

Overview of Oakland County CCIRF Study on Solid Waste and Recycling Management

What is the CCIRF study?

CCIRF refers to the Capital and Cooperative Initiatives Revolving Fund. The purpose of the CCIRF funding is to encourage the implementation of intergovernmental cooperative initiatives between cities, villages, and townships by funding independent, third party consulting engagements to identify the benefits and feasibility of the cooperative effort proposed.

A recent CCIRF study explored a Northwest Oakland County Fire Collaboration Feasibility Study involving Groveland Township, Holly Township, Rose Township, Springfield Township, and Village of Holly.

What is the focus of this CCIRF study?

The study is focusing on solid waste and recycling management for the participating townships of Brandon, Groveland, Independence, Springfield, Waterford, West Bloomfield, and White Lake.

The study will be studying ways to increase services and recycling, while reducing costs and the need for disposal in landfills.

The study will attempt to answer and make recommendations about the following questions:

- Can certain efficiencies be achieved by these communities working together?
- What systems can be implemented to increase recycling and waste diversion?
- Are there emerging technologies that provide good, sound alternatives to disposal of waste in landfills?

What is the timing of the study?

The County has contracted with Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) to perform the work. Phase I of the study is currently underway to explore existing conditions in each community, what opportunities are available to increase recycling and waste diversion, and what is the best recommendation to move forward. Phase I is projected to be complete by mid-April 2009.

Phase II takes a closer look at the preferences and recommendations of the participating townships. A closer analysis of the options available will be undertaken to explore cost-benefits and feasibility. Phase II is projected to be complete by May 1, 2009 with a final report submitted to the County.

To meet these deadlines, the participating townships and RRS will be meeting on a every other week basis.

For more information, please contact your community representative or Resource Recycling Systems.

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