

West Central Solid Waste District

(Population = 52,882)

2023 Annual Report



Our Mission

To inform, educate, and inspire the citizens of Parke and Putnam Counties in Central Indiana about proper waste disposal, waste reduction, reuse, and recycling; and to provide programs and services in these areas... Educating citizens, along with convenient/effective programs and services, enables West Central Solid Waste District to protect the environment, fulfill all regulatory and legislative objectives, and benefit our communities today and tomorrow.

“Board of Directors”

Putnam County (pop. 36,726)

David Berry, County Commissioner
Tom Helmer, County Commissioner
Stephanie Campbell, County Council
Bill Dory Jr. , Mayor/ City of Greencastle
Darrel Thomas, Greencastle Common Council

Parke County (pop. 16,156)

Dan Collom, County Commissioner
George Nicholas, Co. Commissioner Rep.
Tom Rohr, County Council
Parke Swaim, Rockville Town Board
Chris McCann, Rockville Town Board

“Administration/Staff”

Jane Collisi, Executive Director
Jean Stout, Assistant
Steve Colson, Yard Waste Attendant
Hal Snider, Yard Waste Attendant

Budget Expenditure Report

Personal Services	Approved Budget	Expenditures	Remaining Balance	Remaining Budget %
Salary/Wages (4 employees)	72,900	72,190	710	.97%
Employee Ben. & P/R Taxes	45,500	45,482	18	.04%
Supplies				
Supplies, Dues, Postage	3,025	2,102	923	31%
Services and Charges				
Programs, Services, Education	149,075	124,924	24,151	16%
Capital Outlays				
Mach/Equip.	500	0	500	100%
Total	271,000	244,698	26,302	9.7%

Revenue Recap

Ending
12/31/23

Putnam County Contribution	\$82,634
Parke County Contribution	\$36,351
Yard Waste Income (User Fees)	\$4,244
Reimbursements/ LIT/ Other Income	\$7,274
Interest Income	\$23,764
Total Revenue	\$154,267
Total Expenditures	(\$244,698)
Capital Reserve Reduced By	(\$90,431)

Important Notes:

The percentage of District representation is based on each county's population within WCSWD: Putnam County @ 36,726 = 69%; and Parke County @ 16,156 = 31% (2020 census = 52,882)

The per capita expenditures totaled \$4.63. Each county contributed \$2.25 per person; based on their population. The remaining budget expenditures were taken out of WCSWD's capital reserve, reducing it by \$90,431.

Putnam County contributions are paid by the county's hazardous waste fund.

Accounting Services by: **Hammer & Swigart CPA Firm** (Greencastle, Indiana)

Volunteer Services

Bryan Allen, Website Design & Maintenance



Vendors/Environmental Agencies

Assoc. of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts
aiswmd.org (Indianapolis) (317) 396-0002

Circular Indiana (Non-profit organ./advocate, Indpls.)
circularindiana.org (317) 632-5915

Heritage Environmental (Haz. Waste Disposal, Indpls.)
heritage-enviro.com (317) 486-2845

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
state.in.gov/idem (Indianapolis) (800) 988-7901

Jack's Trash Service (Trash/Recycling, Greencastle)
jackstrashservicegreencastle.com (765) 653-2838

NuGenesis, Inc. (Household Haz. Waste, Mooresville)
enugenesi.com (800) 487-1010

Republic Services (Transfer Station, Greencastle)
republicservices.com (765) 653-3902

W. Enterprises (Recycling/E-Waste, Crawfordsville)
waldentransportandrecycle.com (765) 362-2182



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Rural Recycling Centers

WCSWD contracted the collection and transportation of 3 rural recycling drop-off centers through W. Enterprises, Crawfordsville, IN. Centers are for **residential use only**. *Businesses, schools, churches, and other organizations are strictly prohibited due to limited space & budget.*

WCSWD also provided grant funding for the town-operated recycling drop-off center located in Bainbridge, Indiana (Putnam County).

404 tons of residential recyclables were collected at the 4 rural drop-off centers in the past 12 months and diverted from landfills. Less contamination in recycling bins may account for up to 5% decrease in overall tons.

Recycling drop-off centers accept the following items:

Co-Mingled: plastic food containers #1-7, glass bottles/jars (clear and colored), aluminum/steel food & beverage cans

Paper Items: newsprint, catalogs, magazines, phone books, soft-bound books, junk mail, cardboard, flatboard/paperboard

Putnam County:

Roachdale @ Volunteer Fire Department, Indiana Street

Cloverdale @ Town Hall Parking Lot, Main Street

***Bainbridge @** Town Community Building, US Hwy 36

Parke County:

Rockville @ Scott's Pet Distribution #2, US Hwy 41

➤ **Recyclables Collected Per Location:**

Town/Location:	Annual Tonnage
Cloverdale Town Hall	114 Tons
Roachdale Volunteer Fire Dept.	60 Tons
Rockville Scott's Pet Distribution 2	193 Tons
*Bainbridge Community Building	37 Tons
Total Tonnage	404 Tons



Don't Bag Recyclables

Empty recyclables **LOOSELY**
into bins to maximize bin space
and reuse your bag/tote

Needle Clipper Program



WCSWD provides **FREE needle clippers** for diabetic and home-based sharps users. District residents can pick up a free needle clipper at the Parke or Putnam County Health Department. Full clippers can be returned to the health department to exchange for a new one. Needle clippers can also be dropped off at any WCSWD Tox-Away Day.

Yard Waste Drop-Off Site

Vegetative material such as grass, twigs, brush, and leaves are accepted at the Greencastle (Putnam County) Yard Waste Site. Yard waste is collected and transported locally for composting, mulching and/or erosion control. Tonnage varies and averages 40-50 tons annually. Free firewood when available.

Hours of Operation: (April-October) **Mon. & Wed. 12-6 pm, and Sat. 9 am-3 pm.** Closed on holidays. Nominal fees apply starting at \$1 per bag or \$1 per foot of truck bed/trailer; maximum of 14 feet. *Residential use only due to limited space.*



Christmas Tree-Cycling

Residents can recycle their "undecorated" fresh-cut Christmas trees Dec. 26 - end of January by dropping them off at one of the 4 collection sites (free of charge). These trees will give back to the Earth when used for fish and wildlife habitats, mulch, walking trail cover and/or to help prevent erosion.

Drop-off Locations:

- ⇒ Greencastle Yard Waste Site
- ⇒ Lieber State Recreation Area
- ⇒ Raccoon Lake State Park
- ⇒ Rockville Lake Park



“FREE” School Grants



Bench Grants (\$295 value)

K-12 public schools within the District are eligible to receive a **FREE 6' recycled plastic bench!** Students are engaged in collecting, weighing, and tracking 200 lbs. of plastic lids/caps and are rewarded for their efforts with a sturdy recycled bench purchased by West Central Solid Waste District to proudly display and enjoy inside or outdoors.

3R's “Reduce/Reuse/Recycle” Grants are available for K-12 public schools located within the District to start or expand a 3R's program. Items include paper recycling bins, can/bottle recycling bins, can crushers, worm compost bins, reusable water bottles, trays/dishes, and more. Schools incorporating reuse and/or recycling programs see a savings by reducing their need to regularly purchase single-use items, along with a reduction in trash disposal costs.

Bench and 3R's Grant Applications are available at www.westcentralswd.com under the “Education” tab.

It's Simple and Easy!

Electronic Waste Recycling

WCSWD sponsored its 12th annual Electronic Waste (E-waste) Recycling Day at the Parke County 4-H Fairgrounds (Rockville); and the 3rd annual E-waste Recycling Day in Putnam County at the Greencastle Middle School.

The Parke County event (June) collected **8,328 lbs. of electronics** and the Putnam County event (October) collected **2,800 lbs. of electronics** and safely removed these hazardous materials from local communities!



Tox-Away Day Collections

WCSWD sponsors one-day collection events for both counties annually, on Saturdays from 8am-1pm. In 2023, **834 vehicles** participated in the recycling and proper disposal of **77 tons** (an 8% increase over 2022 tonnage) of toxic/hazardous materials and problem wastes.

Special thanks to our co-sponsor, Heritage Environmental Services, LLC, who assist in providing these important events. WCSWD residents are encouraged to participate in any/all annual collection events.

***Businesses & organizations are strictly prohibited.**

➤ Putnam County (May)

Tox Away Recap	2023	2022	2021
# of Vehicles	550	428	455
Lbs of Tires	39,540	36,915	41,705
Lbs of Appliances	16,075	13,855	13,685
Lbs of Electronics	18,645	15,206	11,449
Lbs of Medicines	150	82	66
Lbs. of HHW	20,421	17,981	21,343
Grand Total (lbs)	94,831	84,039	88,248

➤ Parke County (September)

Tox Away Recap	2023	2022	2021
# of Vehicles	284	308	316
Lbs of Tires	25,720	22,600	24,390
Lbs of Appliances	11,255	10,385	10,285
Lbs of Electronics	9,572	11,078	10,410
Lbs of Medicines	102	90	57
Lbs. of HHW	11,923	14,212	11,659
Grand Total (lbs)	58,572	58,365	56,801

Tox-Away Days are the perfect opportunity to safely dispose of toxic, hazardous, and problem wastes such as:

- Appliances (CFC and non-CFC)
- Electronics/Televisions/Computers
- Tires (Car, truck, tractor, other)
- Automotive additives (fuel, oil, antifreeze)
- Oil-based paint, stain, varnish, paint thinner
- Mercury thermometers, fluorescent tubes/CFLs
- Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, poison
- Acids, bases, solvents, HH chemicals/cleaners
- Medication (non-controlled) and sharps

WCSWD continues to assist farmers with the high disposal costs of whole tractor tires over 54". The District paid \$65 of the \$90 per tire contractor fee. Farmers can also quarter these tires and recycle the first 2 free & pay only \$5 each for 2 additional tractor tires.