

Supporting The Community in Waste Management

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History of the Solid Waste Management Districts



- ▶ Created in 1990 by the Indiana legislature
- ▶ Single or multi-county district
- ▶ All elected officials on Board of Directors

Role of the SWMD's

- ▶ Ensure disposal capacity
- ▶ Mobro 4000 1987
- ▶ Almost 3,000 landfills closed between 1982 and 1987



The significance of Mobro 4000's journey was not lost on industry. This full page advertisement in the Wall Street Journal was sponsored by The Steamfitting Industry Promotion Fund.

Role of the SWMD's – cont.

- ▶ Encourage waste reduction, recycling, and proper disposal
 - District operated programs
 - District provided (contracted) services
 - Education



Tools Afforded the SWMD's

► Funding

- Property Taxes
- Landfill disposal fees
- Special assessments
- Operate facilities
- State Recycling Grants



Tools Afforded SWMD's cont.

▶ Authority

- Much like Counties
 - Ability to contract for services
 - Ability to issue permits
 - Ability to establish service area and franchises
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Requirements of Districts

- ▶ Develop a 20 year solid waste plan
- ▶ Form a Citizens' Advisory Committee
- ▶ Reduce final disposal by 35% by 1996 and 50% by 2001



Missing from the requirements

- ▶ Conduct a waste audit
- ▶ Bartholomew County has conducted waste audits dating back to 1978



- ▶ **Business waste comprises 2/3 of all landfill disposal**
- ▶ Yardwaste comprises about 15%

Partnerships with local corporations is critical to our success at waste minimization and proper disposal

► Compliance Issues

- Some Districts own and operate disposal facilities
 - Disposal requirements
 - Special/Industrial Waste
 - Banned Items
 - Liquids, lead acid auto batteries, hazardous wastes, CFC appliances, whole tires



Partnerships – cont.

- ▶ Waste Reduction
 - Many Districts operate facilities
 - Recycling
 - Reuse
 - Yard Waste
 - CESQG wastes – Monroe Co.



Get to know us

- ▶ By getting to know us, you help us in our mission to provide continuing disposal capacity, waste reduction and proper disposal



Supporting “Green” Education

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Green Education Categories

- ▶ Children's Education
 - ▶ Adult Education
 - ▶ Public Outreach
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Children's Education



- ▶ Provide Materials and Funding for Programming/ Presentations
- ▶ Provide Materials/Funding for Teacher Workshops

Children's Education

- ▶ Support “Green” Contests
 - Supplies
 - Scholarships
 - Awards



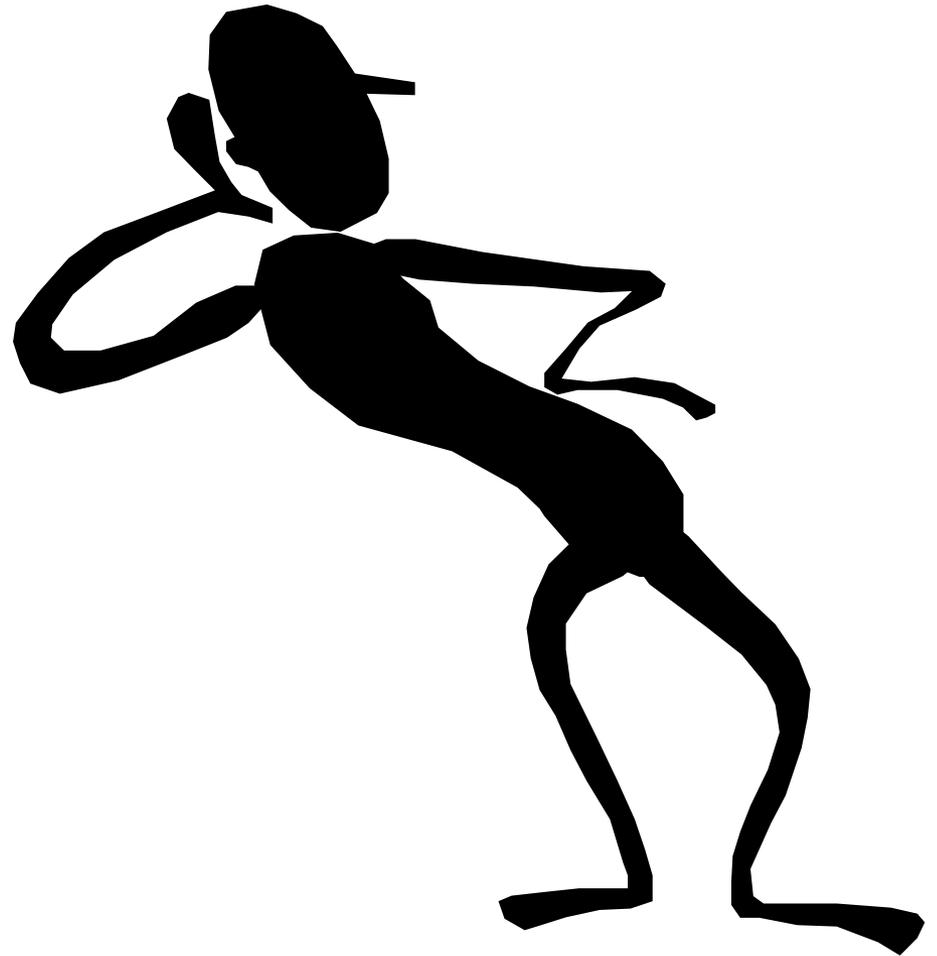
Adult Education

- ▶ Facilities
- ▶ Supplies
- ▶ Opportunities
- ▶ Communication



Public Outreach

- ▶ **Spread the Word Through Workplace Communication!**



First Annual HHW Day-2011



Earth Day



- ▶ Amnesty Day
- ▶ Children's Activities
- ▶ Annual Hot Dog Roast
- ▶ Plant Swap



Community Events



- ▶ Ethnic Expo
- ▶ Bartholomew County Fair

America Recycles Day

- ▶ Amnesty Day
- ▶ déjà vu Art Show
- ▶ Shred-a-Thon
- ▶ Other Happenings...



Volunteer!



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“We are only borrowing this Earth
from the children of tomorrow.”

