



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
www.dupagecounty.gov

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sheila Rutledge at 8:32 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board Members present: Member Yeena Yoo.

PRESENT	Cronin Cahill, Garcia, LaPlante, and Rutledge
LATE	Covert, and Evans

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

No remarks were offered.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Barcus with Dark Sky, provided an update on events he has attended and a recent grant he has applied for through Home Depot.

Tom Halan, resident of DuPage County, spoke on of his concerns on noise pollution in his community.

4.A. [23-2061](#)

Public Comment - June 6, 2023 by Tom Halan

Attachments: [Public Comment 6-6-2023](#)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-1991](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Attachments: [Environmental Committee - Tuesday, May 2, 2023 Draft Minutes](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sadia Covert
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL

6.A. [EN-R-0017-23](#)

Acceptance of additional funding for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
Solid Waste Management Grant FY22 Intergovernmental Agreement No. SWM22320 in

the amount of \$10,000.00 (Under the Administrative Direction of the DuPage County Environmental Division)

Attachments: [Intergov Agreement Amendment SWM22320](#)

RESULT: APPROVED AT COMMITTEE

MOVER: Cynthia Cronin Cahill

SECONDER: Sadia Covert

7. PRESENTATIONS

The order of 7.A., 7.B., and 8.A. were changed in the meeting to accommodate for presenters and staff.

7.A. What Is Plastic and Why Should We Care? - Go Green Glen Ellyn

President and co-founder of Go Green Glen Ellyn, Jacquelyn Casazza provided a presentation on the impact of plastic. Plastic is a combination of polymer and additives. It is used for multiple items such as medical equipment, children's toys, and automotive parts. Due to its components being lightweight and inexpensive, its production is nearly ten billion tons since 1950. Half of the plastic produced is single use, therefore much of the plastic produced is still in existence. Plastic has broken down and been found in water, plants, and animals. Ms. Casazza spoke on the data gathered and how the chemicals in plastic, "classified as endocrine disrupting chemicals", are hurtful to human bodies in a variety of ways. Go Green Glen Ellyn is willing to support the Environmental Committee in researching and planning to reduce single use plastic consumption and pollution. Member LaPlante stated she would like to see this type of approach in the committee.

7.B. SCARCE

Executive Director of SCARCE, Kay McKeen, provided a presentation on multiple events either held or attended by SCARCE. The Earth flag was recently awarded to Edison Middle School. SCARCE has made continuous efforts to collect smoke detectors and dispose of them appropriately on behalf of the community. They are also expecting to hold about 27 Recycling Extravaganzas in the year 2023. Ms. McKeen announced upcoming events such as the SCARCE Open House and the STEM-A-PALOOZA.

8. DISCUSSION

8.A. [23-1992](#)

Unincorporated Waste and Recycling Hauling Services Follow-Up Survey

Chairwoman Rutledge opened for discussion on the Unincorporated Waste and Recycling Hauling Survey. Member Yeena Yoo relayed concern over the length of the survey and the possibility to add image content, such as a table, for comparison. Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, agreed with adding image content and working with GIS in doing so. The committee came to a consensus to move forward with the questions on the Waste and Recycling Hauling Survey.

Attachments: [Survey Memo](#)
 [Unincorporated Waste and Recycling Hauling Services Follow-Up Survey](#)

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Member Evans expressed interest in removing single use plastics in vending machines at the DuPage County grounds cafeteria. Member Covert added that she can discuss this topic during the Strategic Planning Committee to implement the idea for all committees.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 AM.



Online Public Comments - Minutes Only

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File #: 23-2061

Agenda Date: 6/6/2023

Agenda #: 4.A.

DuPage County Board Speech

To ensure that our communities will always be desirable places to live, work and raise families, where all feel welcomed.

To define and fulfill its role in supporting and enhancing the quality of life for County residents by keeping people safe...Protecting and enhancing natural resources and infrastructure.

To foster the continued growth of its economy by championing DuPage County as a desirable place in which to live and work.

These values are the mission statement of the County.

I have recently had severe impact to my quality of life due to destruction of the environment, namely protected wetland of endangered species. After destruction of the vegetation, the loud sound of an air handling unit was first noticed by residents. The sound had previously been abated by the removed trees, was minimal at best, and was a non-issue. Now, the noise is very intrusive and severely impacts the local properties. *This noise pollution is unbearable.* This reduces my quality of life, property value, and damages the protected wetland. *The sound is so bad, that if left unmitigated, I could no longer live in my home.*

This noise pollution is also detrimental to the endangered species that inhabit the pond, which is against the mission statement, and legislation, of DuPage County, the State of Illinois, and the Federal EPA.

Up to this point, I feel my local government has been dismissive of my claims. My neighbors share this sentiment.

It is the duty of this board to rectify these violations, protect the environment, wetland, and endangered species of the county and Illinois. Under the current conditions, I cannot claim my property as being a desirable place to live, work, and raise a family; as is the mission statement of the County in which I am represented.

The City of Wheaton is oppressing me as a resident of Dupage county. I have no recourse, as the violations are emanating from City of Wheaton, in which I am unrepresented. For this reason, I call upon the board to do what is right, and take action on the violations at hand.

These issues should be handled by this board in conjunction with **[The Stormwater Board / Environmental Board]**.

I have submitted documentation showing damage done, and mitigation strategies. I request these actions be performed.

Date: 06 June 2023.

Subject: Wheaton Warrenville South High School wetland tree and vegetation removal.

On 23 May 2023 and 30 May 2023 unknown parties removed trees and ground vegetation from the eastern shore of a wetland adjacent to the Wheaton Warrenville South High School. Previous clearing had taken place during the early spring of 2023 on the South East shoreline but was minor in comparison to these events.

The wetland, locally known as Weisbrook Pond, is located to the west of the Wheaton Warrenville South High School (WWSHS) building and the affected area is on school property.

This pond is identified as a wetland on the DuPage County Parcel Viewer website and is represented as such by county officials to local area residents via permits requiring outbuilding moves to comply, and one local resident receiving fines in the past and required construction of a Salamander habitat.

These actions performed at the WWSHS may have violated Du Page County, Illinois State, and U.S. Government laws regarding wetlands protection. No permits for the vegetation removal were known to exist at the time of the plant removal actions. Vegetation removal was performed without regard to public input or knowledge.

The natural wetland environment was affected by the vegetation clearing, as well as affecting wildlife natural habitat and affecting the neighboring residences' quality of life.

The tree and vegetation removal actions revealed further nuisances coming from the high school building.

Subsequent to the flora removal, the loud sound of an air handling unit atop the high school was first noticed by local residents. The sound previously had been abated by the removed trees and vegetation on the east side of the wetland and had not been noticed by the area residents. This noise is very intrusive and severely impacts the local properties.

Lights emanating from the school also previously unnoticed by local residents further intruded upon wetland and residential tranquility. The removed trees had blocked most of night time lights originating at the school. The nocturnal activities of the wetland and attendant wildlife were thus subjected to the unwanted lighting from the high school.

Local residents believe the actions that occurred on 23 May and 30 May 2023 have affected their quality of life. The residents believe the tree and vegetation removal actions have affected their properties' values. The residents also believe the wildlife using or residing at the wetland have been affected by these actions.

The residents propose a mitigation solution to these actions. Replacement of the trees removed and restoration of the vegetation removed by the high school would restore the wetland wildlife habitat and restore the former tranquility of local residents.

The trees restoration would remove the night light pollution and loss of privacy/line of sight from the high school.

The noise pollution from the high school air handling unit would be abated by installation of sound attenuation surrounding or enclosing the unit.

The tree and vegetation restoration would aid in the wildlife habitat recovery for the endangered species known to exist at the wetland. Salamander and Little Blue Heron are known to exist in this area, and a Bald Eagle has been spotted twice in the last 2 years at this location as well.

Please see attached for potential pollution mitigation strategies.



Minutes

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File #: 23-1991

Agenda Date: 6/6/2023

Agenda #: 5.A.



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8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sheila Rutledge at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board Members present: Member Yeena Yoo and Member Patty Gustin.

PRESENT	Covert, Cronin Cahill, Garcia, LaPlante, and Rutledge
REMOTE	Evans

MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Member Cahill moved and Member Covert seconded a motion to allow Member Evans to participate remotely, pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Sadia Covert

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

Chairwoman Rutledge reminded the committee members of her efforts for the Single Trash Hauler Project. Chairwoman Rutledge will be speaking on this topic on the next County Board meeting and hoped that the committee members would support her in this effort. Member Cahill expressed support for this project although she will be unable to attend the next County Board meeting.

3.A. April Civic Awareness Event on Plastics

The April Civic Awareness Event on Plastics was held by the League of Woman's Voters. The first day the event was held about 100 people attended. Chairwoman Sheila Rutledge expressed that it was well thought out.

3.B. Sign Recycling Event

The Sign Recycling event held on April 21, 2023 obtained 27 cubic yards of signs. This event is to be held two to three weeks after every election for the public.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Barcus with Dark Sky spoke during public comments. Mr. Barcus attended Earth Day in Naperville and will be working with SCARCE. Mr. Barcus reviewed a study with the committee gathered in Indianapolis.

Executive Director of SCARCE, Kay McKeen, announced that SCARCE will be having a display in partnership with Dark Sky. Ms. McKeen expressed gratitude to those who went out to

support the students in the Annual Sustainable Design Challenge.

Marylee Len, a resident of DuPage County, suggested in person the possibility of having the signs collected from the Sign Recycling Event to be repurposed by the local beekeepers.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-1668](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Attachments: [Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, April 4, 2023](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sheila Rutledge
SECONDER:	Sadia Covert

6. PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL

6.A. [EN-R-0016-23](#)

Memorandum of Understanding between the County of DuPage and Midwest Renewable Energy Association to provide a solar group buy program at no cost to the County.

Attachments: [Solar Switch Chicagoland MOU_2023](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Sheila Rutledge
SECONDER:	Sadia Covert

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.A. [23-1669](#)

2022 Solid Waste & Recycling Annual Report

Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, Joy Hinz, presented the 2022 Solid Waste & Recycling Annual Report. On a national level, California and Colorado passed an extended producer packaging bills. On Federal level, there was a lot of investment from the United States on recycling education grants and recycling infrastructure grants. At county level multiple special recyclable collections were organized for the community. Special collections events included but are not limited to tire collection, shredding events, and Rx Box programs. The divisions' website has received thousands of views for recycling guides and electronics recycling.

Attachments: [2022 Solid Waste & Recycling Annual Report](#)

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.A. Grow Geo Chicagoland Program

DuPage County will be working alongside Citizens of Utility Board (CUB) and Midwest Renewable Energy Association will be introducing a new geothermal heat pump group-buy. The first goal is to educate residents on the benefits of geothermal and alongside offer a discounted geothermal unit. An evening webinar will be held on June 5th, 2023. The geothermal group-buy is open to all residents of Illinois.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Member Yoo relayed messages she had received from the public asking if it was possible to move up the Sign Recycling Event to potentially be scheduled right after elections as oppose to the current two to three week wait. Chairwoman Rutledge shared that the event is held two to three weeks after the election because that is around the time that the election is certified.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.



Environmental Resolution

421 N. COUNTY FARM
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File #: EN-R-0017-23

Agenda Date: 6/6/2023

Agenda #: 13.A.

ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT FY22
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. SWM22320
\$10,000.00
(Under the administrative direction of the
DuPage County Environmental Division)

WHEREAS, the County of DuPage has been notified by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that additional grant funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) are available to DuPage County to assist with the preparation and implementation of solid waste management plans; and

WHEREAS, said County of DuPage grant related expenses are currently being accounted for in both the General Fund Special Accounts, Company 1000 - Accounting Unit 1180, and Building, Zoning & Planning, Company 1100 - Accounting Unit 2810; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Intergovernmental Agreement is from date of Illinois EPA counter signature through December 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required to receive this funding; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant does not add any additional subsidy from the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DuPage County Board that amendment 23-SWM22320-A1 to Intergovernmental Agreement No. SWM22320 (ATTACHMENT) between the County of DuPage and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should state and/or federal funding cease for this grant, the Environmental Committee shall review the need for continuing the specified program and related head count; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Environmental Committee determine the need for other funding is appropriate, it may recommend action to the County Board by resolution.

Enacted and approved this 13th of June, 2023 at Wheaton, Illinois.

DEBORAH A. CONROY, CHAIR
DU PAGE COUNTY BOARD

Attest: _____

JEAN KACZMAREK, COUNTY CLERK

ATTACHMENT

Amendment No. 23-SWM22320-A1

Agreement No. SWM22320

AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT



BETWEEN

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

AND

COUNTY OF DUPAGE

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Grantor) with its principal office at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield IL 62794 and County of DuPage (Grantee) with its principal office at 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187 and payment address (if different than principal office) at same hereby hereby agree that the following amendment (Amendment) shall amend the Grant Agreement (Agreement), which is described below. Grantor and Grantee are collectively referred to herein as "Parties" or individually as a "Party."

All terms and conditions set forth in the original Agreement and any subsequent amendment, but not amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect as written. In the event of a conflict, the terms of this Amendment shall prevail. This Amendment is authorized by Paragraph 26.5 of the Agreement.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Parties to perform consistent with all terms herein and pursuant to the duties and responsibilities imposed by Grantor under the laws of the State of Illinois and in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements contained in the Agreement and herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the value, receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

AWARD AND AMENDMENT INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATION

1.1. Original Agreement. The Agreement, numbered SWM22320, has an original term from 06/29/22 to 12/29/23.

1.2. Prior Amendments. Below is the list of all prior amendments to the Agreement (mark N/A if none):
Amendment Number: N/A, Effective Date: N/A.

1.3. Current Agreement Term. The Agreement expires on 12/29/23, unless terminated pursuant to the Agreement.

1.4. Item(s) Altered. Identify which of the following Agreement elements are amended herein (check all that apply):

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A (Project Description) | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit F (Performance Standards) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B (Deliverables/Milestones) | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit G (Specific Conditions) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C (Payment) | <input type="checkbox"/> PART TWO (Grantor-Specific Terms) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D (Contact Information) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PART THREE (Project-Specific Terms) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E (Performance Measures) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Award Term | <input type="checkbox"/> Funding Source |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Award Amount | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ |

State of Illinois
AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2023 / 1 18 22
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1.5. **Effective Date.** This Amendment shall be effective on execution . If an effective date is not identified in this Paragraph, the Amendment shall be effective upon the last dated signature of the Parties.

1.6. **Certification.** Grantee certifies under oath that (1) all representations made in this Amendment are true and correct and (2) all Grant Funds awarded pursuant to the Agreement shall be used only for the purpose(s) described therein, including all subsequent amendments. Grantee acknowledges that the Award is made solely upon this certification and that any false statements, misrepresentations, or material omissions shall be the basis for immediate termination of the Agreement and repayment of all Grant Funds.

1.7 **Signatures.** In witness whereof, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

By: _____
Signature of John J. Kim by Jacob Poeschel, Director by CFO

By: _____
Signature of Designee

Date: _____
Printed Name: Jacob Poeschel
Printed Title: Chief Financial Officer
Designee

By: _____
Signature of First Other Approver, if Applicable

Date: _____
Printed Name: _____
Printed Title: _____
Other Approver

By: _____
Signature of Second Other Approver, if Applicable

Date: _____
Printed Name: _____
Printed Title: _____
Second Other Approver

By: _____
Signature of Third Other Approver, if Applicable

Date: _____
Printed Name: _____
Printed Title: _____
Third Other Approver

County of DuPage

By: _____
Signature of Authorized Representatives

Date: 5/30/23
Printed Name: Nicholas Kottmeyer

Printed Title: Chief Administrative Officer
Email: NKottmeyer@dupageco.org

By: _____
Signature of Authorized Representative

Date: _____
Printed Name: _____
Printed Title: _____
Email: _____

**ARTICLE II
AMENDMENTS**

- 2.1. Exhibit B Changes. Exhibit B is amended as detailed in the attached new Exhibit B.
- 2.2. Exhibit C Changes. Exhibit C is amended as detailed in the attached new Exhibit C.
- 2.3. Exhibit D Changes. Exhibit D is amended as detailed in the attached new Exhibit D.
- 2.4. PART THREE Changes. PART THREE is amended by adding the following:

Quarterly Reports. For the calendar quarters ending on September 30, 2022, December 31, 2022, March 31, 2023, June 30, 2023, September 30, 2023, December 31, 2023, March 31, 2024, and June 30, 2024, Grantee must submit quarterly reports within 15 calendar days of the conclusion of the preceding calendar quarter reflecting all work undertaken in accordance with this Agreement to accomplish the Performance Measures described in Exhibit E and Exhibit F. A quarterly report is not required for the calendar quarter ending September 30, 2024.

Closeout Report. Grantee must submit a closeout report summarizing the work completed in accordance with this Agreement no later than September 1, 2024. The closeout report must include a detailed description of how funds from this Agreement were used to accomplish the Performance Measures described in Exhibit E and Exhibit F.

2.5 Amount of Agreement Changes. Grant Funds shall not exceed \$15,000.00 of which \$0 are federal funds. Grantee Agrees to accept Grantor's payment as specified in the Exhibits and attachments incorporated herein as part of this Agreement

2.6 Award Term Changes. This Agreement shall be effective on June 29, 2022 and shall expire on September 1, 2024, unless terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

2.7 Uniform Budget Template Changes. The Uniform Budget Template is amended as detailed in the new Uniform Budget Template.

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EXHIBIT B
DELIVERABLES OR MILESTONES

Grantees receive funding	Upon Execution
Project work beings	Upon Execution
Project completion date	December 29, 2023
Due date for final report to the Illinois EPA	January 31, 2024

EXHIBIT C

PAYMENT

Grantee shall receive \$15,000.00 under this Agreement.

Enter specific terms of payment here:

Grantee shall receive the entire amount of the award upon the Illinois EPA's determination of eligibility. During the project period, Grantee must document and submit as part of the final report at least \$15,000 in allowable costs incurred by the Grantee for the completion of the project. Specific allowable costs will vary by project but include staff salary for time spent on project activities, staff fringe benefits proportional to time spent on project activities, contractor payments for work undertaken on project activities, and indirect costs.

All documentation related to completion of project work, including the final report, shall be submitted to:
epa.recycling@illinois.gov.

Non-compliance with the terms of this Agreement, including failure to demonstrate the expenditure of at least \$15,000 in allowable costs, may result in the Illinois EPA recouping any improperly or unused grant funds.

EXHIBIT D

CONTACT

INFORMATION

CONTACT FOR NOTIFICATION:

Unless specified elsewhere, all notices required or desired to be sent by either Party shall be sent to the persons listed below.

GRANTOR CONTACT

Name: Valerie Davis

Title: Acting Materials Management and Compliance Manager

Address: 1021 North Grand Ave. East, Springfield, IL 62794

Phone: 217-785-7492

TTY#: N/A

Fax#: N/A

E-mail Address: Valerie.a.davis@illinois.gov



Informational

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BUILDING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: DuPage County Board Environmental Committee

FROM: Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager

DATE: May 31, 2023

RE: Unincorporated Waste and Recycling Hauling Services
Follow-up Survey

At its May 9 County Board meeting, the County Board heard a presentation regarding recycling options in the unincorporated areas of six townships. After conversation, the Board requested staff send out a survey to residents in the unincorporated areas of those six townships gauging their interest in switching to a single waste hauler model.

Further, the Board requested a draft of the survey be presented for review to the Environmental Committee. The draft survey is attached for Committee members to review and provide input.

DuPage County – Unincorporated Waste and Recycling Hauling Services Follow-up Survey (DRAFT)

In 2022, DuPage County completed a fact-finding study on the status of waste and recycling services in the unincorporated areas of the County. As part of the study, post cards were sent to more than 20,000 homes located in unincorporated Addison, Bloomingdale, Milton, Wayne, Winfield and York Townships asking residents to respond to questions regarding their collection services and the cost for those services.

Currently, unincorporated homes subscribe on an individual basis with a waste and recycling hauler of their choosing (referred to as a subscription model). Another method of service-delivery used by cities/villages in the County and three townships (Downers Grove, Lisle, and Naperville) is the single-hauler model, in which the municipality or township contracts with one hauler to provide services to residents.

This follow-up survey is being conducted to obtain your feedback on subscription service compared to single-hauler service. The County has not made any decision to change how you currently receive waste and recycling service. Responses to this survey will be presented to the County Board as it continues to evaluate how service is provided. Your participation in this survey is important as the Board wants your opinion. The last question of the survey allows you to provide any comments you may have in addition to your answers to the survey questions.

As with any public policy issue, there are advantages and disadvantages to each method of service-delivery:

SUBSCRIPTION MODEL

- Homeowners get to choose which waste/recycling company they want. This individual choice promotes competition (six companies currently provide subscription service).
- Since homeowners individually choose their hauler, multiple waste/recycling trucks may pass down your street and on different days of the week.
- Homeowners generally receive the same level of basic service (trash, recycling, and yard waste) that municipalities receive.
- Costs to homeowners vary widely, from \$15/month (\$45/quarter) to more than \$100/month (\$300/quarter). On average, subscription homes pay \$38/month (\$114/quarter), although most homes (75%) pay around \$27/month (\$81/quarter).

SINGLE-HAULER MODEL

- A survey of single-hauler contracts in the region found an average homeowner cost of about \$21/month (\$65/quarter), which is lower than subscription-pricing for most homes in the surveyed unincorporated areas. A single-hauler contract would lock in a set rate for all homeowners. However, cost savings to homeowners are estimates; the County will not know potential savings until it receives bids from the waste haulers.
- Homeowners do not get to choose which waste/recycling company they want. Instead, the County would select a single hauler based on a competitive bidding process.
- Service to homeowners would be on one day, which means fewer trucks passing by your street during different days of the week.
- Overall truck traffic in the County could be reduced by approximately 2%, resulting in a reduction of greenhouse gasses equivalent to taking 100 to 300 passenger vehicles off the road.
- Some service enhancements that are typically not available to subscription-service homeowners, including food scrap composting or vacation holds, could be provided.

Based on the foregoing and **YOUR OPINIONS**, please respond to the following questions:

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1. In which township do you live?

Addison Township	1
Bloomington Township	2
Milton Township	3
Wayne Township	4
Winfield Township	5
York Township	6
Downers Grove Township (TERMINATE)	7
Lisle Township (TERMINATE)	8
Naperville Township (TERMINATE)	9
None of these (TERMINATE)	10
Refused/Don't Know	11

Q2. What is your zip code?

RECORD _____

Q3. If you could change anything about your current waste, recycling, and yard waste collection, what would you change (choose up to **TWO** responses, if any)?

- ☐ Better service
- ☐ Enhanced services, e.g., bulky item collection, food scrap collection, vacation hold
- ☐ Lower cost
- ☐ Better education on recycling
- ☐ Fewer trucks driving around the neighborhood on multiple days
- ☐ Less noise from pickup that is too early in the morning
- ☐ No changes
- ☐ Other _____

Q4. Would you be in favor of the County implementing a single hauler model in your township?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, but only if I saved money (choose one answer below):
 - ☐ At least \$25 per year
 - ☐ At least \$50 per year
 - ☐ At least \$75 per year
 - ☐ At least \$100 per year

☐ No

Q5. If you answered “Yes” to question 4, besides saving money, what other reason or reasons do you have for answering “Yes”? Choose up to **TWO** answers, if any:

- ☐ Fewer trucks driving around the neighborhood on multiple days
- ☐ Having all homes on my street collected on the same day of the week
- ☐ Lower greenhouse gas emissions associated with providing hauling services
- ☐ Enhanced services, e.g., bulky item collection, food scrap collection, vacation hold
- ☐ Better education on recycling
- ☐ Transparent pricing
- ☐ I am only interested if I save money
- ☐ Other **RECORD** _____

Q6. If you answered “No” to question 4, what reason or reasons did you have for answering “No”? Choose up to two answers, if any

- _____ I am satisfied with the current subscription model
- _____ Prefer having the ability to select my own hauler
- _____ Concerned that the single hauler model reduces competition
- _____ The County should not select who my hauler is
- _____ Other **RECORD** _____

Q7. Overall, what is your opinion on the single-hauler model for waste and recycling collection?

- Strongly oppose1
- Somewhat oppose2
- Neutral (neither support or oppose)3
- Somewhat support.....4
- Strongly support.....5

Q8. Please provide any additional comments you would like to be considered:

RECORD _____

THAT COMPLETES THE SURVEY, THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICPATION