

Miami County

Solid Waste



Recycling District

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MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

2017

Miami County
Recycling District
2017 Annual Report
includes information
on our current board
and employees,
programs and
services, recycling
statistics, and
financial report.

Samantha ST John
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2017 Miami County Recycling (Solid Waste) District Annual Report

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Miami County Recycling (Solid Waste Management) District is to implement and provide source reduction and recycling programs that will reduce the amount of solid waste disposed of in landfills, encourage recycling efforts, provide guidance for waste stream reduction, and increase awareness of proper hazardous waste disposal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Solid Waste Districts were created by the Indiana Legislature under Indiana Code IC-13-21. Miami County and the City of Peru took a proactive stance on solid waste planning and management and in 1991 commissioned Cole Associates to study the feasibility of a local Material Recovery and Compost Facility. During the time that the study was being completed, House Enrolled Act Number 1240 (HEA1240) had been passed by the Indiana legislature and the consultant team made every effort to anticipate the requirements which would face the soon-to-be solid waste district. Thus, when the Miami County Solid Waste Management District was formed in 1991 to prepare a twenty-year District Solid Waste Management Plan for all the solid wastes generated in the District in accordance with HEA 1240, the District had a head start on its planning. The goals for the Plan have been set out by law and they mirror in many ways what had already been recommended for this County now District. The District was formed on May 28, 1991, by the Board of Commissioners of Miami County, Indiana, through the enactment of Ordinance No. 5-28-1991 under the provisions of IC 13-9.5-2. The twenty-year plan for the Miami County Solid Waste District was submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in May of 1992 and was approved by IDEM in June of 1992.

Demographics of District:

Miami County is located in north central Indiana. It is 374 square miles and includes the city of Peru, and the towns of Amboy, Bunker Hill, Converse, Denver, and Macy. The general population of Miami County is 35,883; with 5% being under the age of 5; 22% under the age of 18 and 16% over the age of 65. About 51% of Miami county residents are women. 91% are White; 4% are African-American; 3% are Hispanic, and 1% are American Indian. 85% of the residents have a high school diploma and 11% of Miami County's residents have a Bachelor's Degree. 15% of Miami County's residents live below the poverty line.

MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BOARD:

Board members consist of several local officials who serve the district. Pursuant to Indiana Statute, the Board consists of seven members: The Miami County Board of Commissioners (3), Miami County Council Member (1), Peru City Council member (1), the Mayor of Peru (1), and an appointee from the Converse Town Council (1). They provide oversight and advice on funding, programs, and policy. The Board meets on the third Monday of each month (unless the day falls on a government holiday) at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Miami County Recycling (Solid Waste) District, located at 2651 West Logansport Road, Peru, IN.

MIAMI COUNTY RECYCLING (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT) DISTRICT BOARD 2017:

Chairman: Larry West (Miami County Commissioner)

Co-Chair: Don Morris (Converse Town Council)

Alan Hunt (Miami County Commissioner)

Joshua Francis (Miami County Commissioner)

David Sailors (Miami County Council)

Gabriel Greer (Mayor of Peru)

Citizen's Advisory Committee:

Mike Rorvik, Waste Industry Representative

Jon Faust, Past County Commissioner

Sandy Chittum, Citizen

MIAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT STAFF:

The Solid Waste District employs two full time and one part time staff members.

Samantha St John-Executive Director

Carla Weaver-Assistant Director

Brad Harmon-Part Time Warehouse

Bill Berkshire-Legal

Comerford & Company-Comptroller

FUNDING INFORMATION:

The taxing authority for the Solid Waste District agencies is similar to other governmental units in that they are required to follow public hearing and notification processes and comply with Indiana State budget filing guidelines. There are other Solid Waste District specific reports that are required by the State to be submitted by the March 1 yearly deadline.

Many districts are funded by a levy from local property taxes collected by the county Treasurer's office. Others are funded from a tax on the trash revenue (tipping fee) received at the local landfill in their county. Still others are funded by a special assessment (flat user fee) charged to all property owners in the district. District boards may set any method of funding or any combination of funding for the county.

The Miami County Recycling (Solid Waste) District is fully funded through user fees paid by property owners in the district. The annual fee for 2017 was \$30.00 per residence or business, with the exception of the residents of the town of Converse. The town of Converse has a separate curbside recycling program, and

they are charged a discounted rate of \$23.00 per residence or business. Any municipality within the district who utilizes a curbside recycling program is eligible for the discount. The yearly assessment has remained unchanged since 2010.

MUNICIPALITIES IN THE DISTRICT:

Amboy (Unincorporated)
Bunker Hill (Town)
Chili (Unincorporated)
Converse (Town)
Denver (Town)
Grissom ARB (Unincorporated)
Macy (Unincorporated)
Mexico (Unincorporated)
Peru (City)

Miami County Recycling (Solid Waste) District Programming:

Programs for recycling and disposal changed completely during April 2016. The District was able to purchase a permanent collection facility located on Logansport Road. The District office made the move to the collection facility on April 1, 2016.

This relocation made it possible for the District to accept items that were previously only accepted on certain days throughout the year. Electronics, household chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, tires etc. are taken in during regular business hours. The citizens no longer have to wait for special days to drop off items. Everything is collected at one location.

The District has programs for traditional recycling drop offs, electronic waste, tires, fluorescent bulbs, and tires. In addition, the District developed a program to help citizens dispose of bulk items in late 2017.

In late 2017, the District expanded their hours to include one Saturday per month. District employees work from 9 AM until 1 PM the first Saturday of each month

(unless it is a holiday weekend) to accommodate those citizens who work during the regular business hours during the week.

The District hosted one Beautification (Clean Up) Day in 2017. There was a second day tentatively scheduled based on funds availability. That day had to be cancelled due to the overwhelming response to the first day. The number of roll off containers filled was almost what the total for two days in previous years.

The District staff was able to present some education programs during 2017. The more we can get out into the community, the better educated the public becomes. The district will be looking for more opportunities to present programs to adult groups, adult clubs, high school and elementary classes, and other interested people who want to learn about the District and recycling.

Traditional recycling and proper disposal/recycling of difficult wastes have increased dramatically over the past six years. In 2017, the District collected over 585 tons of recycling and waste items more than in 2011.

The comparisons between 2016 and 2017 are on the next page. These figures are for years that the District had a full-time collection location.

Recycling Program Comparisons 2016 and 2017 Full Year

Recycling Drop Off Site Totals (Tons)

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017 Difference +/- Per Cent</u>	
1238.00	1365.40	127.4	10

Electronic Waste (Pounds)

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017 Difference +/- Per Cent</u>	
117,742	142,538	24,796	21

Tires (Pounds)

<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017 Difference +/- Per Cent</u>	
59,945	84,710	24,765	41

<i>Number of Tires</i>	1,790	2,680	890
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Household Chemicals (Pounds)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017 Difference +/- Per Cent</u>	
Aerosols	439	2,026	1,587	361
Chemicals	10,451	22,198	11,747	112
Fluorescent Bulbs	1,602	6,201	4,599	287
Total Materials	<u>12,492</u>	<u>30,425</u>	<u>17,933</u>	<u>143</u>

District Financials

2017 Income and Expenditures

Balance 01/01/2017 **372,870.72**

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages	\$69,051.35
Other Personal Services	\$2,820.00
Employee Benefits	\$17,411.30
Total Personal Services	\$89,282.65
Office Supplies	\$4,598.38
Operating Supplies	\$1,395.70
Other Supplies	\$1,246.42
Total Supplies	\$7,240.50
Professional Services	\$288,233.20
Communication and Transportation	\$7,410.01
Printing and Advertising	\$9,286.34
Insurance	\$12,984.00
Utility Services	\$6,031.12
Repairs and Maintenance	\$2,614.80
Rentals	\$60.00
Other Services and Charges	\$1,320.41
Total Services and Charges	\$327,939.88
Machinery, Equipment and Vehicles	\$3,538.97
Total Capital Outlays	\$3,538.97
Payment of Taxes and Other Payroll Withholdings	\$118.44
Other Disbursements	\$501.00
Total Other Disbursements	\$619.44
Total Solid Waste Disbursements	\$428,621.44
Income	
Solid Waste Assessments	\$461,245.09
Earnings on Investments	\$124.19
Total Solid Waste Receipts	461,369.28

Balance 12/31/2017 **\$405,618.56**