



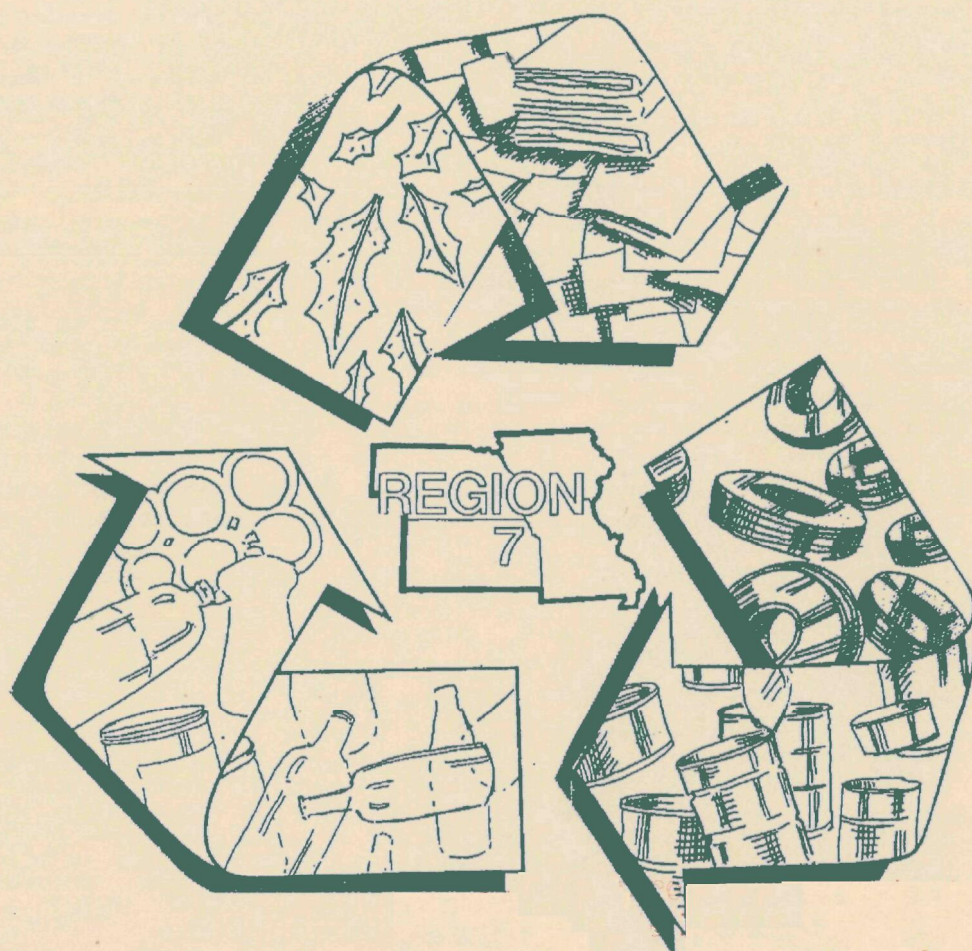
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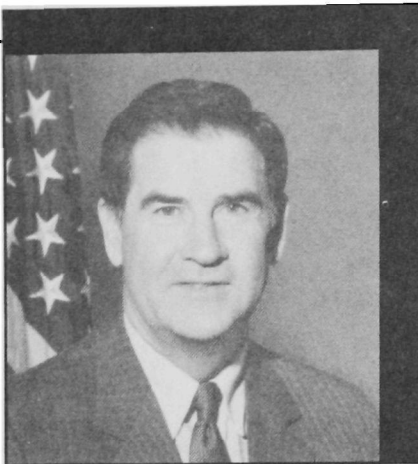
Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska

Administrator's Awards Program Region 7 Recycling Projects Summary



Successful Models of Innovative
Recycling Programs and Activities

Response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator's Awards Program, with a focus this year on recycling, has been tremendous in Region 7. In the first year of this annual national program, our office received more than 50 nominations of innovative recycling programs. We have listed these programs in this brochure to recognize the types of recycling projects being conducted by individuals, communities, schools, governments, and businesses. These recycling programs represent ways to make a positive contribution toward protecting our environment. We applaud these recycling achievements, and encourage each of you to help prevent pollution by supporting recycling programs in your community.



Morris Kay
Region 7 Administrator

Recycling Is Making A Difference!

As a nation, we are generating more trash than ever before. In 1988, the United States generated 180 million tons of trash. This is 13 percent more garbage than was produced just two years before. At this rate, by the year 2010, our country will generate more than 250 million tons of paper, bottles, cans, plastic, yard waste, furniture, tires, and other items each year.

Across the nation, individuals, organizations, businesses, and governments are making recycling work. Recycling is becoming increasingly attractive because it reduces the amount of waste that must be disposed of in landfills, and decreases potential risks to human health and the environment, in addition to conserving natural resources.

Because of the many benefits of recycling, more and more individuals, communities, schools, and businesses are producing and buying goods made of recycled materials, as well as recycling their trash. Recycling is a practical way for people to make a positive contribution toward protecting the environment.

To recognize and commend those efforts, EPA has chosen to focus

on recycling achievements during the initial year of its Administrator's Awards Program. Through this program, EPA will place the spotlight on creative successful approaches that are diverting valuable commodities from the waste stream to the marketplace.

We are proud to list these programs.

CITIZENS, COMMUNITY, CIVIC AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

❑ **Eagle Grove, Iowa** - "The Greening of Eagle Grove" is a volunteer project involving the planting of trees 100 feet apart between the communities of Eagle Grove and Goldfield.
Daryl R. Watts
410 S.E. 3rd Street
Eagle Grove, IA 50533
(515) 448-3358

❑ **Gothenburg, Nebraska** - The Youth Community Improvement Program is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce with a volun-

teer membership of over 260 high school students, currently working with the city government to promote use of recycled paper products.

Cathy Healey
1205 20th Street
Gothenburg, NE 69138
(308) 537-2106

❑ **Inman, Kansas** - The Lions Club coordinates a recycling project for the community, which includes diverting yard wastes from the city landfill.

R. Bill Williams
P.O. Box 177, 104 North Main
Inman, KS 67546-0177
(316) 585-2122

❑ **Independence, Missouri** - The Community Services League initiated a volunteer staffed recycling collection program to educate people about recycling and to generate funds to assist needy citizens.

Dorace J. Wilson
P.O. Box 4178
Independence, MO 64051-4178
(816) 254-4100

❑ **Kansas City, Missouri** - As a buyer of supplies for Research Medical Center, Susie Sheuerman reduced the use of polystyrene by 40 percent and developed an overall pollution prevention program to recycle paper and reduce waste.

Kevin Hines
2316 E. Meyer Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64132
(816) 276-4121

❑ **Kansas City, Missouri** - The Heartland All Species Project is a non-profit, eco-educational organization that approaches environmental education through hands-on celebrations of nature, such as having children build massive sculptures from recyclables.

Stan Slaughter
3517 Virginia
Kansas City, MO 64109
(816) 523-2784

❑ **Kansas City, Missouri** - The Surplus Exchange is Kansas City's clearinghouse for donated surplus goods which are redis-

tributed to local charities. The Surplus Exchange currently works with over 370 charities and receives donated materials from hundreds of businesses.

Bruce T. Holland
1107 Hickory
Kansas City, MO 64101
(816) 472-0444

❑ **Moundridge, Kansas** - The *Better Farms 4-H Club* began collecting newspapers in 1985 and has expanded this fund raising project to include recycling glass, plastic and aluminum.

Clare Galle, Route 2, Box 17
Moundridge, KS 67107
(316) 345-2781

❑ **New Prague, Minnesota** - "RECLAIM" stands for *Rural Community Assistance Aimed at Improved Management* of the environment. The project conducted in Missouri, Nebraska and North Dakota, is designed to help local government officials better address solid waste management concerns.

Paula Liepold
Midwest Assistance Program Inc.
P.O. Box 81
New Prague, MN 56071
(612) 758-4334

❑ **Ottawa, Kansas** - The six-county *Lake Region Resources Conservation and Development Council* initiated educational efforts on waste management in June 1989, followed by the first pilot recycling program in Franklin County in October 1990.

Joan Vibert
121 East 2nd
Ottawa, KS 66067
(913) 242-2073

❑ **Panora, Iowa** - The General Federated Women's Club, Women for Panora's Future coordinates an *environmental education campaign* as well as a paper recycling program for the community.

Gloria Baker
202 S.W. 15th Street
Panora, IA 50216
(515) 747-8383

❑ **Parkville, Missouri** - The citizens established a *Recycling*

Center staffed by volunteers and in the first year doubled the volume of aluminum, tripled the volume of newspapers and collected about five times the amount of glass.

Meg Harding
6924 N.W. Highway 9
Kansas City, MO 64152
(816) 741-4978

❑ **Emporia, Kansas** - As manager of the Pizza Hut, Rebecca Samuelson instituted a *recycling program that reduced bulk waste* at Pizza Hut by 80 percent.

Rebecca Samuelson
P.O. Box 1446
Emporia, KS 66801

❑ **St. Charles, Missouri** - Recycle Roundup's primary intent is to *promote recycling* throughout the community *through environmental education programs*.

Sandra Greiwe
14 Willowbrook Place
St. Charles, MO 63301
(314) 946-4048

❑ **Shawnee, Kansas** - Bill McCallop collects *aluminum cans* as a *fundraising project* for the Shawnee Community Center. He was named "citizen of the year" by the Community Center.

Evelyn VanKemseke
11110 W. 67th Street
Shawnee, KS 66203
(913) 268-7746

❑ **Shawnee, Kansas** - The Community Center of Shawnee, Inc. *provides recycling education and maintains a recycling collection center*.

Evelyn VanKemseke
P.O. Box 3072
Shawnee, KS 66203
(913) 268-7746

❑ **Topeka, Kansas** - "Topeka Project Redirectory" sponsored by the Topeka-Shawnee County Litter Control Commission and Southwestern Bell Telephone *reclaimed more than 100,000 telephone books* from area businesses and organizations.

Kathy Dechand
2231 SW. Wanamaker Road
Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66614
(913) 273-6808

❑ **Webster Groves, Missouri** - Ann Mack, coordinates the Missouri Energy Resources Project. The Project conducts *waste reduction and resources workshops for educators* in the state.

Ann Mack
658 Amelia
Webster Groves, MO 63119
(314) 962-7752

EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS
AND YOUTH
ORGANIZATIONS

❑ **Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - Southeast Missouri State University implemented its campus wide recycling program with the objectives of reducing the campus waste stream and *developing a model recycling program* for the region.

Kim King
One University Plaza
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(314) 651-2213

❑ **Cedar Rapids, Iowa** - Dr. Floyd Sandford has established a *paper recycling program* at Coe College.

Dr. Floyd Sandford
Coe College
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
(319) 399-8000

❑ **Cedar Rapids, Iowa** - Dr. Neil Bernstein coordinates a *paper recycling project* at Mt. Mercy College that resulted in more than three tons of paper recycled in one year.

Dr. Neil Bernstein
1330 Elmhurst Drive NE.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
(319) 363-8213

❑ **Florissant Valley, Missouri** - The St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley has a *Campus Recycling Task Force* to coordinate a voluntary participation program on campus to reduce waste and recycle material.

Stephen Brown
3400 Pershall Road
St. Louis, MO 63135
(314) 595-4359

❑ **Kansas City, Missouri** - The University of Missouri Extension Office has developed an *educational resource program* designed for consumer education on *household hazardous waste*.
Marsha Alexander
1601 E. 18th Street, Suite 200
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 472-0237

❑ **Omaha, Nebraska** - The Creighton Prep Science Club *recycles newspapers, glass, paper, aluminum and other materials* throughout the year to help finance field trips and enter science competition events.
David C. Dow
7400 Western Avenue
Omaha, NE 68114-1878
(402) 393-1190

❑ **Schuyler, Nebraska** - The "Recycling for a Better Tomorrow" project, sponsored by the Schuyler FFA, involves the *collection of recyclable materials in the schools as well as a recycling education campaign*.
Tom Wheeldon
401 Adams Street
Schuyler, NE 68661
(402) 352-5153

❑ **Springfield, Missouri** - The Springfield Public School's etc. Center works closely with area businesses and Springfield's public schools to *use discarded recyclable materials for projects in the schools*.
Sondra Goodman
901 S. National Ave., Box 108
Springfield, MO 65804
(417) 836-5777

❑ **Vinton, Iowa** - Students at Washington High School, and the Shellsburg Community School have organized a *paper recycling program as well as an environmental education campaign* in their schools.
Angie Hanson or Becky McKenna
Washington High School
Vinton, IA 52349
(319) 472-4721

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

❑ **Hutchinson, Kansas** - Dillon Stores, headquartered in Hutch-

inson, Kansas, *established a plastics recycling program in its 61 supermarkets* throughout Kansas. Plastic containers are taken to the Training and Evaluation Center for the Handicapped in Hutchinson for processing.

John Baldwin
2700 East Fourth
Hutchinson, KS 67501
(316) 665-5511

❑ **Hutchinson, Kansas** - The Midwest Iron & Metal Company, in cooperation with other businesses and community organizations, initiated a *successful public education campaign and voluntary recycling program*.
Russell L. Fallis, Jr.
700 S. Main, P.O. Box 70
Hutchinson, KS 67504-0070
(316) 662-0551

❑ **Lincoln, Nebraska** - KOLN-TV established a *recycling program* for paper, aluminum cans and newspapers at their facilities.
Kim Thompson
P.O. Box 30350
Lincoln, NE 68503
(402) 467-4321

❑ **Lindsay, Nebraska** - Total Quality Management is an approach used at Lindsay Manufacturing to *minimize waste in its manufacturing process*. The company implemented seven projects to reprocess various wastes at an estimated savings of more than one million dollars.
Donald J. Ambrose
P.O. Box 156
Lindsay, NE 68644
(402) 428-7388

❑ **St. Louis, Missouri** - The Monsanto Company has undertaken a *recycling program at its world headquarters* in St. Louis where more than 3,775 tons of white paper and over 8,862 pounds of aluminum cans have been recycled.
Charles B. Henderson
800 N. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63167
(314) 694-8524

❑ **Sioux Center, Iowa** - Iowa Plastics *purchases recycled plastics from communities and recycles the plastic* into liners for

livestock facilities, basketball backboards, shower liners and other products.

Virgil Houtkooper
322 N. Main
Sioux Center, IA 51250
(712) 722-0692

❑ **Sioux Center, Iowa** - Van Beek Inc., Bio-Mass Energy and Recycling is a company involved in *research projects to reduce solid waste in landfills as well as converting waste to energy*. The company also assists businesses in marketing recycled goods for all types of waste reduction programs.
Norlyn Van Beek
322 N. Main
Sioux Center, IA 51250
(712) 722-3709

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND STATE AGENCIES

❑ **Carroll County, Iowa** - Carroll County Recycles is a *joint curbside collection effort* of the Carroll County Solid Waste Management Commission, New Hope Village and Carroll Enterprise Systems to meet Iowa's waste reduction goals.
Sara Bixby
Route 3, Box 17
Carroll, IA 51401
(712) 792-5001

❑ **Chillicothe, Missouri** - The municipal utilities *curbside recycling program* sends collected material to the Hope Haven Sheltered Workshop to process material.
Leroy Butts
P.O. Box 140
Chillicothe, MO 64601
(816) 646-1664

❑ **Des Moines, Iowa** - The Des Moines Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency conducted its Second Annual Polk County Toxic Cleanup Day for citizens

to properly dispose of household hazardous materials.

Gail Cummings
521 E. Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50309
(515) 244-0021

❑ **Des Moines, Iowa** - The Iowa Waste Management Authority Division, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, provides *non-regulatory assistance* in the form of public education, grants and technical assistance *to promote environmentally safe alternatives to land disposal of solid wastes.*

Tom Blewett
Henry A. Wallace Building
900 E. Grand
Des Moines, IA 50319
(515) 281-8895

❑ **Jefferson City, Missouri** - The Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIARA) provides *low-cost financing for projects that reduce and prevent environmental pollution, and encourage research and development of energy alternatives.*

Stephen Mahfood
P.O. Box 744
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(314) 751-4919

❑ **Lenexa, Kansas** - The City became the first community in the Greater Kansas City area to start a *curbside recycling pro-*

gram. More than 3.5 million pounds of material was diverted from the waste stream during the first 14 months of the program.

Art Davis
P.O. Box 14888
Lenexa, KS 66215-0888
(913) 492-8800

❑ **Lincoln, Nebraska** - The City and the Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored a *workshop on "Commercial Waste Reduction and Recycling"* to assist area businesses in reducing and recycling materials.

Gene Hanlon
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 471-8215

❑ **Mt. Pleasant, Iowa** - "Mount Pleasant Recycles" involves a *recycling and collection sticker program* that produced a 40 percent reduction in solid waste generated in the community in a two-month period.

Scott H. Neal
220 West Monroe
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641
(319) 385-1470

❑ **Sedgwick County, Kansas** - The Sedgwick County Department of Environmental Management coordinated an *environmental education campaign to inform citizens of recycling opportunities* in the community

and the correct methods for preparing recyclable materials.

Susan Erlenwein
510 N. Main
Wichita, KS 67203
(316) 383-7380

❑ **Springfield, Missouri** - "Project ReDirectory", coordinated by the City of Springfield, *recovered for recycling, more than 207,000 telephone directories.* The project has been expanded to recover other recyclable material including: newspapers, yard waste, glass and plastic.

Steve Burdic
P.O. Box 8368
Springfield, MO 65801
(417) 864-1000

❑ **Storm Lake, Iowa** - The Harold Rowley Recycling Center uses a combination of technologies to achieve a comprehensive waste management plan. The program incorporates *recycling and composting at a single facility.*

Norlyn Van Beek
Bio-Mass Energy & Recycling
P.O. Box 1102
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 722-3709

❑ **West Bend, Iowa** - The city started a *voluntary curbside recycling program* that has generated more than 40 percent participation by the community.

Mary J. Steil
P.O. Box 348
West Bend, IA 50597
(515) 887-2181

PROMOTE RECYCLING

EPA Region 7 is promoting recycling programs in its four state area of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. If you want to share your recycling program or projects, please send a summary of your activities to EPA Region 7, Office of Public Affairs in the following format.

On one 8 1/2 x 11 - inch sheet of paper, list in the following order:

- 1** Title of project or activity.
- 2** Name, address, and telephone number (home/ work) of the individual coordinating the project.
- 3** Names, addresses, and affiliations of major project participants.
- 4** Names of organizations/individual(s) that helped the project (for example, a company that provided funding for a school recycling project) and a description of how they helped.
- 5** Project dates (beginning, ending or ongoing).