



**RAMSEY/WASHINGTON
RECYCLING & ENERGY**
CONNECTING VALUE TO WASTE

**MEETING NOTICE
RAMSEY/WASHINGTON RECYCLING & ENERGY BOARD**

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025
Time: 10 a.m. – noon
Location: Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center | 100 Red Rock Road | Newport, MN | 55055 | Tours Building, Mississippi Conference Room | [Map](#)
Public: Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely or may attend at the Newport address. [Microsoft Teams](#) | Phone Conference ID: 610 296 031# | Call in (audio only) 1-323-792-6297

AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order, Introductions**
- II. Approval of Agenda** Action Page 1
- III. Approval of Minutes – September 25, 2025** Action Page 2
- IV. Consent Agenda – No items.**
- V. Governance – No items.**
- VI. Management and Administration**
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- a. Commissioner Update
 - b. Executive Director Update
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- IX. Other**
- a. Invitation for Comments from Ex Officio R&E Board Members: Information
MPCA and City of Newport
- X. Motion to Close Meeting** Action
- Upon majority vote, this meeting may be closed as permitted by Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(a), to discuss R&E Executive Director one-year review.
- XI. Adjourn**

NEXT MEETING:

R&E Board | November 20, 2025 | 10 a.m. – noon | Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy, Newport



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
RAMSEY/WASHINGTON RECYCLING & ENERGY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board (R&E Board) was held at 10 a.m. at the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center (R&E Center), 100 Red Rock Rd, Newport, Minnesota. Members of the public attended remotely or in person at the Newport address.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioners Bethany Cox and Fran Miron – Washington County
Commissioners Kelly Miller, Rafael Ortega (joined at 10:09 a.m.) and Mai Chong Xiong (alternate; joined at 10:03 a.m.) – Ramsey County

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Commissioner Karla Bigham – Washington County
Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire – Ramsey County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Benke – Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
Tom Ingemann – City of Newport (remote)

ATTENDING AT THE R&E CENTER, NEWPORT

Leigh Behrens, Alisha Black, Jason Blackwell, David Brummel, Melissa Finnegan, Rae Eden Frank, Annalee Garletz, Kelli Hall, Sam Hanson, Abigail Hindson, Sam Holl, Caleb Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Kathryn Jordan, Jon Klapperich, Nathan Klett, Malinda Martinez, Trista Martinson, Andrea McKennan, Murphy, Deb Orth, Jessica Paquin, Matt Phillips, Jim Redmond, John Ristad, Daniel Schmidt, Alaina Steinmetz, Ryan Tritz, Sherilyn Young

ATTENDING REMOTELY

Gary Bruns, Mikaela Campbell, Amy Caron, Reyna Chavez, Tammy Christopherson, Shannon Conk, Dan Donkers, Shannon Eisentrager, Amanda Erickson, Tutu Fatukasi, Sam Ferguson, Jamie Giesen, Cindy Hanson, Caroline Hofmeister, Filsan Ibrahim, Fatima Janati, Hannah Keller, Cassie Lefeber, Nicolette Linscott, David McConnell, Kathleen Murphy, Rob Murray, Michelle Palm, Alissa Schmidt, Ashley Stoner, Renee Vought, Gina Williams, Sherilyn Young, Irene (last name not provided)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Miron called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Introductions were made.

AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Miller, seconded by Cox, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cox, Miller, Miron, Ortega, Xiong.

Nays: None.

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 28, 2025 PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Miller, seconded by Cox. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cox, Miller, Miron, Ortega Xiong.

Nays: None.

CONSENT AGENDA – No Items.

GOVERNANCE – No Items.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Modification of Dem-Con HZI Feedstock Supply Agreement

Presented by: Trista Martinson, Executive Director

The third amendment to the agreement contemplates receipt of additional dollar amounts beyond the agreement. The amendment does not require R&E to raise additional funds, but it allows us to pursue additional grant funding.

The first amendment to the agreement, approved in September 2024, extended the early termination deadline, and the second amendment to the agreement, approved in November 2024 revised and certified organic food scraps (OFS) and organic-rich material (ORM) pricing. The current commencement date extension is the maximum allowed without risking loss of grant funds.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Xiong, to approve Resolution R&EB 2025-13 Anaerobic Digestion Third Contract Amendment. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cox, Miller, Miron, Ortega, Xiong.

Nays: None.

Strategic Plan

Presented by: Trista Martinson, Executive Director

Martinson introduced the topic and noted the strategic plan workshop presented to the R&E Board on August 28. Recommendations from the board were incorporated into the final version of the plan. Leigh Behrens, planning and project manager, reviewed the plan's planning and engagement processes.

The plan presented is a five-year plan, with a 10-year horizon. The four strategic goal imperatives were presented, along with noting the specific changes made per R&E Board recommendations. The coversheet for board and committee items has been updated and now includes a section for information related to alignment to the strategic plan.

A motion was made by Ortega, seconded by Cox, to approve Resolution R&EB 2025-14 Strategic Plan. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cox, Miller, Miron, Ortega, Xiong.

Nays: None.

UPDATES AND REPORTS

Commissioner Updates

Presented by: Fran Miron, R&E Board Vice Chair

Administrative Director Kelli Hall will be reaching out to R&E Board members regarding Executive Director Martinson's 360 review, along with the Executive Director's self-review. R&E Board members were requested to return their reviews to Chair McGuire and Vice Chair Miron. The performance review will be discussed at a closed meeting, following the October 23 business meeting.

The Partnership on Waste and Energy has been rescheduled from November 20 to December 18, 2025. The meeting will be held at the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center in Minneapolis. A new lobbyist contract will be on the agenda.

Commissioner Cox thanked R&E staff for creating a welcoming space for the September 24 hauler appreciation picnic.

Executive Director's Report

Presented by: Trista Martinson, Executive Director

Dan Turk was honored for 31 years of dedicated service. His final day at the facility will be September 25, marking his retirement. Sherilyn Young received a Certificate of Excellence for customer service. Alisha Black, Doug Germain and Malinda Martinez each received a Certificate of Excellence for their flawless work on the September 24 hauler appreciation picnic.

Strategic Partnerships Update

Presented by: Melissa Finnegan, Strategic Partnership Manager

Finnegan reviewed current grant applications and funding. The 2024 Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) grant was highlighted, along with the most recent application for a Statewide Organics Recycling for Multifamily Buildings grant. The end dates of the grant contracts were also discussed. Construction date estimates for the anaerobic digester were reviewed, with an estimate of October 2026 noted.

Finnegan also noted that several state legislators will be touring the facility the last week in September.

Programs Update

Presented by: Sam Hansen, Programs Director

Hansen reported that any funds received from the organics grant will be used to increase participation in the Food Scraps Pickup Program. He also reported on three current projects currently underway in conjunction with the Resilient Communities Project Program at the University of Minnesota. The projects will be completed in December, and results will be reported to the board at a future R&E Board meeting.

Hansen noted that the four full-time equivalent (FTE) positions approved by the board on August 28 have now been posted.

R&E BizRecycling Coordinator Jon Klapperich provided an update on BizRecycling. The program reaches businesses, hospitals, schools, churches, other institutions and multi-unit properties, providing technical assistance, onsite education and grant funding. Two BizRecycling grantee testimonial videos were shared.

Facility Update

Presented by: Sam Holl, Facility Director

Staff attended the September 23 groundbreaking at the Walters Recycling transfer station. Sortation is expected to start in the second quarter of 2026. Waste Management is expected to start sortation in the third quarter of 2026. The annual fuel contract meeting with Xcel Energy and refuse-derived fuel supply forecasts were reviewed.

Holl noted the contract on the electric tractor was cancelled due to a hydraulic lift not being available. There will be minimal financial impact. We need to buy a diesel tractor to obtain a hydraulic kit. Bids will be solicited, and the item will be brought back to the R&E Board.

Holl also noted an odor report will be delivered to the Newport City Council on October 2, 2025.

Procurement Report

Presented by: Jim Redmond, Contract Manager

Redmond presented the report for August 2025. There were five contracts executed, all related to the facility. Over \$70,000 in grant funding was distributed throughout Ramsey and Washington Counties to support waste reduction and recycling, with the majority related to BizRecycling.

OTHER BUSINESS

Invitation for Comments from Ex Officio Members

MPCA Director Dave Benke is appreciative of the R&E strategic plan and noted R&E staff have been implementing and connecting with other solid waste partners. He emphasized involvement with outside communities.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the R&E Board will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the R&E Center in Newport.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Miron adjourned the business meeting at 11:08 a.m.

ATTEST:

Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire, Chair
October 23, 2025

October 23, 2025



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R&E BOARD MEETING DATE:		October 23, 2025				AGENDA ITEM:		VI.a	
SUBJECT:		Recognition of Renee Vought							
TYPE OF ITEM:		☐	INFORMATION	☐	POLICY DISCUSSION	☒	ACTION	☐	CONSENT
SUBMITTED BY:		Trista Martinson, Executive Director							

R&E BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve resolution to express the R&E Board's profound gratitude to Renee Vought for her outstanding public service and commitment to supporting Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy and its mission and goals.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Renee Vought has been vital in supporting R&E's growth and progress toward its mission and goals. She served on the Joint Leadership Team during a time of need and also as a member of the Financial Advisory Board while working at Ramsey and Washington Counties. Throughout her tenure, Vought demonstrated a commitment to maintaining fiscal responsibility and made significant contributions to R&E's internal culture of inclusion, support and collaboration. Her genuine kindness and calm, patient demeanor have served as a steadying force during times of change and transition throughout her tenure.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution (R&EB-2025-15)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES		DATE
R&E EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		10/13/25
WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEY		10/13/25



RESOLUTION R&EB-2025-15
Recognition of Renee Vought

WHEREAS, The Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board (R&E Board) is governed by the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement by and between Ramsey County and Washington County dated November 12, 2024 (Joint Powers Agreement); and

WHEREAS, Ramsey and Washington Counties (the Counties) have committed to continue to protect and ensure the public health, safety, welfare and environment of each County's residents and businesses through sound management of solid and hazardous waste generated in each County; and

WHEREAS, The R&E Board provides solid waste services to all residents, businesses and institutions in the Counties; and

WHEREAS, The R&E Board focuses on the resource value of trash and opportunities presented by increased source separation of recyclables and the addition of new technology to recover value out of trash in the East Metro, while diverting as much as possible from landfills and meeting and exceeding the State's recycling goals; and

WHEREAS, Renee Vought's commitment to maintaining fiscal responsibility has been vital in supporting R&E's growth and progress toward its mission and goals; and

WHEREAS, Vought served on the Joint Leadership Team during a time of need and as a member of the Financial Advisory Board while working at Ramsey and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, Vought has made significant contributions to R&E's internal culture of inclusion, support and collaboration. Her demeanor has served as a steadying force during times of change and transition throughout her tenure. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, The R&E Board hereby expresses its gratitude to Renee Vought for her outstanding public service and commitment to supporting Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy and its mission and goals.

Mary Jo McGuire, Board Chair
October 23, 2025

Attest
October 23, 2025



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R&E BOARD MEETING DATE:	October 23, 2025	AGENDA ITEM:	VII.a
SUBJECT:	2026 Legislative Platform		
TYPE OF ITEM:	☐ INFORMATION	☒ POLICY DISCUSSION	☐ ACTION ☐ CONSENT
SUBMITTED BY:	Trista Martinson, R&E Executive Director		

R&E BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For policy discussion.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2026 Legislative Session will convene on February 17, 2026. In previous years R&E has not had a formal legislative platform. With a registered lobbyist now on staff, the development of a legislative platform is necessary to provide direction and guidance on R&E legislative priorities.

Staff will provide an overview of the draft 2026 platform and priority items.

The Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board will be requested to approve the 2026 state legislative platform at the November 20, 2025, meeting.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

Strategic Goal 1B - R&E-led regional coordination on policy and plans for greater regional impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft 2026 Legislative Platform
2. SWMD Draft 2

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES	DATE
R&E EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 	10/02/25



2026 Legislative Platform

Vision: Vibrant, healthy communities without waste

Priority Items

- Secure additional funding for the development of an anaerobic digester to transform food scraps and other organic waste into renewable natural gas and biochar
- Pursue legislation to provide counties with the opportunity to create effective regional integration of local waste management programs, allowing communities to address complex waste and recycling challenges

Policy Goals

- Support increased funding for counties to meet statutory requirements for solid waste management
- Support product stewardship and extended producer responsibility approaches to reduce the impact of products on the environment
- Support funding for research and development of emerging technologies to process, handle and reuse solid waste
- Support funding and policy to promote new markets for waste and recyclable materials
- Support policies and funding to support organics collection programs, business recycling endeavors, and other efforts aimed at reducing the amount of waste generated in Minnesota
- Support funding for programs and policies keep products and resources in use for a more equitable circular economy
- Maintain Minnesota's waste management hierarchy

A bill for an act

relating to solid waste; clarifying recycling goals and the distribution of state funding for solid waste purposes with respect to solid waste management districts; modifying provisions governing the establishment and operation of solid waste management districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.03, subdivision 32; 115A.551, by adding a subdivision; 115A.557, by adding a subdivision; 115A.62; 115A.63; 115A.65; 115A.68; 115A.69; 115A.70, subdivision 8; 115A.71; 115A.72; 115A.82; 473.8441, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.64; 115A.66; 115A.67; 115A.715.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.03, subdivision 32, is amended to read:

Subd. 32. **Solid waste management district or waste district.** "Solid waste management district" or "waste district" means a geographic area extending into two or more counties in which the management of solid waste is vested in a special district established pursuant to sections 115A.62 to 115A.72 under section 115A.641.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.551, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2b. Solid waste management district; recycling goal. The recycling goal of a solid waste management district established under section 115A.641 is the same percentage as the goals of the counties that comprise the district, as established in subdivision 2a. If the district is composed of both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties, the districtwide goal is the goal assigned to metropolitan counties in subdivision 2a.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.2 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.557, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.3 to read:

2.4 Subd. 1a. **Solid waste management district.** The commissioner shall distribute funds
2.5 under this section to a solid waste management district established under section 115A.641
2.6 in an amount equal to the total sum that would otherwise have been distributed to the
2.7 individual counties, or portions thereof, that compose the district.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.9 Sec. 4. **[115A.61] DEFINITIONS.**

2.10 Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 115A.61 to 115A.73, the following
2.11 terms have the meanings given them.

2.12 Subd. 2. **Board.** "Board" means the board of directors governing a district.

2.13 Subd. 3. **District.** "District" means a solid waste management district established under
2.14 section 115A.64.

2.15 Subd. 4. **Member county.** "Member county" means a county that is wholly or partly
2.16 located within the jurisdiction of a district.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.62, is amended to read:

2.19 **115A.62 PURPOSE; PUBLIC INTEREST; DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

2.20 The legislature finds that the development of integrated and coordinated solid waste
2.21 management systems is needed to properly manage ~~properly~~ the solid waste generated in
2.22 the state, to conserve and protect the state's natural resources ~~in the state~~ and the health,
2.23 safety, and welfare of its citizens, and to further the state policies and purposes expressed
2.24 in section 115A.02; that this need cannot always be met solely by the activities of individual
2.25 ~~political subdivisions~~ counties or by agreements among ~~subdivisions~~ counties; and that
2.26 therefore it is necessary to establish a procedure for the creation of solid waste management
2.27 districts having the powers and performing the functions prescribed in sections 115A.62 to
2.28 ~~115A.72~~ 115A.73.

2.29 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.63, is amended to read:

115A.63 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS.

Subdivision 1. **Legal status.** Solid waste management districts established ~~pursuant to sections 115A.62 to 115A.72 shall be~~ under section 115A.641 are public corporations and political subdivisions of the state.

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** ~~The commissioner~~ Counties may establish waste districts as public corporations and political subdivisions of the state, ~~define the powers of such districts in accordance with sections 115A.62 to 115A.72,~~ define and alter the boundaries of the districts as provided in ~~section 115A.64~~ sections 115A.641 and 115A.643, and terminate districts as provided in ~~section 115A.66~~ 115A.73. ~~The commissioner shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 14 governing the establishment, alteration, and termination of districts.~~ The commissioner shall assist counties in establishing districts.

Subd. 3. **Restrictions.** ~~No waste district shall~~ may be established within the boundaries of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District established under chapter 458D. ~~No waste district shall be established~~ or wholly within one county. ~~The commissioner shall not establish a waste district within or extending into the metropolitan area, nor define or alter the powers or boundaries of a district, unless the articles of incorporation of the district require that the district will have the same procedural and substantive responsibilities, duties, and relationship to the metropolitan agencies as a metropolitan county. The commissioner shall require the completion of a comprehensive solid waste management plan conforming to the requirements of section 115A.46, by petitioners seeking to establish a district.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 7. [115A.641] ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT; PROCEDURE.

Subdivision 1. **Joint resolution of intent.** A district may be proposed by a joint resolution of intent adopted by the governing body of each proposed member county. The joint resolution must, at a minimum:

(1) name the proposed district;

(2) name the proposed member counties to be included in the district;

(3) describe the benefits the proposed member counties hope to gain by establishing a district; and

(4) direct the proposed member counties to jointly prepare a transition plan for the district that satisfies the requirements of subdivision 2.

4.1 Subd. 2. **Transition plan contents.** (a) Counties proposing to establish a district must
4.2 jointly prepare a draft transition plan that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

4.3 (1) the name of the proposed district and the location of its registered office;

4.4 (2) a description of the territory and counties wholly or partly within the boundaries of
4.5 the proposed district, and a map showing the district boundaries;

4.6 (3) resolutions of intent to establish the proposed district adopted by the governing body
4.7 of each proposed member county under subdivision 1;

4.8 (4) evidence that each proposed member county is operating under a solid waste
4.9 management plan approved by the commissioner;

4.10 (5) a statement describing how the proposed district will further the state's solid waste
4.11 management policies and purposes expressed in section 115A.02;

4.12 (6) a discussion of the role county solid waste employees may play in staffing the
4.13 proposed district;

4.14 (7) a list and description of solid waste management facilities and services operating in
4.15 the proposed district, identified as public, private, and county-owned;

4.16 (8) for each proposed member county, a list of the following documents and a schedule
4.17 for their transfer to the district for implementation:

4.18 (i) solid waste management plans;

4.19 (ii) designation plans;

4.20 (iii) solid waste management ordinances;

4.21 (iv) state and local permits held by county-owned facilities; and

4.22 (v) existing contracts with private parties for waste management services;

4.23 (9) a description of how the district will ensure the continued operation of county-owned
4.24 solid waste facilities located in the proposed district, and a schedule for transferring their
4.25 ownership to the district;

4.26 (10) a list of proposed member county solid waste funding sources and finances,
4.27 remaining principal and debt service on outstanding county solid waste management bonds,
4.28 and other county financial obligations related to solid waste proposed for transfer to the
4.29 district;

4.30 (11) a list and schedule of unified districtwide ordinances the district proposes to adopt;
4.31 and

5.1 (12) draft articles of incorporation.

5.2 (b) The commissioner shall assist counties in preparing a transition plan.

5.3 Subd. 3. **Public hearing.** Each proposed member county must hold a public hearing in
5.4 its jurisdiction for the purpose of receiving public comments on the draft transition plan.

5.5 Notice of the hearing must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county
5.6 no more than 45 days and no less than 15 days before the date of the public hearing, and at
5.7 the same time must be mailed to the governing body of each city and town within the county.

5.8 In addition to comments it receives at the public hearing, each proposed member county
5.9 must also accept comments in written or electronic form that are received up to ten days
5.10 following the date of the public hearing. No later than 30 days after the public hearing, the
5.11 member counties must prepare a final transition plan, revised as needed, and a list of
5.12 responses to comments received.

5.13 Subd. 4. **District establishment.** (a) Each proposed member county must adopt a joint
5.14 resolution establishing the district, which must include:

5.15 (1) approval of the proposed district's final transition plan;

5.16 (2) approval of the proposed district's articles of incorporation; and

5.17 (3) authorization to file the articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

5.18 (b) Each proposed member county must file a copy of the joint resolution of intent and
5.19 the articles of incorporation, certified by the county's recording officer, with the secretary
5.20 of state.

5.21 (c) The secretary of state's issuance of a certificate of incorporation serves as conclusive
5.22 evidence of the legal organization and establishment of a district.

5.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

5.24 Sec. 8. **[115A.642] TRANSITION.**

5.25 (a) Until the board has approved a solid waste management plan for a district, the district
5.26 must adopt and enforce the solid waste management plans and ordinances, including waste
5.27 designation plans and ordinances, operating in each member county at the time of the
5.28 district's establishment.

5.29 (b) By a date specified in its bylaws, a district is required to submit a solid waste
5.30 management plan that meets the requirements of section 115A.46 to the commissioner for
5.31 approval. A district is subject to the same provisions of sections 115A.42 to 115A.46 as are
5.32 counties, unless the district's boundaries are wholly contained within the metropolitan area,

in which case the district's solid waste management plan and its administration by the commissioner are subject to the provisions of section 473.149.

(c) A district is responsible for administering the transfer of county solid waste plans, ordinances, facilities, debt, and other county solid waste functions and authorities necessary to the efficient operation of the district, including existing contracts with private vendors that may need to be newly executed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 9. [115A.643] ALTERING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES; PROCEDURE.

(a) The board of commissioners of a county or counties proposing to alter a district's boundaries must:

(1) adopt a resolution stating the nature of the alteration and the expected benefits to be realized by both the county or counties proposing the alteration and the district; and

(2) submit to the district's board of directors a document containing all the elements required under section 115A.641, subdivision 2, with respect to the county or counties proposing the alteration.

(b) After reviewing the documents submitted under paragraph (a), if the district approves of the alteration, it must adopt a resolution to that effect.

(c) The district and each county proposing an alteration must hold a public hearing in their respective jurisdictions for the purpose of receiving public comments on the resolution adopted under paragraph (a). Notice of the hearing must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district and in each county proposing an alteration no more than 45 days and no less than 15 days before the date of its public hearing, and at the same time must be mailed to the governing body of each city and town within the district and county. In addition to comments received at the public hearing, the district and each county must also accept comments in written or electronic form that are received up to ten days following the public hearing. No later than 30 days after the public hearing, each county must submit to the district a list of responses to comments received.

(d) The district may amend or withdraw its resolution approving the alteration based on the public comments received by the district and from the counties.

(e) If the district confirms its approval of the alteration, it must amend the district's articles of incorporation accordingly, and must submit both the resolution approving the alteration and the revised articles of incorporation to the secretary of state.

7.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

7.2 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.65, is amended to read:

7.3 **115A.65 PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.**

7.4 A waste district ~~created~~ established under the provisions of ~~sections 115A.62 to 115A.72~~
7.5 section 115A.641 shall have perpetual existence to the extent necessary to perform all acts
7.6 necessary and proper for carrying out and exercising the powers and duties expressly given
7.7 ~~in it~~. A district ~~shall not~~ may be terminated ~~except pursuant to~~ only by following the
7.8 procedures of section 115A.66 115A.73.

7.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

7.10 Sec. 11. **[115A.661] ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT.**

7.11 Subdivision 1. **Board of directors.** A district's board of directors must be composed of
7.12 at least five members. The board of county commissioners of each member county shall
7.13 appoint one or more of their members as a board director. After each member county appoints
7.14 one director, the appointment of additional directors necessary to achieve the desired total
7.15 number of directors shall be made by member counties based on their population.

7.16 Subd. 2. **Terms.** The board shall stagger the terms of the directors appointed initially
7.17 under subdivision 1 so that, so far as is practicable, one-third of the directors have a term
7.18 of one year, one-third have a term of two years, and one-third have a term of three years.
7.19 All directors subsequently appointed have a term of three years.

7.20 Subd. 3. **Vacancy.** A board vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a director by the
7.21 appropriate board of county commissioners to complete the remaining term of the director
7.22 creating the vacancy.

7.23 Subd. 4. **Bylaws.** The board shall approve bylaws by majority vote. The bylaws must
7.24 address, at a minimum:

7.25 (1) the manner and time of calling regular board meetings;

7.26 (2) the manner of removing a director;

7.27 (3) the powers and duties of the board consistent with sections 115A.61 to 115A.73;

7.28 (4) the definition of a quorum for board meetings of the board of directors, which shall
7.29 not be less than a majority of directors;

8.1 (5) compensation and reimbursement for expenses for directors, which may not exceed
8.2 that provided for in section 15.0575, subdivision 3; and

8.3 (6) other provisions regulating the affairs of the district that the board determines are
8.4 necessary.

8.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

8.6 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.68, is amended to read:

8.7 **115A.68 REGISTERED OFFICE.**

8.8 Every district shall maintain an office ~~in this state~~ located within the district to be known
8.9 as its registered office. ~~When A district desires to~~ may change the location of its registered
8.10 office, ~~it shall file with the secretary of state and the commissioner of the agency, by filing~~
8.11 a certificate with the secretary of state and the commissioner stating the new location ~~by~~
8.12 ~~city, town, or other community and the effective date of change. When the certificate has~~
8.13 ~~been duly filed, the board of directors may make the change without any further action.~~

8.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

8.15 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.69, is amended to read:

8.16 **115A.69 POWERS.**

8.17 Subdivision 1. **General.** ~~A district shall have all powers necessary or convenient to~~
8.18 ~~perform its duties, including the powers provided in this section.~~ A district has all the
8.19 authority and responsibilities for solid waste management purposes that is given to counties
8.20 under this chapter, and chapters 400 and 473, as applicable.

8.21 Subd. 2. **Actions.** ~~The~~ A district may sue and be sued, and ~~shall be~~ may exercise the
8.22 rights and authorities of a public body within the meaning of chapter 562.

8.23 Subd. 3. **Acquiring property.** ~~The~~ (a) A district may acquire by purchase, lease,
8.24 condemnation, gift, or grant, any right, title, and interest in and to real or personal property
8.25 deemed necessary ~~for the~~ in order to exercise of its powers or ~~the accomplishment of to~~
8.26 accomplish its purposes, including positive and negative easements and water and air rights.

8.27 (b) Any local government unit and the commissioners of transportation, natural resources,
8.28 and administration may convey to or permit the use of any property or facilities by the
8.29 district, subject to the rights of the holders of any bonds issued ~~with respect thereto~~ for the
8.30 property or facilities, with or without compensation and without an election or approval by
8.31 any other government agency. ~~The~~ A district may hold the property ~~for its purposes, and~~

9.1 ~~or~~ may lease or rent the property ~~so far as not needed for its purposes~~, upon the terms and
9.2 in the manner as it deems advisable.

9.3 (c) ~~The A district's~~ right to acquire lands and property rights by condemnation ~~shall be~~
9.4 ~~exercised in accordance with~~ is governed by chapter 117. The district may take possession
9.5 of any property for which condemnation proceedings have been commenced at any time
9.6 after the issuance of a court order appointing commissioners for its condemnation.

9.7 Subd. 4. **Right of entry.** Whenever ~~the~~ a district deems it necessary to ~~the~~
9.8 ~~accomplishment of~~ accomplish its purposes, the district or any member, employee, or agent
9.9 ~~thereof, when~~ authorized by it, may, after reasonable notice has been given to the property
9.10 owner and occupant, enter upon any property, public or private, during normal business
9.11 hours for the purpose of obtaining information or conducting surveys or investigations,
9.12 ~~provided that the entrance and activity is undertaken after reasonable notice and during~~
9.13 ~~normal business hours and~~ provided that compensation is made for any damage to the
9.14 property caused by the entrance and activity.

9.15 Subd. 5. **Gifts and grants.** ~~The A~~ district may apply for and accept gifts, loans, or other
9.16 property from the United States, the state, or any person for any of its purposes, may enter
9.17 into any necessary related agreement ~~required in connection therewith~~, and may hold, use,
9.18 and dispose of the money or property in accordance with the terms of the gift, grant, loan,
9.19 or agreement.

9.20 Subd. 6. **Property exempt from taxation.** Any real or personal property owned, used,
9.21 or occupied by ~~the~~ a district for any authorized purpose is declared to be acquired, owned,
9.22 used, and occupied for public and governmental purposes, and ~~shall be exempted~~ is exempt
9.23 from taxation by the state or any political subdivision of the state, except to the extent that
9.24 the property is subject to the sales and use tax under chapter 297A, provided that those
9.25 properties ~~shall be~~ are subject to special assessments levied by a political subdivision for a
9.26 local improvement in amounts proportionate to and not exceeding the special benefit received
9.27 by the properties from the improvement. ~~No possible~~ Only use of the properties ~~in any~~
9.28 ~~manner different from their use~~ for solid waste management purposes at the time shall be
9.29 considered in determining the special benefit received by the properties.

9.30 Subd. 7. **Facilities and services.** ~~The A~~ district may construct, equip, develop, enlarge,
9.31 improve, and operate solid waste facilities and services as it deems necessary and may
9.32 negotiate contracts for the use of public or private facilities and services. ~~The A~~ district
9.33 shall contract with private persons ~~for the construction, maintenance, and operation of~~ to
9.34 construct, maintain, and operate facilities and services ~~where the facilities and services that~~

10.1 are adequate and, available for use, and competitive with other means of providing the same
10.2 service.

10.3 Subd. 8. **Rates; charges.** The A district may establish and collect rates and charges for
10.4 the facilities and services ~~provided by the district~~ it provides and may negotiate and collect
10.5 rates and charges for facilities and services ~~contracted for by the district~~ provided under
10.6 contract. ~~The board of directors of the district may agree with the holders of district~~
10.7 ~~obligations which are secured by revenues of the district as to the maximum or minimum~~
10.8 ~~amounts which the district shall charge and collect for services provided by the district.~~
10.9 ~~Before establishing or raising any rates and charges, the board of directors shall hold a~~
10.10 ~~public hearing regarding the proposed rates and charges. Notice of the hearing shall be~~
10.11 ~~published at least once in a legal newspaper of general circulation throughout the area~~
10.12 ~~affected by the rates and charges. Publication shall be no more than 45 days and no less~~
10.13 ~~than 15 days prior to the date of the hearing.~~

10.14 Subd. 9. **Disposition of property.** The A district may sell or otherwise dispose of any
10.15 real or personal property acquired by it which is no longer required ~~for accomplishment of~~
10.16 to accomplish its purposes. The property ~~shall~~ must be sold in the manner provided by
10.17 section 469.065, insofar as practical. The district ~~shall~~ must give appropriate notice of sale
10.18 ~~which it deems appropriate.~~ When ~~the~~ a district determines that ~~any~~ property ~~which has~~
10.19 ~~been~~ acquired from a government unit without compensation is no longer required, the
10.20 district ~~shall~~ must transfer it to the government unit.

10.21 Subd. 10. **Disposition of products and energy.** The A district may use, sell, or otherwise
10.22 dispose of ~~all of the~~ products and energy produced by its facilities. Section 471.345 ~~shall~~
10.23 does not apply to the sale of products and energy. The district ~~shall~~ must give ~~particular~~
10.24 ~~consideration~~ preference to the needs of purchasers in this state ~~and shall actively promote~~
10.25 ~~sales to such purchasers so long as this can be done at,~~ provided that such preference
10.26 conforms with prices and ~~under~~ conditions that meet constitutional requirements and ~~that~~
10.27 ~~are~~ is consistent with the district's object of being financially self supporting to the greatest
10.28 extent possible.

10.29 Subd. 11. **Contracts.** The A district may enter into any contract necessary or proper ~~for~~
10.30 ~~the~~ to exercise of its powers or ~~the accomplishment of~~ accomplish its purposes, including
10.31 contracting with a county or counties for enforcement activities, and contracting with private
10.32 entities to purchase goods or services.

10.33 Subd. 12. **Joint powers.** The A district may act under the provisions of section 471.59,
10.34 or any other law providing for joint or cooperative action between government units.

Subd. 13. **Research.** ~~The~~ A district may conduct research studies and programs, collect and analyze data, prepare reports, maps, charts, and tables, and conduct all necessary hearings and investigations in connection with its work and may advise and assist other government units on planning matters within the scope of its powers, duties, and objectives.

Subd. 14. **Employees; contracts for services.** ~~The~~ A district may employ persons or firms and contract for services to perform engineering, legal, or other services necessary to carry out its functions. A district may give preference to hiring employees employed by member counties.

Subd. 15. **Insurance.** ~~The~~ A district may require any employee to obtain and file with it an individual bond or fidelity insurance policy. It may procure insurance in amounts it deems necessary to insure against liability of the board of directors and employees or both, for personal injury or death and property damage or destruction, with the force and effect stated in chapter 466, and against risks of damage to or destruction of any of its facilities, equipment, or other property ~~as it deems necessary.~~

Subd. 16. **Reviewing projects.** ~~The~~ A district may require that persons shall not acquire, construct, alter, reconstruct, or operate a solid waste facility within the district without ~~prior consultation with and the district's approval of the district.~~

Subd. 17. **Technical advisory committee.** A district may establish and appoint a solid waste management technical advisory committee composed of public and private sector individuals with technical expertise in waste management to advise the district on matters the district deems appropriate.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.70, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Authority Designation.** ~~A waste management district possessing designation authority in its articles of incorporation may be~~ is authorized to designate a resource recovery facility under sections 115A.80 to 115A.89.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

12.1 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.71, is amended to read:

12.2 **115A.71 BONDING POWERS.**

12.3 ~~Subdivision 1. **General.** A district may exercise the bonding powers provided in this~~
12.4 ~~section to the extent the powers are authorized by the order of the commissioner establishing~~
12.5 ~~the district and by its articles of incorporation.~~

12.6 Subd. 2. **Debt.** ~~The~~ A district's bonds ~~shall~~ must be sold, issued, and secured in the
12.7 manner provided in chapter 475 for revenue bonds and the district ~~shall have~~ has the same
12.8 powers and duties as a municipality and its governing body in issuing revenue bonds under
12.9 that chapter. No election shall be required. The bonds may be sold at any price and at public
12.10 or private sale as determined by the district and ~~shall~~ are not ~~be~~ subject to any limitation as
12.11 to rate.

12.12 Subd. 3. **Revenue bonds.** (a) A district may borrow money and incur indebtedness by
12.13 issuing bonds and obligations which are payable solely from:

12.14 (1) ~~from~~ revenues, income, receipts, and profits derived by the district from its operation
12.15 and management of solid waste facilities;

12.16 (2) ~~from~~ the proceeds of warrants, notes, revenue bonds, debentures, or other evidences
12.17 of indebtedness issued and sold by the district which are payable solely from such revenues,
12.18 income, receipts, and profits; and

12.19 (3) ~~from~~ federal or state grants, gifts, or other ~~moneys~~ revenue received by the district
12.20 ~~which are available therefor.~~

12.21 (b) Every issue of revenue bonds by ~~the~~ a district ~~shall~~ must be payable out of any funds
12.22 or revenues from ~~any~~ a facility of the district, subject only to agreements with the holders
12.23 of particular bonds or notes pledging particular revenues or funds. If ~~any~~ a facility ~~of the~~
12.24 ~~district~~ is funded in whole or in part by Minnesota waste management bonds issued under
12.25 sections 115A.58 and 115A.59, the state bonds shall take priority. ~~The~~ A district may provide
12.26 for priorities of liens in the revenues between the holders of district obligations issued at
12.27 different times or under different resolutions. ~~The~~ A district may provide for the refunding
12.28 of any district obligation through the issuance of other district obligations entitled to rights
12.29 and priorities similar in all respects to those held by the obligations that are refunded.

12.30 Subd. 4. **General obligation bonds; tax levies.** (a) The board may, by resolution,
12.31 authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to:

12.32 (1) acquire, construct, or improve solid waste disposal sites and facilities, and to pay
12.33 interest during their construction and for a reasonable period thereafter; and

13.1 (2) pay up to 50 percent of first-year operating costs for a newly constructed solid waste
 13.2 disposal site or facility.

13.3 (b) The board may establish a reserve for bond payments, working capital, refunding of
 13.4 outstanding bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or judgments.

13.5 (c) With respect to bonds issued under this section, the board:

13.6 (1) must pledge its full faith and credit and taxing power for the payment of the bonds,
 13.7 including the use of any revenues received from user charges;

13.8 (2) must sell and provide security for the bonds in the manner provided in chapter 475;
 13.9 and

13.10 (3) has the same powers and duties as a municipality issuing bonds under chapter 475,
 13.11 except that no election is required and the debt limitations of that chapter do not apply.

13.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

13.13 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.72, is amended to read:

13.14 **115A.72 AUDIT.**

13.15 The board of directors, at the close of each year's business, ~~shall cause~~ must have an
 13.16 audit of the books, records, and financial affairs of the district ~~to be made~~ conducted by a
 13.17 an independent, certified public accountant or the state auditor. Copies of ~~a written report~~
 13.18 ~~of the audit, certified to by the auditors, shall~~ must be placed and kept on file maintained
 13.19 ~~at the principal place of business of the district~~ district's registered office and ~~shall be~~ filed
 13.20 with the secretary of state and the commissioner.

13.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

13.22 Sec. 17. **[115A.73] TERMINATION.**

13.23 Subdivision 1. **Resolution.** A district's board of directors may initiate proceedings to
 13.24 terminate the district by proposing a resolution for termination stating the reasons why the
 13.25 existence of the district is no longer in the public interest.

13.26 Subd. 2. **Public hearing.** Prior to adopting a resolution for termination, the board must
 13.27 hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed termination.
 13.28 No more than 45 days and no less than 15 days before the hearing, the board must publish
 13.29 notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in each member county and mail
 13.30 the notice to the governing body of each city and town served by the district. In addition to
 13.31 comments it receives at the public hearing, the district must accept comments submitted to

14.1 it in written or electronic form until ten days following the hearing, and must prepare a
14.2 written summary of all comments received and the district's responses to the comments.
14.3 The district must file the adopted resolution for termination and its responses to public
14.4 comments with the recording officer of each member county.

14.5 Subd. 3. **Joint resolution of termination.** Following receipt of the approved district
14.6 resolution for termination and preparation of the summary of comments received, each
14.7 member county must adopt a joint resolution that confirms the district resolution for
14.8 termination and states that the existence of the district is no longer in the public interest.
14.9 Each member county must publish notice of the joint resolution in a newspaper of general
14.10 circulation in the county and mail the notice to the governing body of each city or town in
14.11 the county that is served by the district. If any member county adopts a resolution objecting
14.12 to the termination, the termination may not proceed.

14.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

14.14 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.82, is amended to read:

14.15 **115A.82 ELIGIBILITY.**

14.16 Facilities may be designated under sections 115A.80 to 115A.89 by:

14.17 (1) a solid waste management district established ~~pursuant to sections 115A.62 to 115A.72~~
14.18 ~~and possessing designation authority in its articles of incorporation~~ under section 115A.641;
14.19 or

14.20 (2) a county, but only for waste generated outside of the boundaries of a district qualifying
14.21 under clause (1) or the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District established under chapter
14.22 458D.

14.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

14.24 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.8441, is amended by adding a subdivision
14.25 to read:

14.26 Subd. 6. **Solid waste management district.** The commissioner shall distribute grants
14.27 under this section to a solid waste management district established under section 115A.641
14.28 in an amount equal to the total sum that would otherwise have been distributed to the
14.29 individual metropolitan counties, or portions thereof, that compose the district. A solid
14.30 waste management district awarded grant funds under this section is subject to the provisions
14.31 of this section that apply to counties.

15.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

15.2 Sec. 20. **REVISOR INSTRUCTION.**

15.3 The revisor shall renumber Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.70, subdivision 8, as

15.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.69, subdivision 18.

15.5 Sec. 21. **REPEALER.**

15.6 Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.64; 115A.66; 115A.67; and 115A.715, are

15.7 repealed.

15.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.



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R&E BOARD MEETING DATE:		October 23, 2025				AGENDA ITEM:		VIII.	
SUBJECT:		Updates and Reports							
TYPE OF ITEM:		☒	INFORMATION	☐	POLICY DISCUSSION	☐	ACTION	☐	CONSENT
SUBMITTED BY:		Trista Martinson, R&E Executive Director							

R&E BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

For information only.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

a. Commissioner Updates

R&E Board members will provide updates on waste-related ad hoc committees.

b. Executive Director Update

The R&E executive director will provide a report to the board.

c. Strategic Partnerships Update

Staff will provide a report to the board.

d. Programs Update

Staff will provide updates on programmatic efforts.

e. Procurement Report

Staff will provide a written report of new contracts and amendments executed under the authority of R&E's procurement guidelines during the period of September 1 – 30, 2025. Funding for the contracts is available in the approved Joint Activities, Facility and EM&R budgets, following approval as to form by the Ramsey County or Washington County attorney's office.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

- a. Strategic Goal 1B: R&E led regional coordination on policy and plans for greater regional impact.
- b. Strategic Goal 1A: Public awareness & trust through brand management, transparency and engagement.
- c. Strategic Goal 1B: R&E-led regional coordination on policy and plans for greater regional impact.
- d. Strategic Initiative 4Ai: Implement and sustain a streamlined and consistent portfolio of upstream programs (waste reduction, reuse, recycling), informed by data and community engagement.
- e. Strategic Goal 4c: Robust obligation tracking and reporting.

ATTACHMENTS:

SUBJECT: *Updates and Reports*

1. R&E Center Tours Report
2. Procurement Report

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES	DATE
R&E EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 	10/13/25



R&E Center Tours

Completed between September 21 – October 16, 2025

Group	Group Type	Date	# of visitors
Community Tour	Community	9/23/25	6
Tri-County Solid-Waste Commission	Governmental	9/24/25	10
Senators Champion & Seeberger	Governmental	10/1/25	3
WC PHE Nursing Student Rotation #1	Educational	10/2/25	8
Senator Ann Johnson Stewart & Commissioner Bigham	Governmental	10/3/25	3
House POCI Caucus	Governmental	10/3/25	2
3M Global EHS with international group	Governmental	10/7/25	10
HDR Communications Team	Consultant/Vendor	10/8/25	8
MN GreenCorps	Governmental	10/9/25	13
Girl Scouts	Educational	10/16/25	12

Total Number of Tours Completed: 10

Total Number of Tour Attendees: 75



Report of all professional service and supplies, equipment, material and labor (SEML) contracts, amendments and solicitations issued and executed under authority of Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy's procurement guidelines (Resolution R&EB 2025-01) between September 1 – 30, 2025.

Vendor	Effective Date	Description	NTE/Budgeted Amount	Procurement Type
Dem-Con HZI Bioenergy, LLC	9/22/25	Facility – Pass through Climate Smart Food Systems grant for the anaerobic digester project	\$10,000,000	NA
Allstate Sales and Leasing Corporation dba Allstate Peterbilt of South St. Paul	9/10/25	Facility – Electric yard tractor	\$343,707	SEML
Sheehy Construction Company	9/10/25	Facility – Tip floor concrete repairs	\$85,300	SEML
Dem-Con HZI Bioenergy, LLC	9/10/25	Facility – Pass through State Competitive Fund grant for the anaerobic digester project	\$999,999	NA
Map Consulting, LLC	10/1/25	Facility – Risk management services	\$18,000	Professional Services
Metre, LLC	9/1/25	Programs – Food Scraps Pickup Program web design and maintenance	\$392,000	Professional Services

The procurement team also processed ten grants or amendments for deconstruction, food recovery, BizRecycling and multi-unit recycling programs in the amount of \$77,799.55. These grants were distributed throughout Ramsey and Washington Counties to assist in waste reduction and recycling efforts. Grant funds helped each recipient by providing materials and infrastructure needed to better support waste reduction and recycling efforts, as well as expand waste reduction and recycling education for their residents, employees and visitors.