

# Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District

## 2022 Annual Report



*....providing cost effective, environmentally sound programs of waste management and waste reduction for all residents of Bartholomew County.*

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# General Information

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The City of Columbus and Bartholomew County have been leaders in municipal management of solid waste since 1969. Prior to 1969, the community's disposal needs were served by several open dumpsites. Recognizing the need for improved services, the City and County formed a blue ribbon commission to study the waste disposal needs of the county. The commission recognized the need for both a modern sanitary landfill and a management authority to oversee its construction and operation.

In 1969, via an inter-local agreement, the City and County formed the Columbus-Bartholomew Solid Waste Disposal Authority (SWDA). The SWDA was comprised of five members appointed by the City and County. The SWDA opted to construct a waste shredding operation in the building now housing the Columbus City Garage, now called Department of Public Works (DPW). The aim was to mill all possible waste, and landfill the resultant fluff on City-County owned property (adjacent to the City Garage and Recycling Center). The unground portion was to be landfilled on leased property on CR 500 E (Petersville Solid-Fill Site). The mill proved unreliable and was shut down after only a few months of service. The SWDA then leased property from Dora Fischer on CR 250 E and opened the Clifty Hill Landfill (aka the Dora Fischer Landfill). The authority began looking for a new landfill site, ultimately locating on what was then SR 46, just east of Petersville. The Clifty Hill Landfill was closed in 1974, when the new Bartholomew County Landfill opened on SR 46. The authority functioned primarily as a landfill manager from 1974 until 1990.

With the advancements in landfill technology, increased reporting requirements, impending State legislation to reduce waste disposal, and an active local recycling task force, the SWDA hired its first full-time administrator in July 1990. That same year the State legislature passed landmark legislation requiring all counties to form Solid Waste Districts and to develop a 20-year waste management plan to achieve State waste reduction goals.

Upon formation of the Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District in July of 1991, the SWDA was modified in both title and responsibility. The Solid Waste Disposal Authority became the Solid Waste Management Authority, or SWMA. The SWMA was charged by the District Board with the day-to-day operation of all solid waste programs, including landfill construction and operation. The District Board retained sole discretion with regard to the formulation of a comprehensive 20-year solid waste management plan, and the selection of a new landfill site.

Until January 1999, the SWMA remained responsible for the operation of our sanitary landfill, the City Garage foundry sand monofill, our municipal recycling and education center, a rural refuse collection program, a household hazardous waste (HHW) collection program, and our 10-acre municipal composting operation. This involves the supervision of 16 full-time employees and one part-time employee and the administration of a 4.6 million dollar annual budget (2021).

In January 1999, at the request of the SWMA Board of Director's, the District Board placed the SWMA in indefinite inactive status. The District Board assumed the daily management responsibilities formerly held by the SWMA.

In December 2020, the SWMD Board and Citizen's Advisory Committee approved a new Five Year Plan (2021-2026), providing an analysis of current issues and direction for the next 5 years. An update to this plan is anticipated at the end of 2026.

# Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District Board and Staff

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## 2022 Board of Directors

Frank Miller– Chairperson, City Council  
 Steve Rucker– Vice Chairperson, Hartsville Town Board  
 Jim Lienhoop– Mayor, City of Columbus  
 Larry Kleinhenz– County Commissioner  
 Tony London– County Commissioner  
 Carl Lienhoop– County Commissioner  
 Scott Bonnell– County Council



## Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Directors

\*The Solid Waste Management Authority was placed in an inactive status when the District Board assumed its responsibilities January 28, 1999

## 2022 Citizens' Advisory Committee (As of August 2022)

Dennis Tibbets	Hannah Omar	Kelly Geckler	Natalie Perry
Scott Keen	Cathy Caldie	Alan Resnik	

## District Staff (4/2022)

Director	Heather Siesel
Education Coordinator	Jessica Norcross
Operations Manager	Randy Murphy
Controller	Diana Hodnett
Office Manager	Debbie Arnholt
Recycling Center Supervisor	Dan Sutton
Recycling Center Assistants (Full-Time)	Corey Ward
Commercial Cardboard Route Drivers	Alisha Miller
C&D/Yard Waste Operator	Lenny Jessie
Weighmaster	Jerry Bense Jr.
P/T Scale Operator	Michael Smith
Small Load Operators	Michelle Conrad
Reuse Assistant/Education Outreach	Brianna Robertson
	Tom Coon
	Stuart Records
	Renay Cannon

# Bartholomew County Sanitary Landfill

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## **History – BCLF I - Original Site in Petersville**

The first mission of the SWDA was securing a landfill site and closing the Petersville Solid Fill Site. An innovative approach was taken. Property adjacent to the existing Columbus City Garage was rezoned for solid waste activities. A large building (the current Department of Public Works) was built to house a solid waste shredder operation. The intent was to reduce the volume of organic waste via shredding, and to landfill this material on adjacent property. All solid fill would continue to be disposed of at the old Petersville site on CR 500 East. This scheme would be continued until the new landfill, sited along SR 46 east of Petersville, was prepared for use. Unfortunately, the shredder proved a failure. Frequent breakdowns caused the cessation of activities in just a few months.

In 1974, the original Bartholomew County Sanitary Landfill (BCLF I) was opened. Operated using contractual services, this facility served the community well for over 26 years. Until 1991, no direct disposal fees were charged to users. As a part of the modernization of operations, the landfill was transformed from a tax-based utility to a user-based utility, much like water, sewage, and gas service. In January 1991, the Bartholomew County Sanitary Landfill became self-supporting. User fees offered residents the opportunity to control their costs by reducing their waste, an important aspect of our waste management charge from the State of Indiana. In an effort to curb illegal dumping, the SWMA maintained a 500-pound no-fee disposal policy at the landfill.

BCLF I closed to the general public on January 31, 1999. The small amount of permitted airspace remaining was used to assist the Columbus City Utilities with a special sludge disposal project. The site, modified to serve as a Saturday convenience station, opened in April 1999. It continues to serve well to-date, capturing just under 20 tons of refuse per Saturday. Regrading of the site and periodic maintenance continues as needed on the site that is still in Post-Closure care. In 2023, maintenance work was performed on the east side of the closed landfill. We estimate needing \$612,453 (per June 2022 Local Government Test) in the remainder of post-closure costs to maintain the closed landfill site.

## **Petersville Soil Borrow – McNealy Farm**

The McNealy property west of the landfill was purchased in November 1997 for soil borrow purposes. Soil borrow for daily, intermediate and final cover continued from this property until final closure. In early 1999, the District completed the planned lake on the property. Construction of the dam structure was completed during closure activities. Fencing and “No Trespassing” signs have been installed. Final disposition of the site is yet to be determined though another soil borrow to repair differential settlement of the old landfill is a potential. In summer 2003, the McNealy home and farm buildings were sold at auction for reuse. District staff demolished the remains, which were hauled to our landfill. In Late 2018, the SWMD Board sold approximately 25 acres to Bartholomew County for the development of a County Highway Garage.

## **History – BCLF II - CR 450 S**

The SWMA recognized the need for additional landfill capacity in 1986 as BCLF I was nearing capacity. The SWMA sought approval for a 20-acre expansion of the landfill from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. State approval was received in 1989; the SWMA began searching for a new landfill site. Since 1990, there were three unsuccessful attempts to secure a site.

In March of 1994, the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce approached the District Board of Directors with a proposal to form a public-private partnership to site a new landfill. This concept was embraced by the District Board with a financial commitment not to exceed \$20,000. Private contributions would make up the remainder of funds necessary (\$125,000) to hire a professional landfill siting consultant. A steering committee was formed to guide the consultant selection and project oversight. Geraghty and Miller, a national environmental consulting firm was hired to perform the search.

Gathering information from applicable regulations and local residents, via a series of public meetings, Geraghty and Miller formulated first a list of search areas in the county. This was sequentially refined to a list of eleven candidate sites. A negotiating committee of the District Board then approached landowners.

Ultimately, two sites were secured under options to purchase. On August 3, 1995, the District Board opted to proceed with development of site 2049 (a.k.a. Wagner site) while retaining the purchase option of the other site (2048, a.k.a. Cummins site).

### BCLF II Site Summary

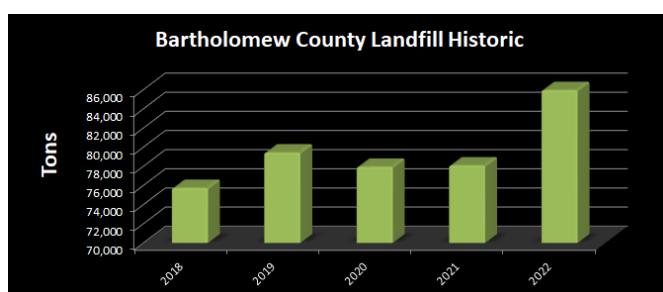
Site 2049, now BCLF II, lies along the south side of CR 450S, directly south of the intersection of CR 50W and consists of two parcels, one owned by Strietelmeier Farms, and the other by Robert and June Wagner. Together the parcels total 283 acres. By virtue of its size, this site offers a long term (40+ years) solution to our solid waste disposal needs. Features of the new site include a 24' wide paved access road with a remotely operated main gate, acceleration/deceleration and passing lanes on CR 450S designed per the City Engineer, a scale house, maintenance building, and small load area with recycling and reuse areas available, and a dedicated vehicle untarping area.

A professional landscape architect, Peter Walker/William Johnson and Associates, assisted the SWMA by developing a landscape plan for the site. The disposal area will comprise nearly 90 acres, and should provide 40+ years of disposal capacity for our community.

The SWMA submitted a permit application to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on March 4, 1996. We received our construction and operating permit on May 1, 1997. An objection to the permit was filed on May 15, 1997. After lengthy negotiations, the objection was settled in late October. The settlement involved direct payments to property owners to allow for their connection to public water supply, additional monitoring wells, and the incorporation of our property value guarantee terms into the settlement agreement.

Construction of the site began in early 1998 to prepare the site for acceptance of refuse upon closure of the existing Petersville landfill in early 1999. Property acquisition and initial site development was budgeted for 1997 without the need for any debt obligation to the community. BCLF II was opened to the public on February 1, 1999 with a gate rate fee of \$27.50/ton. In March 2005, the 500 lb. no-fee disposal policy was reduced to 200 lbs. In October of 2019, the first closure occurred at the site of 3.8 acres with the start of flaring. The gate fee was increased to \$30/ton on January 2nd, 2021, and will have a planned increase to \$34/ton on January 2nd, 2023. Per 2022 capacity calculations, we estimate 65 years of life remaining with a closure date of 2087. As of June 2022, we would estimate needing \$4,183,552 for closure and \$1,357,183 for post-closure care. Waste Diversion from Landfill is 34% when looking at all District Residential/ Commercial Recycling, Reuse, HHW, and Yard Waste Recycling versus Landfill Disposal

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
75,747	79,445	77,951	78,095	85,968



# Bartholomew County Landfill

## Materials/ Fees/ Hours of Operation

### Landfill Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday– 7:30 A.M.– 4:30 P.M.

Saturday– 7:30 A.M.– 4:00 P.M.

(Effective April 1, 2017 Backside of Landfill (Working Face) Close at 1 P.M. on Saturdays)

CLOSED for the Following Holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

Landfill Disposal Fees	Excluded Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective 03/2005 one load/day under 200 lbs. is not charged.</li> <li>• Loads above 200 lbs. are charged <b>\$30.00 / per ton (pro-rated) as of 1/2/2021</b></li> <li>• Quartered vehicle tires: \$47.50 / per ton with no weight exemptions</li> <li>• Whole tires for recycling (Effective as of 8/31/2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light Truck &amp; Car w/o rim \$3</li> <li>Light Truck &amp; Car tires w/rim \$5</li> <li>Truck tires (19.5 &amp; up) w/o rim \$14</li> <li>Truck tires (19.5 &amp; up) with rim \$26</li> <li>Floater (wide truck tire) w/o rim \$22</li> <li>Floater (wide truck tire) with rim \$36</li> <li>Farm tractor tire \$50.00</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pre-approved industrial process/spill cleanup waste: <b>\$30.00 / per ton</b> with no weight exemptions as of 1/2/2021</li> <li>• CFC appliances \$20.00 each</li> <li>• TV &amp; Computer Monitors \$20.00 each</li> </ul>	<p><i>We accept Bartholomew County solid waste only, The following items are <u>not</u> accepted for Disposal except for the listed exceptions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yard Waste (Free residential disposal available at our Yard Waste Site)</li> <li>• Vehicle Tires (Unless quartered or cut into thirds. Recycling available at Landfill)</li> <li>• Automotive Batteries (Free disposal. Recycling available at Recycling Center/Landfill)</li> <li>• White Goods/ Appliances (CFC accepted for Freon Removal/Recycling for a \$20 fee, Non-CFC accepted for Metals Recycling at no charge)</li> <li>• Hazardous Waste or Liquids (Only Oil-Based Paints Recycling available at Recycling Center)</li> <li>• Electronics (Residential Small Appliances/Electronics. Accepted for recycling at the Recycling Center/Landfill - TV and computer monitors for a fee of \$20 as of July 1, 2017.)</li> </ul>

### Random Load Inspections

The landfill randomly inspects commercial vehicle loads on a daily basis. The scale operator identifies each vehicle that is to be inspected and the Landfill Contracted equipment operators at the disposal area surveys the debris for prohibited materials, hazardous waste and related material. The inspection report is then kept on file for IDEM review.



## **Environmental Controls**

### **BCLF I & II**

Both landfills are active in managing programs to maintain the environment. All loads entering the landfill (excepting those containing only bagged trash) are required to be effectively tarped. This requirement along with monthly refuse pick up along CR 450 S from S.R. 11 to Norcross Drive by our Landfill contractor, provides an effective means to control debris along the main artery to the landfill. The high netting litter control fencing around the new landfill cell continues to function well.

### **Inspections**

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) inspects both our active and closed landfills for compliance to regulations governing construction, operations and permit conditions. These inspections are conducted on a quarterly schedule.

### **Leachate**

Both landfill's leachate collection and storage systems (leachate being rainwater which passed through solid waste) worked without incident, other than normal repairs. In an effort to better quantify leachate volumes, a flow meter was installed near the leachate storage basins in 2012. We continue to input volumes based on pump run hours and flow meter readings. BCLF I in Petersville captured 224,062 gallons of leachate in 2022 directly discharged to City sewer system. BCLF II, using twin 100,000 gallon lined leachate storage basins discharging directly to the City sewer system, captured 2,171,291 gallons of leachate in 2022. Rainfall for the Columbus area in 2022 was 39.80 inches (NWS Data).



### **Future Plans**

#### **Operations**

In 2022 at BCLF II, we continue to monitor vegetation and provide fertilization as required. In 2022 at BCLF II, we continued to fill cells 1A through 1E and 2A through 2E, and 3S. No significant operational problems were experienced. In 2019, we closed 3.8 acres on the Northwest side of the Site and are currently flaring that portion. The Landfill remained essential for trash disposal and incurred no closures in 2022. We added 4.5 acres of Landfill due to Cell construction and approximately 400,000 cubic yards of air space. Additional closure is expected in 2023 and additional construction is expected in 2024. In 2022, we had Waived Projects from Thrive Alliance (California St.), Bartholomew County 4-H Fair, roadside trash, and a project at our closed landfill, Petersville, from site repairs.

### **Improvements**

In late 2006, work at BCLF I commenced to provide a direct sewer discharge for the site. Construction was completed in 2007; however, a property line disagreement delayed the use of the new pipeline. In 2008, this issue was resolved and pumping of leachate directly to the City Utilities Royal View lift station began in December. In 2008, litter fencing was expanded along the south side of Cell 2 C helping us to control nuisance litter onsite. In 2012, BCLF I received soil cap re-grading to minimize rainwater ponding. The solar ignited flare stations were also upgraded in 2012 including the installation of HDPE manifold piping to reduce maintenance. In 2016, BCLF II relined the leachate basin to current standards with a double liner system. A new pump system at BCLF II leachate basin was added in 2017. Upgrades to BCLF I leachate pump system were made in 2018. The Landfill Recycling opportunity was updated to a compactor through an IDEM grant in 2021. The Landfill still accepts plastic, metals, and glass at the site now via a Recycling Compactor. No updates planned for 2022.

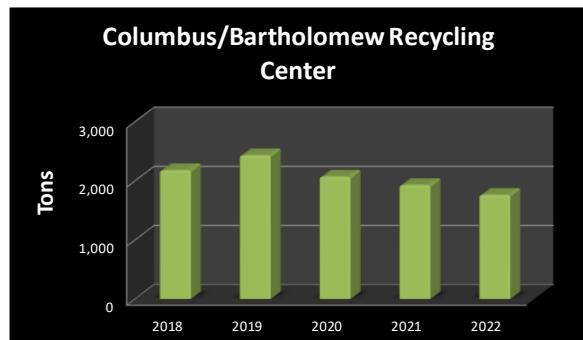
# Waste Minimization, Recycling, Reuse & Education

## History

Recycling efforts in Bartholomew County began with an ad hoc committee, the Recycling Task Force (RTF), in October 1988. The RTF conducted a pilot residential curbside program and later concluded that composting would have the greatest impact in landfill space savings. The RTF did believe that more "conventional" recycling was important and worked with the City of Columbus to establish a drop-off recycling program in May 1990. An area was designated in a storage building behind the City Garage for delivery of recyclables on Saturdays only. Hundreds of residents dropped off recyclables that first Saturday in May, indicating a definite need for the center.

### Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center

In February 1992, construction of the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center began. The new facility opened in July of that year. Since the opening of our drive through center, many Midwest markets have become stable allowing cost effective collection and transportation. In 1995, we extended hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm for days of residential delivery. Also, Monday's from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm were designated for business drop-off.



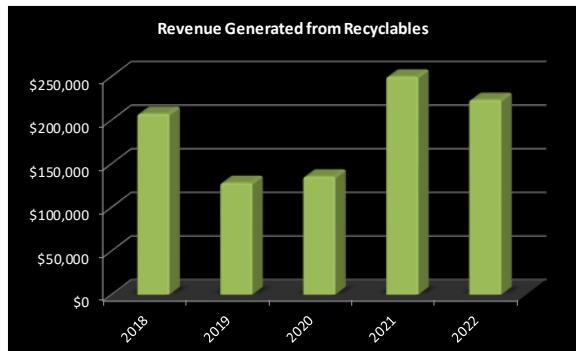
Continued public support showed the need for extended Tuesday and Thursday residential recycling hours in 1995. Fridays were added to the residential drive through recycling hours of operation in October of 2004. January 2010– May 2012, the City of Columbus implemented a 3-tier "pay-as-you-throw" (PAYT) Toter system encouraging residents to reduce and recycle their waste. In response to the City, the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center Drive through hours were extended to also include Mondays and Wednesdays 8:00am to 3:30pm. This change provides residents with a 6-day per week opportunity to make recycling in the community more convenient. In 2013, several new recycling opportunities were added including everyday Electronics recycling. In May of 2015, the Recycling Center began accepting plastics #3-#7 in addition to plastics #1 and #2. In May of 2016 it was determined that due to curbside recycling the Recycling Center hours would be modified for residential and businesses to Tuesday through Saturday 7:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M., and closed on Mondays. On July 1, 2017 the BCSWMD began charging a fee of \$20 for all TV's and Computer Monitors. In February 2020, #3-#7 plastics were dropped from our menu of accepted items due to our Recycling vendor no longer accepting the material. COVID closed the Recycling Center and Offices from March 25th through May 18th, 2020 to limit personal contact. On June 13th, 2022 Recycling Center days changed to Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm due to a staff reduction. In 2022, we diverted 1,761 tons of material from the Landfill.

### 2022 Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center Hours of Operation

Since June 13th, 2022– Monday-Saturday– 7:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

### Revenue & Volume

Material volumes and revenues received at the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center vary monthly depending upon season and activities. Revenues fluctuate with market demand, the cost of transportation to market, the level of processing and the volume of material shipped to market. In 2022, the District received a total of \$223,312 from the sale of recyclables.



## 24/7 Roll-Off Recycling

In 1992, nine locations throughout Columbus and Bartholomew County were selected to site 24/7 roll-off recycling containers as an added convenience to recyclers. The roll-offs accepted plastic, glass and metal containers but had no educational value for the users. This resulted in a 40% contamination rate and deletion of several locations. The drop boxes that remained in Bartholomew County were located at Kroger Grocery, the Petersville Convenience Station, and the Bartholomew County Landfill. In 2010, an additional site was added at the Harrison Convenience Station.

Volumes increased considerably in 2004 due to Rumpke of Indiana's decision to drop their curbside collection program. As a result, a large sector of their subscribers began using the containers for their recycling needs. Kroger Grocery's 24/7 roll-off ended January of 2015, due to curbside collection being offered to residents of Columbus through the City's Department of Public Works, viewed as a duplication of services. Commingled Recycling still remains at Harrison and Petersville on Saturdays.

## Satellite Rural Recycling Program

July 1, 1995 brought staffed recycling collection to four county locations (Ogilville, Hope, Elizabethtown, Taylorsville). This program was the result of the full cost analysis completed for recycling in 1994. The analysis showed the drop box program was not consistent with our goals of education and cost-effective service.

In October of 1997, three of the original four county satellite rural recycling locations were changed to better accommodate recyclers (Walesboro, Hope, Hwy 7/31, Long Road). The new sites were at the same location as the rural refuse collection program thus increasing participation.

In December of 1998, it was decided to move two of the sites due to the relocation of the landfill and Rural Refuse Collection sites. The Walesboro site was moved to ABC Stewart School on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month and the Lowell Bridge site was moved to Long Road, located in the Flatrock Industrial Park, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

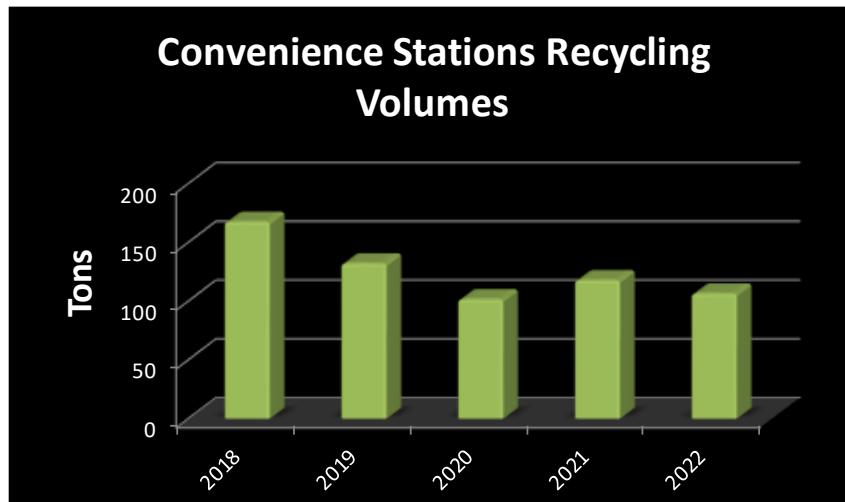
Due to lack of participation at the 7 & 31 rural recycling site and a large increase in volumes at the new ABC Stewart location, the District decided to shift the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month to ABC Stewart as well. This allowed for efficient collection of recyclables in a section of the county that is growing rapidly. Users of the 7 & 31 site were encouraged to use the Petersville Convenience Station or the county landfill, which began accepting a limited menu of recyclables in 1999.

In 2003, the ABC Stewart rural site was relocated to Harrison Township on Old Nashville Road, just off State Road 46 West. The new site, secured through the Sycamore Land Trust, is about 2 miles west of ABC Stewart.

In 2009, we discontinued collection at the Long Road site due to lack of participation. In order to fill the need of paper and cardboard collection at the Kroger site, the mobile recycling trailer collected sorted materials at the Kroger location on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

In 2010, Harrison Township became a permanent site, with roll-off containers for commingled recycling, a container for cardboard collection, and Abitibi bins for paper collection. In 2011, the mobile trailer provided service at the Kroger Store the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month and travels to the Hope Utility Garage on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month.

Volumes collected at satellite locations were down in 2015. We speculate this decrease was caused by the curbside program in the City of Columbus and the removal of Kroger's 24/7 roll-off bin. In May of 2016 both the Kroger and Hope Utility mobile sites were discontinued due to continued decreases in volumes of recyclables collected. Therefore, the satellite recycling program is currently offered on Saturdays at the Harrison and Petersville Rural Convenience locations. These two locations collected 106.65 tons (213,300 lbs.) of recyclable material in 2022.



## Ray's Paper Retriever Program

In late 2005, after a yearlong courtship of Abitibi Paper Recycling, the District successfully brought the number one paper recycler in the world to Bartholomew County. Abitibi has over 17,000 of their colorful green and yellow bins in metropolitan areas across the United States, servicing communities mainly through not-for-profit entities such as schools, churches and governmental units. Groups willing to site a container at their facility are compensated for their paper but must be willing to allow residents in the surrounding area to access the bin.

Upon Abitibi's agreement to service Bartholomew County, the Solid Waste Management District Director and the Education Coordinator met with the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation and the Flatrock-Hawcreek School Corporation in an effort to site containers at as many schools as possible. Other not-for-profit agencies were also recruited to host the paper recycling bins as we strive to divert as much of the paper waste stream from landfill disposal as possible.

Due to the cost and labor involved with transporting recycled paper materials from the landfill to the recycling center, the District opted to place Abitibi bins at the landfill. Abitibi bins are also located at Petersville and Harrison Township for convenient paper recycling options for residents.

In August of 2014, the Indianapolis market was purchased by Ray's Trash Service, who now owns and operates the Paper Retriever program. Due to market conditions in late 2010's the vendor is reducing the number of containers in the community and rebates are limited. In 2022, Ray's Trash Service was bought by Waste Management (WM). Waste Management is in the processing of removing paper only service and converting to single stream bins. In 2022, the Paper Retriever bins collected 371,400 pounds (185.7 tons) of material in Bartholomew County, averaging 15 tons a month. This is down from 35 tons per month in 2018. At the height of the program approximately 55 bin locations existed in 2008/2009, only 19 bins remain at the end of 2022.



### **Ray's Paper Bin Locations (19 locations as of 12/22)**

Schools	Churches	Community
• ABC Learning Center	• Community Church of Columbus	• Bartholomew Co. Gov. Office Building
• Central Middle	• East Columbus United Methodist	• Harrison Convenience Center
• Columbus Christian	• Faith Lutheran	• Petersville Convenience Center
• Ivy Tech.	• First United Methodist	• Bartholomew County Landfill
• L. Frances Smith	• New Hope Christian	• BP Gas Station- State Road 7 & US 31
• Rock Creek		• Clay Twp. Fire Dept.
		• Estep & Co.- 25 <sup>th</sup> St.
		• Sandcrest Dental

## Business Recycling

### Columbus/Bartholomew Drop-off Business Recycling

Beginning in 2011, the Recycling Center started to accept businesses throughout the week to provide more convenient recycling options. Many businesses utilize the program to not only drop off paper (newspaper, magazines, cardboard, office paper, & books), but also other materials recycled at the Center (plastics, glass, metal). Businesses have the option to deliver their recyclables to the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center during open hours as of May 2016.

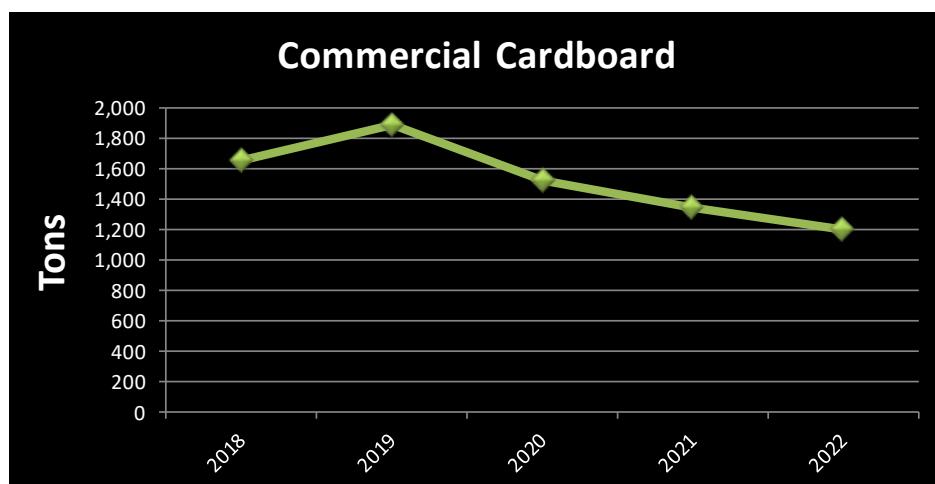
### **Commercial Cardboard Curbside Collection Program**

The Commercial Curbside collection program started January 2, 1994 with approximately 200 participants and was a Governor's Award winning joint effort between the City of Columbus and the Solid Waste Management District (SWMD). Materials collected were cardboard, computer paper and white copy paper. Mixed office white, junk mail and shredded paper were added to the collection program in 1997 in an effort to capture a larger portion of the commercial waste stream. The collaboration collects paper products using a conventional refuse collection truck and delivers materials to the recycling center for processing and shipping.

In 2004, the District purchased an industrial size baler in order to keep up with the escalating volumes of cardboard processed at the recycling center. The auto-tie, open-door baler also increased employee productivity.

In 2006, the District utilized a \$15,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to upgrade the commercial collection program. Funds were used to pay half the cost of cardboard collection containers to entice new subscribers and publishing of business recycling booklets that were distributed to current clients and prospective businesses.

Since the program's inception, participation and volumes have steadily increased, thanks in large part to business recycling advertisements, the inclusion of industry to the program and several grant opportunities that have allowed the District to offer local businesses recycling dumpsters at half the normal cost. In 2014, the District assumed the sole responsibility of collection from the city collaboration in an effort to expand the program. In 2015, there were approximately 250 stops in the Commercial Cardboard and Office Paper Program. This program stays strong with 301 stops (200 customers) in 2022 and is our second largest program to divert large amounts of waste materials from the landfill; volumes in 2022 reached 1,200.496 tons (2,400,992 lbs.) which is a slight decrease from 2021. We continue to purchase new containers to replace damaged and worn containers, the program is largely at capacity (we have a waitlist of 11 businesses). A replacement Commercial Cardboard Truck was received in March 2023.





## Ray's Trash Service (Abitibi Bowater) EcoRewards Program

In 2011, a new program called EcoRewards was introduced to Bartholomew County for businesses to receive curbside service for all recyclable materials. Owned by the same company as Paper Retriever, the EcoRewards Recycling Program is aimed to help "green" businesses. In August of 2014, Ray's Trash Service bought out the Indianapolis market and took over the program. Ray's helps clients redirect waste and disposal costs to minimize the impact on the environment. The EcoRewards

Program collects and recycles paper, plastics (#1-#7), cardboard, aluminum and steel cans at each business. There is a cost for the service, however, a rebate is offered each month for the volume recycled. This helps businesses trim down on their waste disposal expenses and help the environment at the same time. Ray's Trash Service was bought by Waste Management in 2022, future service with this company is unknown. Currently, there are 8 participating in the program: Apex Tools, Columbus Child Care Center, Estep & Company, LHP Software, Ricoh USA, Sunright America, Taylorsville Elementary, and Verizon. In 2022, the EcoRewards program collected 126,000 lbs. (63 tons) which is down from 169,380 pounds (84 tons) of material that were recycled in 2021.

## Reuse

### Little Red Schoolhouse (Recycling Center)

In 1998, thanks to a donation from the Custer-Nugent Foundation, the District opened The Little Red School House (LRSR) Teachers Reuse Facility behind the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center. Bartholomew County educators can shop for educational supplies, donated by local businesses and residents, at no cost. Educators can access the LRSR during normal Recycle Center hours: Monday-Friday from 7:30am – 4:30pm.

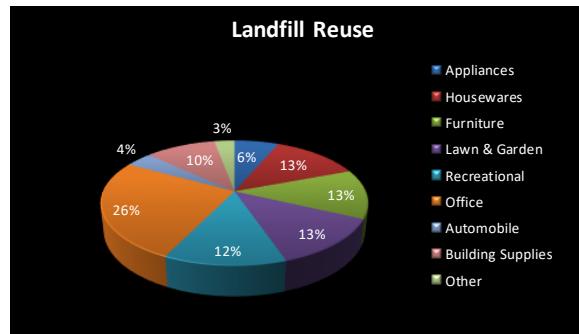
### Landfill Reuse Center

In 1999, the District opted to take another slice of the landfill pie out of the waste stream by opening the public drop and swap reuse center at the landfill. Residents could drop-off reuse items for others to take home at no cost, thus reducing waste from entering the landfill and reusing salvageable items. In 2003, through a grant from IDEM, the center added a new building that would house a drop-off area for reuse items. Materials could then be dropped off on one side and picked up on the other. This permitted the reuse and recycling attendant to keep track of the volume of materials dropped off for reporting purposes and discover what might be wrong with the item as to inform the future owner.

Items accepted for Reuse include appliances, housewares, furniture, lawn & garden, recreational, office, automobile and building supplies. Exclusions include CFC or refrigerant containing appliances, mattresses, stuffed furniture unless in excellent condition, tires, HHW, medications and firearms/ammunition.

In 2015, the District partnered with Ohio Mills Corp. to provide a clothing bin that would accept residents used clothing for recycling. The clothing bin was stationed at the Reuse Center. This service was discontinued in 2018 due to vendor removal.

In 2022, The Reuse Center brought in 159 tons (317,260 lbs.) of reusable items. Office, Housewares, and Lawn & Garden are the most frequently reused items.



## Little Red Schoolhouse Too (Landfill)

The new building added in 2003 to the landfill also houses the Little Red School House Too (LRSH,Too), an extension of the original LRSR located at the Recycling Center. While the original LRSR had classroom supplies, the new center would make available furniture and other durables to teachers, also at no charge. The reused items are either donated by the general public or garnered through NAEIR (National Assoc. for the Enhancement of Industrial Resources), a not-for-profit organization that supplies scratch and dent or unused material to other not-for-profit entities at shipping cost only. The grand opening took place in January 2003 with several businesses and local dignitaries in attendance. The open days of the LRSR Too were changed toward the end of 2018 to better meet the needs of teachers. In 2022, five dates occurred; February 12, April 9, August 13, and October 8, with open hours on these Saturdays being 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Educators did not need to schedule an appointment on open Saturdays, but could make appointments to visit the LRSR Too during the week. Visitor numbers were still down in 2022 with only 15 educators visiting. Currently, we receive donations that stock the site. 2023 Dates are Feb. 11th, May 6th, Aug. 12th, and Nov. 18th or by appointment.



## Education and Community Outreach

On September 9, 1996, a part-time Recycling Educator was added to the staff. As our twenty-year plan progressed, the District recognized the increasing need for ongoing public education and a full-time Education Coordinator. The part-time position was upgraded to full-time in January of 2001. Emphasis has been placed on continued school and community outreach programs, as well as forging relationships with local businesses and not-for-profits. In 2022, our Educator position was cut from the 2023 Budget in an attempt to balance expenses versus revenue.

### Educational Outreach 2022

**Touch-A-Truck** – This event was held in 2022 with our Compost Turning Machine making an appearance as part of the Touch-A-Truck event at Clifty Park. The Compost Turner was equipped with a slide so students could climb up and explore the machine, then slide down when they were finished. BCSWMD Staff look forward to this event each year, over 700 students in Pre-K through 2nd grade attended the annual event.



**In-classroom/After School Programs**— 18 in-classroom programs occurred in 2022 reaching 427 students with topics including Leaks to Creeks, Recycling Superheroes, and Edible Landfill being favorites.

**The Landfill Field Trip**— The Education Center is an origination point for all landfill tours, followed by a trolley ride to the landfill lookout tower and wetlands. The trolley, donated in 1999 by the Custer Foundation, is pulled around the landfill by a tractor with stops at the active disposal cell, a leachate storage pond, wetlands area, the scale house, and the recycling/reuse center. 13 Landfill tours occurred in 2022 reaching 396 school age students and 18 college students.

**Recycling Center & Bioswale/3 R's Pavilion Tour** – Tours of the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center are another educational opportunity outside of the classroom. 8 tours occurred in 2022 reaching 213 students. One Adult tour occurred with IDEM with 4 attendees.

**The Little Red School House** - This education reuse resource is available during regular Recycling Center hours to any educator in Bartholomew County, including youth organization leaders. School teachers, preschool teachers, and homeschool families visited the LRSW in 2022 for materials to use in their lessons.

**Columbus East and North Senior Projects**— One North High School student completed their senior projects with BCSWMD in 2022. This student organized roadside cleanups through the District's Adopt-A-Road Program.

## Community Outreach



**Earth Day**— An Earth Day celebration was held on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022. Community Partners included BCRC Fliers, BCPL Book Express, Girl Scouts, Speedy Shred, Master Gardeners, and Sans Souci. Sponsorship for the event along with trees was provided by Toyota Material Handling. Amnesty collections included 330 tires, 16 propane tanks, and 74 refrigerant containing appliances were collected free of charge. The event included a Poster & Art Contest, winners are shown above, Education Displays, Mulch/Compost Loading, Children's Activities, Document Shredding, Plant Swap, Hot Dog Roast, Compost Bin/Hand Chair giveaway, and T-shirt giveaway.

**Déjà Vu Fine Craft and Art Show**— BCSWMD sponsored the show in 2022, the show features artists who creatively reuse and recycle materials including woodwork, wearable art, mixed media, assemblage, jewelry, mosaic, glass art, sculpture, natural and sustainable and much more.

**Festival of Lights Parade**— This annual event was cancelled for 2022.

**Community Presentations and Collaboration**— In 2022, we partnered with Kiwanis, Rotary, Master Gardeners, Cummins, and IDEM to provide Community Presentations to over 281 adults.

We were a host site for the OISC Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal program at our Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center on August 17, 2022 collecting 7,140 lbs. of pesticides for disposal. The event had 22 attendees (14 private citizens, 2 solid waste districts, 5 Ag dealers, 1 pest control company) including collecting two restricted use pesticides (Atrazine and Paraquat) and one banned pesticide, DDT.

Also, we assisted with the Cummins hosted Community Wide Recycling Day on Thursday, September 15th, 2022. We accepted the standard recyclables as a participant of the Recycling event collecting over 56 tons of books, plastics, glass, metal cans, cardboard, and paper.

**Adopt-A-Road-** Seven groups beautified seven stretches of roadside in 2022 collecting over 1,000 pounds of trash. Program participants agree to clean a mile-and-a-half section of county road at least twice a year for a two year period. Signs are installed along the adopted stretch of road to acknowledge their commitment. In December 2021, the volunteer age for this program was dropped to 12 as suggested by the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC).

**Community Event Recycling-** BCSWMD loaned Event Recycling containers out for 5 events total, including two robotic competitions, Scottish Festival, a Cummins employee event, and Ethnic Expo. Containers are available for free to borrow for any community events.



Pesticides are collected for disposal as part of the OISC Clean Sweep Program, August 2022.



Dan Sutton and volunteers collect items at the Cummins Community Recycle Day September 2022.

## Media Outreach

**District Website**—A recycling search was added to the District website in 2021. Customers can find how to recycle or dispose of items using the alphabetical listing. The website address is [www.bcswmd.com](http://www.bcswmd.com). We continue to update the website with timely information.

**Facebook**—Follow the District on Facebook at [Bartholomew County Solid Waste District](#) for timely communication about closings, events, updates, and shared articles. While the majority of our 1,134 followers are located in Columbus, our posts reach a small percentage of people from India, Pakistan, Algeria, Malawi, Taiwan, Canada, and UK.

**Instagram**—Our followers grew to 322 in 2022. Posts contain updates on services and closings. Posts reached people from Nigeria, China, Mexico, and Morocco. Find us on Instagram at [Barth Co Solid Waste District](#).

**Twitter**—Our followers grew to 75 in 2022. Another great social media option for District news and information. Follow us on Twitter [@BCSWMD](#).

**AM Columbus with John Foster & The Q-Mix Morning Show** - Catch the Education Coordinator monthly on 1010 WCSI for District news and information. Appearances are also made on QMIX 107.3 for seasonal promotions and events.

**OISC CLEAN SWEEP  
PESTICIDE DISPOSAL**

**WHAT**

Indiana Pesticide Clean Sweep Project designed to collect and dispose of suspended, canceled, banned, unusable, opened, unopened or just unwanted pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, miticides, etc.) is being sponsored by the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC). This disposal service is free of charge up to 250 pounds per participant. Over 250 pounds there will be a \$2.00 per pound charge. This is a great opportunity for you to legally dispose of unwanted products at little or no cost.

**WHO**

All public and private schools, golf courses, nurseries, farmers, ag dealers, general public, cities, towns, municipalities and county units of government or others receiving this notice are eligible to participate.

**PARTICIPANT FORM**

Please go to [oisc.purdue.edu](http://oisc.purdue.edu) to complete the Clean Sweep Participant Form or email [cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu](mailto:cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu) to have a participant form emailed.

**DATES /  
LOCATIONS**  
9am to 3pm Local  
Time

August 16, 2022:  
Ceres Solutions  
Wabash County  
573 East 700 South  
Wabash, Indiana 46992

August 17, 2022:  
Bartholomew County  
Solid Waste District  
720 S. Mapleton Street  
Columbus, Indiana 47201

August 18, 2022:  
Bartholomew County Highway  
Department.  
5247 East 100 North  
Montgomery, Indiana  
47558

August 23, 2022: Davis  
Purdue Agricultural  
Center (DPAC)  
Randolph County  
6230 IN-1  
Farmland, Indiana 47340

August 24, 2022:  
Co-Alliance  
Porter County  
210 East 400 South  
Valparaiso, Indiana  
46383

August 25, 2022:  
Hendricks County  
Fairgrounds  
1900 E. Main St.  
Danville, Indiana 46122

**hosted by Cummins Inc.**

**Community Wide Recycling Day**

**Thursday, Sept. 15th 2022**

This event is open to all households in the community! Bring your recyclable materials to the Cummins Inc., CEP entrance at 500 Central Ave. from 7 A.M. until disposal capacity is reached.

**Materials accepted for recycling:**  
Recyclables must be clean and sorted as follows


**Household Recyclables**

- #1-#2 Plastic Bottles & Containers
- Beverage Containers (Aluminum, Steel, Glass, Plastic)
- Cardboard
- Paper & Books
- Gently used Clothing & Shoes (& Safety Shoes)

**Miscellaneous**

- Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)
- Used Batteries (All types)
- Tires (pick-up size/smaller, 4 Tire Limit)
- Household Paint
- Antifreeze
- Motor Oil (<5 gal containers)

**Appliances & Electronics**

- Televisions and Appliances (no refrigerators or A/C units)
- Computers & Components
- Electronics and Accessories (Wires/Toner/Ink)

**Unacceptable Items**

- Plastic bags and Plastics #3 - #7
- Styrofoam
- Tractor Tires
- Household Lightbulbs
- Mercury Thermometers
- Chemicals and Pesticides
- Pressure Vessels/Tanks (propane cylinders)
- Bricks, Pavers and Concrete Blocks

**Logos:**

- energymatters
- COLUMBUS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
- SANS SOUCI

*Most materials collected will be donated to local Cummins partners.*

# Future Plans for Educational and Community Outreach

## *Key goals for 2023 include:*

### EDUCATION OUTREACH

- The District will grow the number of Bartholomew County educators visiting the Little Red School House & Little Red School House Too by 10 by increasing promotion of the program.
- The District will provide adult presentations to the community upon request, goal to provide 10 adult/community presentations.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- The District will promote the Adopt-A-County Road program in hopes of adding additional 2 participants while retaining current participants.
- Celebration of the 52nd Anniversary of Earth Day on April 21 at the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center. The event will include the spring semi-annual Amnesty Day for hard to dispose of items. Two new vendors or organizations will participate in the celebration.
- Participation/Sponsorship in the Déjà Vu Fine Craft and Art Show (Reuse Art Show).
- Promote the Event Recycling program and increase participation by 5 new events.
- Continue to find community partnerships for recycling events (Cummins Community Recycle Day, Pesticide Clean Sweep) one additional event to be added.

### MEDIA

- The District will update public outreach materials and website, including the recycling search, as needed to keep timely information, at minimum monthly.
- The District will create Public Service Announcements about holidays, events, and any service changes for newspaper, radio promotions, and social media.
- A quarterly email newsletter was created in 2021. The District will continue to grow the subscriber list to 100.



## Columbus/Bartholomew Yard Waste Site History

Yard Waste management activities were initiated in 1989 by the Bartholomew County Recycling Task Force. This ad hoc group of interested citizens was formed to promote recycling in Bartholomew County. Their investigation into a broad spectrum of waste reduction schemes led them to recommend the implementation of a leaf/grass composting operation for the County.

Using property jointly owned by the City and County, the City of Columbus began this operation in the fall of 1990. City crews collected the fall leaves, which were brought to the new composting facility located adjacent to the City Garage. A private contractor was hired by the SWDA to operate the site in conjunction with the new City Garage Foundry Sand Site. A total of just over 11,000 cubic yards of leaves, and some grass, were placed into windrows. During this same time, the SWDA had applied to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for their first round of recycling grants. The SWDA was successful in obtaining \$10,000 from the State towards the purchase of a windrow-turning machine. Cummins Engine Company donated a diesel engine for the compost turner. Christmas 1990 also marked the inauguration of the SWDA's Christmas tree collection program, "Bring One for the Chipper". A total of 3,142 trees were diverted from the landfill and chipped into holiday mulch that year.

Since that first year, private lawn care firms and residents have been encouraged to use our facility for their grass clippings. All materials brought to the site MUST be debagged by the generator. In the fall of 1991, the SWMA purchased a brush chipper to gain experience with wood waste management. In 1994, faced with an impending State Ban on yard waste, the SWMA decided to use a private contract service provider for brush grinding services.

The District opted to continue the local ban on landfill disposal of leaves, grass, brush, and garden waste even though the State repealed portions of the yard waste ban in 1995. Commercial brush receiving at the yard waste site and loading of compost/mulch were discontinued in 1997, but due to public demand, commercial brush receiving was reinstated. Residents may still self-load during regular Recycling Center business hours as supplies are available. In the spring of 2000, the District took delivery of a new, self-contained, windrow turner. This replaced the pull-type turner used since the inception of the yard waste program in 1990. The new turner, funded in part by a \$100,000 Traditional Grant from IDEM, improved the efficiency of processing yard waste due to its single pass capability. The machine also utilizes a high-speed drum, which helps break down the yard waste much quicker.

In the Spring of 2001, the City of Columbus began accepting yard waste in Toter carts only. The new format meant cleaner compost, since plastic bags were omitted from the program. The District Education Coordinator assisted the City in educating the public of its new collection method at various Mayors' Town Meetings. As always, residents are encouraged to leave yard waste on the lawn. The technique of mulching your grass and leaves returns valuable nutrients to the lawn, prevents weeds from seeding, and helps keep moisture in during dry summer days.



In 2002, the District began selling its overstocked mulch as a means of recapturing grinding costs. In 2008, the District recovered \$73,391.56 from the sale of mulch and compost, covering all costs of the grinding operation. A supply is always available at no cost to local residents. In 2004, the District began its Friday only loading program (April through October). Residents can get a pick-up truck size load of compost or mulch loaded for \$10.00. Hours for the program are Friday's only from 2:00pm – 4:30pm. In 2008, two days at the end of March were set aside to load compost and mulch for senior citizens and we continue to offer this popular program. A new loader was purchased for use in the yard waste site in 2016. In 2017, we also sold leaf only compost in addition to mixed compost as well as our overstocked mulch to a landscape business through a bidding process. During the COVID Closure of our Recycling Center and Offices the Yard Waste site remained open but there were limited public loading programs.

## Pallet Grinding

In 2000, the County Commissioners recommended that the District look into alternatives to landfilling of pallets. After thorough research by the District, it was decided to add pallets to the menu of materials accepted at the Yard Waste site. The skids are dropped off by local businesses at a cost of \$0.60 cents per unit. The pallets are ground into high-grade mulch and given back to the public at no cost. The program has diverted over 364.183 tons of pallets in 2022 and 5,381 tons since its inception in October of 2001.

## 2022 Operating Information

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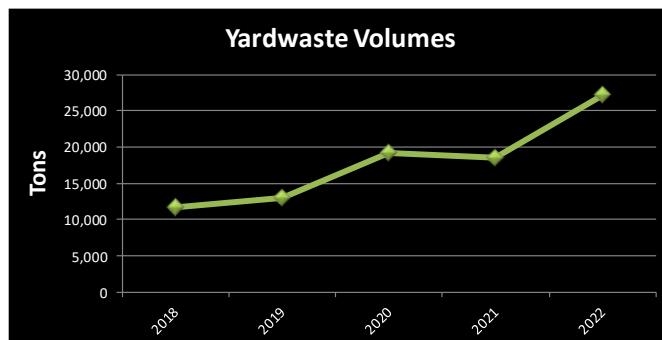
Grass • Leaves • Garden Waste • Flowers • Weeds • Brush & Tree Trimmings • Shrubs & Bushes

### **Hours of Operation & Fees**

<b>Residential</b>	<b>Commercial</b>																				
<p>(Drop Off and Self-Load)</p> <p><u>Monday-Friday</u></p> <p>7:30am-4:30pm</p> <p><i>Residents also can participate in mulch/compost loading every Friday April-October 2:00 pm-4:30pm. Each pick-up size load of material is \$10. Free loading for Seniors is available the last two Wednesday's in March from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.</i></p>	<p>(Drop-Off Only)</p> <p>Monday-Friday</p> <p>7:30am-4:30pm</p> <p><i>Businesses are charged by load size for brush and tree trimmings to offset the cost of grinding. Leaves and grass are accepted at no charge.</i></p> <p><b><u>Fees (As of Aug. 1, 2018)</u></b></p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td>Heaping Pick-Up</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-Ton Single Axle</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-Ton Truck</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20-30 Yd. Roll-Off</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-3 Axle Dump Truck</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>40 Yd. Roll-Off</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Semi Trailer</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$109</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standard Chip Truck</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stumps (&lt;3')</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3x brush rate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pallets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0.60/ 4x4 size</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Heaping loads subject to additional fees</p> <p><b>No land clearing projects accepted</b></p>	Heaping Pick-Up	\$19	1-Ton Single Axle	\$36	2-Ton Truck	\$55	20-30 Yd. Roll-Off	\$55	2-3 Axle Dump Truck	\$73	40 Yd. Roll-Off	\$73	Semi Trailer	\$109	Standard Chip Truck	\$36	Stumps (<3')	3x brush rate	Pallets	\$0.60/ 4x4 size
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### **Yard Waste Volumes Received**

In 2022, the Yard Waste and Composting Site diverted a cumulative total of 27,201 tons (54,401,986 lbs.) of yard waste and pallets from going into the landfill. Of that total 627.150 tons (1,254,300 lbs.) were received as part of the Christmas Tree recycling program. \$116,219 was received for yard waste, pallets, loading of mulch and compost, and mulch sales in 2021. The chart below shows the volume of material processed at the Columbus/Bartholomew Yard Waste Site since 2018, our highest diversion program.





## Household Hazardous Waste History

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) refers to a whole range of products found in the home that in their original form, are best kept out of a sanitary landfill. About 80% of all HHW consists of two materials; used motor oil and waste paint. Other common items include automotive antifreeze, old gasoline, weed killers, pesticides, drain cleaners and auto or rechargeable batteries and more.

Until the early 1990's, we disposed of all of these items along with our regular refuse or worse, we dumped them carelessly into the environment. We now know that dumping these products out into our yards or storm sewers harms the environment in a variety of ways. While our sanitary landfill is designed to contain all household quantities of these materials, there are advantages to keeping these out of the waste stream. For example, at our landfill we must collect all of the rainwater that percolates through the refuse. This liquid, called leachate, is then treated and disposed of at the wastewater treatment plant. Just as industrial users pay more for the treatment and disposal of more concentrated wastewaters, so too does our landfill.

The collection of HHW began in May of 1990. The Saturday recycling offered at the Columbus City Garage afforded disposal of used motor oil and automotive batteries. After construction of the Columbus-Bartholomew Recycling Center (C/B Recycling Center) in the summer of 1992, the SWMA increased the disposal availability for these materials to include Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as Saturdays. The SWMA also began to evaluate single event HHW collection, commonly called Tox-A-Way days, versus a fixed facility collection program. The SWMA concluded that a fixed facility could offer a weekly service for the same cost as a one-day event. Starting in May 1994, a small purpose containment building was purchased and placed adjacent to the C/B Recycling Center. A one-half day per week program, called Tox-A-Way Wednesdays, was initiated. Mercury-containing items were added to the menu of materials accepted in 1998. Development of the District website in 1999 allows residents to seek alternatives to HHW and has proven to be one of the most accessed pages of the Internet site.

Oil and oil filter recycling at the landfill were added to the menu of services offered in 1999. A grant from IDEM was used to fund a 400-gallon oil reservoir that was placed in the reuse barn at the small load area of the landfill. Residents can recycle their waste oil and filters during regular landfill operating hours.

In 2000, the District offered free recycling of CFC (Freon) containing appliances at the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center on Earth Day and America Recycles Day. Also, tires were added to the menu of hard-to-manage problem wastes.

Elemental Mercury was added to the menu of HHW reclaimed during the Wednesday Tox-Away-Day in 2002. New edicts passed down by the State mandated removal of Mercury containing items from all schools as a safety precaution.

In 2003, computers were added to the list of recyclables accepted at the Landfill including monitors, tower and associated peripherals (mouse, keyboard, etc.). Up to 2 computers were accepted at no cost to Bartholomew County residents.

In 2005, the District had specific staff members attend CFC removal training so we could recycle internally instead of through a contractor. As a result of that training, the District began offering recycling of refrigerant containing appliances year round at the landfill for a \$20 per unit fee. Whole tires were also added to the menu of materials accepted for a fee.

In 2008, the District began accepting compact fluorescent and CFL light bulbs for recycling. These energy saving devices are enjoying widespread acceptance. Some contain trace quantities of mercury and are therefore accepted for recycling.

In 2009, the District discontinued the collection of non-rechargeable household batteries due to changing DOT transportation regulations. The District continues to accept rechargeable and automotive type (lead acid) batteries.

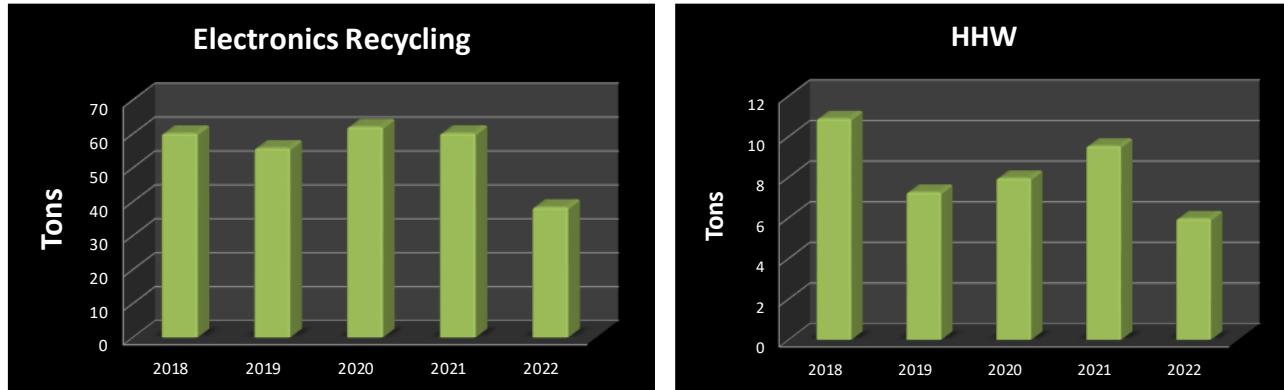
In 2011, computer recycling was expanded by the District accepting computers at the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center.

In 2012, the District purchased an oil can crusher in order to reduce our cost of proper disposal. We estimate we could save as much as \$1,750 in 2013. Through the oil crushing process we reclaim a small amount of oil. This oil can then be used to heat our Recycling Center through our oil-burning furnace.

Also in December 2012, the District expanded the electronics recycling from just computers to include all electronics with a power cord. This includes televisions, office equipment, household appliances, and computers. Exclusions include non-intact appliances, items composed of glass/wood/ceramics, and refrigerant containing appliances. Electronics are taken free of charge for recycling at the Landfill and Recycling Center locations during normal hours of operation. As well, CFL tube lighting was added to the recyclables list including 2 feet, 4 feet, and 8 feet lengths.

In 2013, the District started offering Vinyl Siding recycling at the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center. The District was working with a vendor that accepted clean (free of other materials) vinyl siding for recycling. Approximately, 3.40 tons of vinyl siding was diverted from the landfill through this program. In 2014, The District expanded the Household Hazardous Waste program by adding smoke detectors and alarms to the list of accepted items.

In July 2017, a \$20 fee was instated for Computer Monitors and Televisions due to rising costs from our Recycling vendor. As well, in July 2019, the Vinyl Siding Recycling Bin was removed by the vendor. In 2021, Tox-A-Way was expanded to 5 days a week at the Columbus/Bartholomew County Recycling Center. Earth Day 2022 was held on Saturday, April 24th with 74 CFC containing appliances, 16 Propane tanks, and 330 tires collected. Amnesty events will be reduced moving forward to one event around Earth Day each year. As well, we will continue to partner with Cummins on their annual Cummins Recycle Day. In 2022, we collected 5.98 tons (11,960 lbs.) of HHW and 38.423 tons (76,846 lbs.) of Electronics.



#### Materials Accepted

- Automotive & Rechargeable Household Batteries
- Waste Motor Oil & Oil Filters
- Hydraulic Oil
- Cooking Oil
- Oil Based Paint & Stains
- Paint Thinners, Mineral Spirits, Finishes, Varnish, Polyurethane
- Anti-freeze
- Fuels (Diesel, Gas, Kerosene)
- Mercury Containing Products
- Weed/Brush Killers, Lawn Fertilizers
- Smoke Detectors/Alarms
- CFL Fluorescent Bulbs/Tubes
- Fire Extinguishers
- Ink Cartridges
- Cell Phones
- Other items please call for acceptance

#### Hours of Operation

Tox-A-Way  
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)  
Monday-Friday 7:30 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.  
At the Columbus/Bartholomew Recycling Center  
720 S. Mapleton St. Columbus IN 47201  
**For Bartholomew County Residents Only**

# Rural Refuse Collection/ Convenience Stations

## History

The Saturday Rural Refuse collection program was started in 1972 as the "Clean-Way Packer Service", two years prior to the opening of the Bartholomew County Landfill. The Saturday program was intended to provide service to county residents living away from the proposed new landfill site in Petersville.

The Bartholomew County Solid Waste Management District has retained the county rural refuse collection program. By 1999, the service was consolidated to provide service at two locations in the county using refuse collection trucks (SR 46 West at the ABC Stewart School, and Long Road approximately ½ mile off Indianapolis Road) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday except those following a major holiday. The District also operates the Petersville Convenience Station on SR 46 East now 25th Street, at the old landfill location every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. both via contract services. This facility was opened the first Saturday in April, 1999.

The District's 20-year solid waste management plan called for the consolidation of the mobile sites into a lesser number of fixed facilities like the Petersville Station. This was planned because the cost per ton for the fixed locations is less than half the cost for packer truck collection and, the fixed locations offer recycling services and potentially collect disposal fees from all users.

In late March 2003, the District was requested by school officials to abandon the packer truck collection service at ABC Stewart. A new site (Harrison Township), 2 miles west was identified and secured for use courtesy of the Irwin-Sweeney-Miller Foundation.

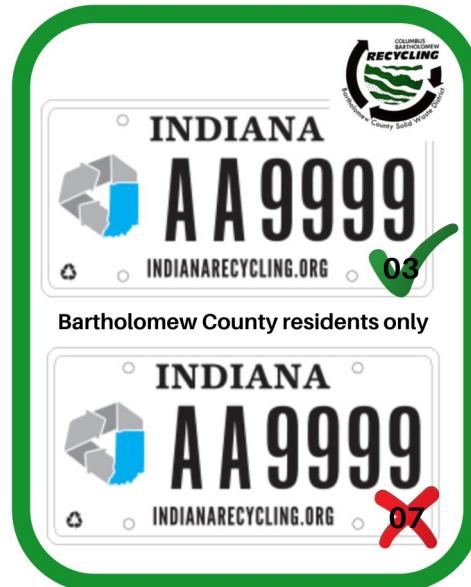
In late 2006, the District learned that the Harrison Township site was being donated to the Sycamore Land Trust. The transfer has been accomplished. Our District has entered into a long term (20 year) lease agreement with the land trust. In 2008, the District sought and received a Conditional Use Approval from Columbus Planning Department. This final approval allowed us to construct the planned improvements in late 2009. We began operation of this new station in 2010. The last packer truck based collection, at Long Road, ceased operating in March 2010.

## Current Operations

Our residents now enjoy a paved, easy access experience at both our Petersville and Harrison Township Convenience Stations. They also enjoy expanded recycling options every Saturday. Cost savings to the District (with the Long Road closure and Harrison opening) exceed \$35,000/year. A metal recycling bin was added in January 2017 to the Harrison Township site. We changed our Commingled vendor in 2020 to reduce our costs and provide the same service to residents. No COVID closures occurred in 2021 as trash disposal remained essential. Tonnage for 2021 was 726 tons at Petersville and 648 tons at Harrison. Signage was updated at Harrison Township to reflect use by only Bartholomew County residents in 2021 in addition to litter fencing at Petersville to slow blowing material.

## Future Plans

No changes are planned in the near future. Our fixed convenience stations, coupled with our landfill provide cost effective services for all our county residents. We continue to monitor the site for out-of-county use.



# City Garage Construction Demolition Site

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## History

In 1985, the City of Columbus and Bartholomew County each adopted economic development ordinances to fund the disposal of spent foundry sand from Golden Castings at our sanitary landfill. The City and County each agreed to provide up to \$16,000 per year, for a period of 10 years (1986-1995). It was soon learned that this was insufficient to pay for the increasing sand tonnages.

In an effort to reduce foundry sand disposal costs, the SWMA developed the City Garage Foundry Sand Site in July of 1991. Subsequently, all of Golden Casting's sand was received at this facility.

## New Sand Disposal Area History

The property purchased by Golden Castings consists of approximately 62 acres immediately adjacent to the City Garage site. Allowing for the required 100 foot setback along property lines yields about 47 acres for disposal. The fill height will be limited to elevation 630, in order to blend in with the surrounding property. Therefore, this site will provide approximately 1.3 million cubic yards of disposal space. Assuming an average density of 95 lbs./cu. ft., the site will hold 1.67 million tons. At a generation rate of 70,000 tons per year, this site should provide 24 years of disposal capacity.

The SWMA/District assisted Golden Castings in rezoning the property to a Special Use - 14 classification. In December 1995, the District and SWMA executed a contract with Golden Casting, which allows for the SWMA to construct and operate the new disposal area on a cost basis. The property is to be deeded to the City and County. By working cooperatively, the District, SWMA and Golden all benefit from this agreement. Per contract terms, the SWMA has moved its yard waste operations to an unused portion of the property, providing much needed additional space. The final disposal cell at the original disposal area was filled in 1996.

The City Garage Foundry Sand Site was originally permitted by the State to accept spent foundry wastes (Type III or IV only) from Golden Castings, Inc. only.

In October 1996, we received approval from the State of Indiana to begin using a new disposal area, immediately south of the original area.

The 2002 new disposal capacity built at the site was used temporarily for the storage of semi-trailers by Dorel Industries to aid their facility expansion project. In 2004, Dorel Industries discontinued their use of our site. Only a small quantity of sand was received at the site as part of the cleanup of Golden in 2002/2003.



## Current Operations

In 2005, the District received approval from IDEM to allow the acceptance of construction/demolition materials at the site. Since 2006 the site, by permit, is only allowed to accept C/D materials. In 2008, we received a substantial amount of home demolition material from the record flood of June 7th. In 2009, we constructed additional disposal capacity at our site (cell 150'x700'). This capacity will be used for larger demolition projects in our community as taking in more than 50 tons per day requires us to install scales at the site. One Waived Projects was accepted in 2022 from The City of Columbus from Warner Street.

## Inspections

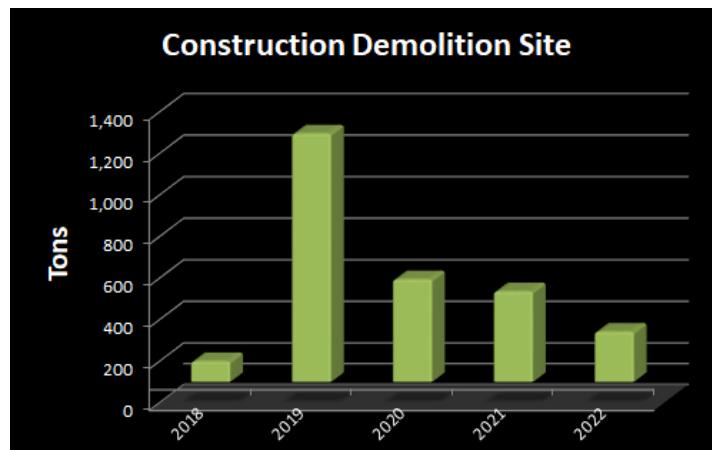
The City Garage site is inspected by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for compliance with regulations governing construction, operations, and permit conditions. These inspections are conducted on a quarterly schedule.

## Future Plans

The conversion of the site to a construction demolition fill area for large projects such as the Golden Casting demolition and the Central Middle School demolition (completed in 2007) has proved a valuable tool to preserve landfill capacity. In 2013, we received debris from a small Town of Hope demolition project totaling 1,989.52 tons diverted from our municipal landfill. In 2014, we diverted 160 tons of debris from our landfill for construction of a duplex on 9th street in Columbus. In 2022, our construction demolition site was used for 342 tons of C/D material, if we use the site over 50 tons per day, scales are required. We will continue to use this site for municipal projects that are acceptable for disposal. We estimate only 25% of the permitted capacity has been filled leaving 30.5 acres undeveloped at the site. A large portion of the 25% occurred while Golden Foundry was disposing of foundry sand. Since the transition to a C/D Site the majority of the disposal has been from demolished houses (2008 Flood), or special projects (ex. Commons Mall). Upon closure we estimate needing \$506,112 and \$209,611 for post-closure care per June 2022 Local Government Test estimates.

## Historic Tonnages

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
200	1,296	594	536	342



**BARTHolemew COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR 2022**

Beginning Balance of General Fund Budget JANUARY 1, 2022	\$	3,985,627.00	100%
Maximum Levy \$1,862,620 - Districts 2022 Levy \$785639 - Tax Rate 0.0159			
Encumbrances from 2021 \$201,712.98			

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**REVENUES:**

District Tax	\$ 806,818.96
Landfill Tipping Fees	\$ 2,132,852.97
Scalehouse Receipts Daily	\$ 254,053.36
Construction/Demolition Fees	\$ -
Sale of Recyclables	\$ 223,312.00
Tires	\$ 5,093.80
Refrigerators	\$ 7,400.00
Monitors and TV's	\$ 17,860.20
Loading	\$ 2,720.00
Yard Waste	\$ 92,548.00
Pallets	\$ 4,764.60
Sale of Compost and Mulch	\$ 16,187.10
Farm Rental	\$ 26,225.04
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,717.37
Reimbursements	\$ 6,719.84
Donations	\$ 1,796.58
Interest on Sweep Account/Checking Int.	\$ 325.03
Transfer of Funds to General	\$ 1.25
General Fund Adjustment	\$ 0.28
<b>Total Revenues General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,600,396.38</b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

		Unexpended Balance Remaining	
100 Salaries, Wages, Fica/Med and Benefits	\$ 1,063,666.88	\$ 103,885.12	9%
200 Materials, Supplies, Repairs	\$ 85,328.50	\$ 10,373.70	11%
300 Services and Other Charges	\$ 2,276,672.90	\$ 117,189.35	5%
400 Buildings, Machinery and Equipment	\$ 214,078.12	\$ 404,808.56	66%
<b>Total Appropriated Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 3,639,746.40</b>	<b>\$ 636,256.73</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Unappropriated Miscellaneous Expenditures :</b>	<b>\$ 3,648.07</b>		
<b>General Fund Adjustment:</b>	<b>\$ 0.28</b>		
<b>Transfer from General to Rainy Day Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 27,656.91</b>		
	<b>\$ 3,615,710.84</b>		

Ending Balance of General Fund Budget December 31, 2022	\$	636,256.73	11%
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Encumbrances upon approval of Resolution 1-2023	\$	518,118.07	
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Note: Remaining General Fund balance will be transferred to Rainy Day Fund January 2023 upon approval of Resolution 2-2023	\$	118,138.66	
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