



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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## MISSION

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District is dedicated to promoting recycling, waste reduction and responsible waste management within Hendricks County.

## ADMINISTRATION

Day-to-day operations of the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District are managed by a dedicated staff of three full-time employees. These individuals focus on providing effective education, programs and services to the community.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**Lenn Detwiler**  
Executive Director

**Amy Siefertman**  
Outreach Coordinator

**Patty Knoll**  
Office Manager

## GOVERNANCE

The composition of the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District's nine-member Board of Directors is established by state statute and consists of the three County Commissioners, two representatives of the County Council and one representative from the town councils of Avon, Brownsburg, Danville and Plainfield.

### 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Marcia Lynch, President**  
Danville Town Council

**Daniel Bridget, Vice President**  
Plainfield Town Council

**Dennis Dawes, Secretary/Treasurer**  
Brownsburg Town Council

**Beverley Austin**  
Avon Town Council

**Caleb Brown**  
Hendricks County Council

**Bob Gentry**  
Board of Commissioners

**Phyllis Palmer**  
Board of Commissioners

**Matthew D. Whetstone**  
Board of Commissioners

**Brad Whicker**  
Hendricks County Council

## INDIANA'S SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Created in 1990, Indiana's solid waste management districts are relatively new units of government. Districts were formed to boost waste diversion from final disposal facilities by encouraging waste reduction, reuse and recycling.

Since that time, districts have evolved to ensure residents have safe and effective disposal and recycling options for household hazardous waste, tires, electronics, appliances and more.

Solid waste management districts across the state focus much of their efforts on education to all ages; informing residents of local recycling guidelines and often connecting people and businesses with local recycling and disposal options.

## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The District relies on input and support from its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC is annually appointed by the District's Board of Directors and is comprised of interested individuals that live in Hendricks County or work for a waste management organization that operates in the District. The group provides valuable feedback regarding the District's annual budget and serves as the review committee for the District's Community Grants Program.

### 2018 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Calvin Davidson**  
Ray's Trash Service

**Hursel Disney**  
Interested Citizen

**Gary Eakin**  
Town of Danville

**Brad Eisenhart**  
Waste Management

**Ed Gaddie**  
Interested Citizen

**Cathy Grindstaff**  
Interested Citizen

**Bill Guarnery**  
Interested Citizen

**Julie Haan**  
Hendricks County Health Dept.

**Jeff Healy**  
Banning Engineering

## COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Grants are offered to Hendricks County non-profits interested in launching or expanding programs or projects that further the mission of the District.

Since 2006, the District has awarded over \$240,000 to over sixty Hendricks County organizations including schools in every school district, churches, the towns of Amo, Avon, Brownsburg, Coatesville, North Salem and Plainfield, the B&O Trail Association, Sycamore Services, Hendricks County Arts Council and the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County.

Many of the funds provided by the District have been used to purchase recycling equipment to begin or bolster recycling programs in schools and churches. Other projects have focused on reducing the amount of trash generated by purchasing durable dinnerware and utensils that are used in place of disposable alternatives. Grant funds have also been used to purchase furniture made from recycled plastic lumber and water bottle refill stations for use in public spaces around the community.

### 2018 COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS

**Avon School Corporation**  
Recycling Carts

**Cardinal Elementary School**  
Recycled Plastic Benches

**Danville Christian Church**  
Recycling Bins

**Hendricks County Senior Services**  
Electric Hand Dryers

**River Birch Elementary School**  
Recycling Bins

**Town of Plainfield**  
Water Bottle Refill Station, Recycling Bins

**Tri-West Middle School**  
Recycling Bins

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The District is funded through a combination of final disposal fee income (assessed at the Twin Bridges Recycling and Disposal Facility in Danville), fees collected at the District's two Yard Waste Recycling Centers, recycling fees collected at Tox-Away Days and interest from investments.

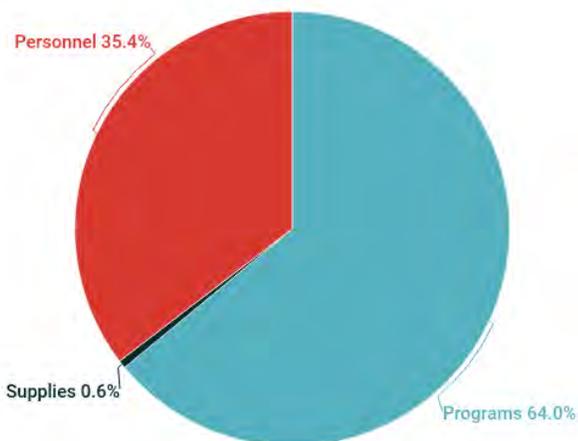
The District does not exercise a property tax levy or assess a per-household fee to generate revenue. Expenditures made are focused on providing efficient and meaningful outreach, education and services to the residents of Hendricks County.

	Revenue	Expenses	Net
2012	\$796,226	\$624,769	\$171,497
2013	\$859,482	\$636,348	\$223,134
2014	\$756,098	\$670,651	\$85,447
2015	\$796,423	\$672,081	\$124,342
2016	\$794,033	\$723,383	\$70,650
2017	\$817,380	\$908,372	-\$90,992
2018	\$769,516	\$710,316	\$59,200

Fund Balances at 12/31/18	
General Fund	\$1,738,120
Hendricks Co. Special Projects Fund	\$260,982
Rainy Day Fund	\$904,090

2018 Revenues	
Final Disposal Fees	\$697,467
Yard Waste Recycling Centers	\$26,018
Interest	\$21,489
Recycling Income	\$24,542

2018 Expenses	
Personnel	\$251,307
Supplies	\$4,371
Programs	\$454,637
Capital	\$0



## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The most important service the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District provides to the residents and organizations of this community is its role as a clearinghouse of information related to the recycling and proper disposal of solid waste. Daily, District staff members field phone, email and other inquiries from residents and businesses about local recycling and disposal options.

Additionally, the District provides a number of waste management services that are not otherwise provided by private waste management companies in the community. These programs provide critical recycling and disposal services that keep valuable and dangerous materials out of landfills and incinerators. In 2018, the District was directly responsible for conscientiously managing over four million pounds of yard waste, recyclables, appliances, tires, electronics and household hazardous waste.

### TOX-AWAY DAY PROGRAM

In 2018, the District offered five Tox-Away Days to Hendricks County households. The events allow residents to properly dispose of household hazardous wastes (HHW) such as pesticides, acids, unwanted medicines, paints, mercury-containing items, medical sharps, fuels, automotive chemicals and more. These types of materials should not be sent to a traditional landfill or incinerator for disposal, but simply storing them long-term in a garage, shed or basement indefinitely is neither a safe nor viable long-term solution.

The District's Tox-Away Days are the only practical option many residents have to properly dispose of their HHW. As such, the District does not charge residents a fee to utilize the Tox-Away Days to dispose of their HHW.

As part of the Tox-Away Day events, other items that can present disposal challenges are also accepted and recycled. Those items include appliances, tires and electronics. Fees are charged to residents opting to use Tox-Away Day to recycle these problem wastes.



## YARD WASTE RECYCLING CENTERS



Another service the District offers to Hendricks County households is the ability to recycle brush, grass clippings, leaves, Christmas trees and other organic matter at two Yard Waste Recycling Centers. Residents are charged a fee based on the amount of material they bring to recycle.

Both of the District’s Yard Waste Recycling Centers are the result of partnerships with the towns of Brownsburg and Plainfield. The centers are open three days each week from April through November. The sites are then reopened for a few weeks around Christmas and into the new year to allow residents to recycle natural Christmas trees.

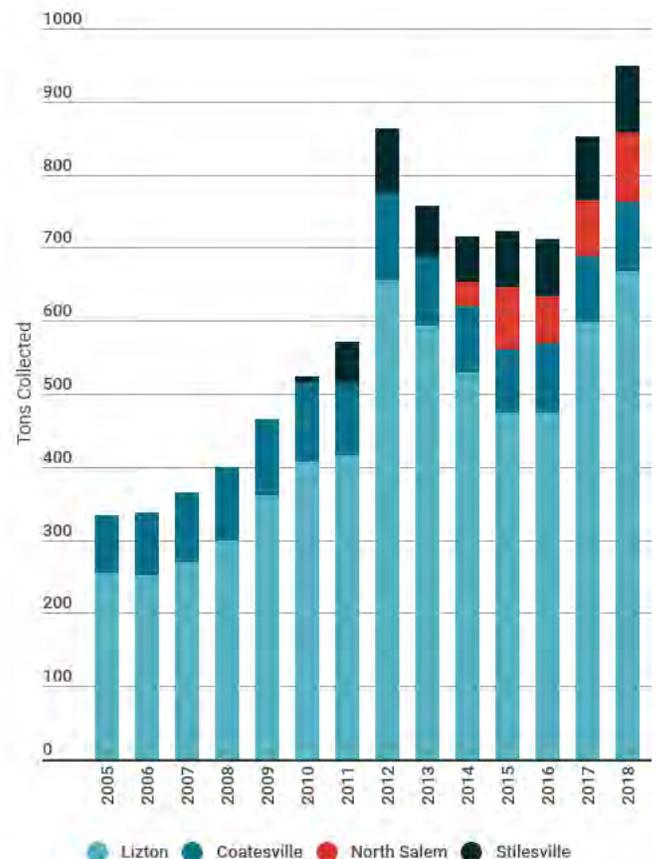
4,524 visitors utilized the District’s Yard Waste Recycling Centers in 2018.

## RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS

The District sponsors four 24-hour Recycling Drop-off Centers located in Lizton, Coatesville, North Salem and Stilesville. The centers are intended to provide recycling options for those residents that live in the portion of the District where curbside recycling is not available through private sector recyclers. Materials accepted at the centers include food and beverage containers made from glass, plastic, steel and aluminum as well as paper products including newspaper, cardboard, chipboard, and office paper. In 2018, 948 tons of material were recycled at the recycling centers.

The District contracts with a private company to recycle the materials collected at the Recycling Drop-off Centers.

The District partners with adopting groups which are assigned to monitor each of the Recycling Drop-off Centers, pick up any litter that may accumulate and provide monthly reports related to the condition of the sites. Each non-profit adopting group earns \$1,200 annually.



# OUTREACH & EDUCATION

The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District is committed to helping residents, businesses, schools, places of worship and non-profit organizations do their part to reduce, reuse, recycle and properly dispose of the waste they generate. To that end, District personnel focus the majority of their time and effort on activities that educate all ages about the benefits and opportunities to make the best choices related to waste diversion and disposal.

## YOUTH EDUCATION

Youth Education remains at the core of the District's activities. Over 12,300 Hendricks County students, ranging from preschool to 8th grade, received interactive environmental education programs from the District's Outreach Coordinator, Amy Sieferman, in 2018. Programs are routinely presented to students in every Hendricks County school district as well as to youth clubs, camps and homeschooling groups.

Most of the District's environmental education programs satisfy state academic standards and provide hands-on lessons promoting recycling, safety around household chemicals, composting and protecting water quality. Some of the most popular program titles include, "Worms are Eating My Garbage," "Who Polluted White Lick Creek?," "Recycle for Your Health" and "How Do They Do That?".



## ADULT OUTREACH

Outreach to Hendricks County adults takes a number of forms including the publication of the District's Recycling Guide, media releases, an interactive website that includes an online recycling directory, participation in community events including the Hendricks County 4-H Fair.

The District recognizes that today's families are busy and so information must be available when they need it and delivered directly to them. To connect with on-the-go residents, the District publishes a twice-monthly email newsletter *The ReSource* that encourages and informs residents about simple, everyday actions that have a significant impact on the waste and pollution they generate.

District staff also utilizes social media via Facebook and Nextdoor to connect residents to valuable information and keep them informed of upcoming events.