

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

INFORMATION PACKET

FOR

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Solid Waste, Recycling

- 2007 SCORE Report, 74% recycling rate
- Fiscal Year 2008 second half SCORE Block Grant - \$72,633
- Must fund only eligible programs
- Requires 25% matching funds
- Must have an approved county solid waste management plan

Ponderosa Landfill

- Construction of cells 8 and 9 in 2008
- Re-Permitting Process
 - Submitted to MPCA mid-November
 - Public hearing notice
- Stormwater permit
- Construction contract approved
- Letter of Warning for litter
- Industrial Waste Plan
- Mattress recycling program
- Tours of various landfills
- Landfill gas-to-energy grant request

Hazardous Waste

- Open for the 2008 season
- Mobile collections for Tri-County
- Co-Sponsoring contracts approved

Department Staffing

- Herb Wenkel retired
- Mandy Landkamer resigned

Miscellaneous

- Youth Health Conference
- Meth Lab found in rental home
- Climate Change/Global Warming Programs
- Electronic Permitting Request for Proposal (RFP)
 - May 16th release, proposals returned by June 13th
- Revised Zoning Ordinance
- July meeting - possibly tour landfill construction

Information Articles

- Free Press "MRCI to Add Recycling Bins"
- Free Press "County Offers Vouchers to Stop Burn Barrels"
- Lake Crystal Tribune "Bernie the Burn Barrel"
- Maple River Messenger "Residents Offered Cash for Burn Barrels"
- Free Press "Landfill Add-On is Approved"
- Free Press "County to Study Methane Capture"
- Free Press "Hazardous Waste Facility Opens"
- Free Press "Blue Earth County Appliance Recycling Days"
- Free Press "Unenforced, Townships Grumble About Problem Properties"
- Free Press "Get Tough on Land Owners Who Break Laws"
- Star Tribune "Disposal Will Still Be a Problem With New TVs"

Duluth News Tribune "Manufacturers Now Foot Part of the Bill for E-Waste Disposal in Minnesota"
Star Tribune "Bachman is Pro-Choice on Bulbs"
USA Weekend "Recycling Old Gadgets"
Free Press "Power From Trash"
Free Press "Statewide Effort Underway to Increase Recycling of Waste"
Waste News "Recycling Record Set"
Waste News "Pepsi to Promote Recycling on Cans"
Star Tribune "Stop! Don't Toss That Phone Book"
Star Tribune "Test Recycling Program Offers New Life for Old Shoes"
Star Tribune "Biodegradable Bags May Not Be as Green as They Seem"
People Magazine "Plastic Bag Ban"
Parade Magazine "Is Plastic Destroying Our Oceans?"
Star Tribune "Linden Hills Talks Trash"
USA Weekend "Dumping Old Drugs"
Time Magazine "The Kitchen Stinks"
Minnesota Counties "Sewage in the News: An Opportunity for County Septic System Programs"
Star Tribune "Minnesota River Wins Unpleasant National Ranking"
Star Tribune "Home Buyers Left on Hook to Repair Bad Septic System"
Star Tribune "City Hedges on Linking Into Metro Sewer Lines"
Star Tribune "Tainted Ballpark Dirt Ends Up Near River"
Star Tribune "Cleaning Up River Site May Cost 3M \$18 Million"
Star Tribune "EPA Bores in on the Source of Mystery Vapors Contaminating Groundwater"
Star Tribune "State Will Pay for Cleanup of Couple's Tainted Land"
Star Tribune "EPA Scientists Allege Political Pressure"
Star Tribune "EPA Official Who Pressed for Cleanup Forced Out"
Star Tribune "Let's Make This Earth Day a Day When Action Begins"
Star Tribune "Minnesota 3rd in U.S. in Wind-Power Ability"
Waste News "Waste Management Goes Natural"
Star Tribune "A New European Renaissance: Coal"
Free Press "Bright Idea - Downtown Mall Going Solar"
Parade Magazine "Better Ways to Go Green"
USA Weekend "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Green?"
Free Press "Everyday Ways to Positively Impact the Environment"
St. Paul Pioneer Press "Beware of the Many Shades of Green"
Star Tribune "Going Green Brings Greenbacks to Firms"
Minnesota Counties "NACo Launches Green Counties Database"
Free Press "Where to Find a Green Computer"
Star Tribune "A Green Niche"
Free Press "How Big is Your Carbon Footprint?"
Waste News "Carbon Credit Impact Often Tough to Gauge"
Star Tribune "Cap-and-trade System for Emissions Starts Hot House Debate"
Star Tribune "Climate Change Report Called Fantasy"
Waste News "States Sue to Force EPA's Hand on GHG"
Waste News "Governors Unite Against Global Climate Change"
Waste News "Dingell: Congress Should Take Lead on GHG"
Waste News "Climate Change Law Would Pose Challenges"
Waste News "Study: GHG Bill Will Raise Energy Prices"
Free Press "The Dust-Climate Connection"