

## Grants Awarded

<b>Waste Reduction/Recycling Grants:</b>		Village of Adeline	\$ 267.23
Flagg Rochelle Community Park District \$1,744.32, for the purchase of Excel air hand dryers for the parks.		Village of Leaf River	\$807.50
Oregon Park District, \$2,000, for the purchase of 3 recycling containers and accessories for the parks.			
Oregon Elementary School, \$620, for the purchase of 350 reusable water bottles for grades 2-4.			
Aplington Middle School, \$488.32, for the purchase of 8 recycling containers for the school.			
<b>Clean-Up Day Grants:</b>			
Village of Stillman Valley	\$ 2,000.00		
Monroe Township	\$ 1,428.75		
Village of Hillcrest	\$ 331.19		
		<b>Other Grants:</b> For the eleventh year the OCSWMD provided a grant to the Lee and Ogle County Soil & Water Conservation Districts for Outdoor Stewardship Days. The amount for 2015 was \$3,500. Over 1,000 third grade students from Lee and Ogle Counties were provided hands-on resource conservation, outdoor and environmental education activities. Staff provided recycling information and activities at the event.	
		The Illinois Renewable Energy Association received \$1,000 towards sponsorship of the 2015 Renewable Energy Fair held at the Ogle County Fairgrounds.	

## 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. However, due to the Illinois state budget impasse, the grant for State Fiscal Year 2016, in the amount of \$56,312, has not yet been received. Enforcement activities conducted in the last three fiscal years are shown below.

### Complaints and Inspections 2013 -2015 (12/01/XX—11/30/XX)

Complaints Investigated	2013	2014	2015	Number of Inspections Conducted	2013	2014	2015
Illegal Dumps	10	16	24	Permitted Landfills	31	35	43
Waste Burning Violations	11	13	9	Open Dump/Burning/Other	16	16	15
				Other Grant Related Activities	1	27	41
Nuisance/Other	8	4	12	Waste Removed and Properly Disposed from Illegal Dump Sites (cubic yards)	726	149	1402
Total # Complaints	29	33	45	Administrative Citation Fines Paid	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Statement (December 1, 2014—November 30, 2015)

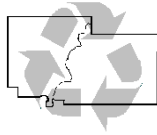
Revenues	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Solid Waste Fund Beginning Balance (12/01/FYr)	\$3,502,582	\$3,563,496	\$3,603,709.46
Landfill Host Fees	\$3,489,442	\$3,979,469	\$4,449,067.03
Interest	\$17,319	\$20,361	\$20,041.71
IEPA Enforcement Grant	\$56,312	\$56,312	\$58,311.35
Recycling Income	\$8,567	\$318	\$672.14
Fines/Restitution	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc. Income	\$99	\$1,023	\$341.38
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$7,076,321</b>	<b>\$7,620,979</b>	<b>\$8,132,143.07</b>
Expenditure/Transfers	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015
Salaries	\$138,344	\$128,091	\$135,026.38
Fringe Benefits	\$42,490	\$48,910	\$57,512.25
Supplies, Equipment, Postage	\$6,494	\$7,861	\$4,836.35
Telecommunications	\$1,925	\$2,101	\$2,045.72
Contractual Services	\$9,215	\$11,004	\$17,099.54
Travel & Training Expenses	\$2,408	\$2,739	\$3,909.95
SW Reduction/Recycling/Collection Programs	\$74,183	\$78,439	\$87,079.56
County Grants Paid	\$11,510	\$15,246	\$14,187.31
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$286,571</b>	<b>\$294,390</b>	<b>\$321,697.06</b>
Host Fee Payments to Other Units of Government	\$113,617	\$141,229	\$191,546.48
Transfers to Long Range Capital Improvement Fund	\$3,117,126	\$3,566,662	\$3,690,516.09
Transfers for County Utilities	\$12,500	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$3,243,243</b>	<b>\$4,002,281</b>	<b>\$4,203,759.63</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$3,563,496</b>	<b>3,603,709</b>	<b>\$3,928,383.44</b>

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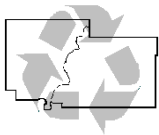
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