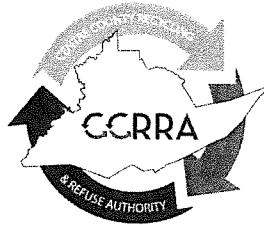


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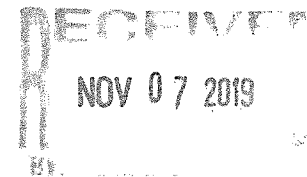
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DATE: November 6, 2019
TO: Centre County Municipalities
FROM: Joanne Shafer, Recycling Coordinator
RE: The State of Recycling in Centre County



Please find enclosed a resolution that was recently adopted by our Board of Directors. As many of you know, recycling markets are poor and multiple stories abound about other municipalities either reducing the types of recyclables they collect or dropping their recycling programs altogether. Although this may seem like a rather general resolution, there are some things we have already done to address this issue and as with most things we do in our daily lives, there is always room for improvement.

Our Board voted to stay with our source separated curbside collection program, after a lengthy study of changing over to single stream recycling. That has enabled us to continue to market all the materials we collect. Markets may not be good financially, but we haven't dropped materials like other programs have. All our materials are not only being marketed but many of them go to markets located in Pennsylvania. Our low contamination rate also allows us to maximize the grant funding we receive from the PA DEP, which improves our program's reputation with the Department, which also reflects upon the Recycling Fund grant applications many of you have submitted.

Contamination is always an issue, and especially at many of our drop-off sites located in most municipalities throughout the County. Our education efforts to reduce that contamination include new signage we recently placed on all drop off boxes, information in our newsletter and through social media, along with using the available print media. Any help you can also offer with our efforts is appreciated.

The financial downturn in the markets has forced us to increase the rates we charge for recycling services. As soon as markets rebound, you can trust that we will pass those savings on to those of you that use our services. In the meantime, let's all make an effort to recycle as much as we can and to keep that material as free of contamination as possible.

October 23, 2019

Resolution 2019 - 03

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
CENTRE COUNTY RECYCLING AND REFUSE AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the "EPA") has recognized current difficulties in the marketing of commodities derived from public and private sector recycling efforts; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has invited U.S. based organizations to sign a pledge to work toward a more resilient materials economy; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority's board members believe it to be in the best interests of the citizens of Centre County, Pennsylvania, that the Authority officially signify the Authority's commitment to participate in ongoing dialogues, and to take action with other pledge signers to improve America's recycling system.

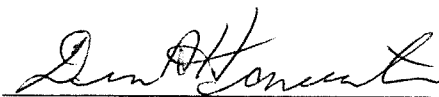
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Authority adopts the following pledge:

"My organization pledges to work together with EPA and the other America Recycles Pledge signatories to build on our existing efforts to address the challenges facing our nation's recycling system and to identify solutions that create a more resilient materials economy and protect the environment. My submission of this form indicates the interest and willingness of my organization to participate in an ongoing dialogue to identify specific actions that we can take collectively with EPA and the other signatories, and within our respective organization, to improve the nation's recycling system."

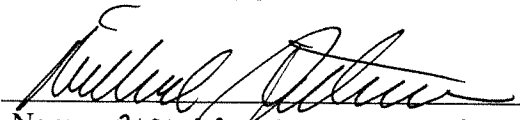
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authority's management is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry the adoption of this pledge into effect by completing appropriate pledge forms with the EPA.

ATTEST:



CENTRE COUNTY RECYCLING AND
REFUSE AUTHORITY

By:



Name: RICHARD STEHOUWER

Title: CHAIR PERSON

The Pledge

My organization pledges to work together with EPA and the other America Recycles Pledge signatories to build on our existing efforts to address the challenges facing our nation's recycling system and to identify solutions that create a more resilient materials economy and protect the environment. My submission of this form indicates the interest and willingness of my organization to participate in an ongoing dialogue to identify specific actions that we can take collectively with EPA and the other signatories, and within our respective organization, to improve the nation's recycling system.

Sign the Pledge

Please complete the below form in its entirety, including selecting your organization type and choosing one or more action areas in which your organization is most interested in being involved.

Please read the above pledge language carefully before you submit the form. Submission of the below form indicates your pledge signature.

Organization Name (Required)

Primary Point of Contact (Required)

Contact E-mail Address (Required)

Confirm Contact E-mail Address (Required)

Organization Type (Required)

Government (Federal, state, tribal, local)

Non-profit Organization

Industry Association

- Recycler
- Manufacturer
- Brand
- Other

Areas of Interest (select all that apply) (Required)

- Promoting Education & Outreach: Communicating what, where and how materials can be recycled, to the public and across the recycling chain.
- Enhancing Materials Management Infrastructure: Helping recyclers adapt to an evolving materials stream and prepare to recycle new materials.