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**Final Report  
Tuscola County Recycling  
Satellite Collection Trailer  
Project: 430291-15**

**Executive Summary**

Tuscola County Recycling used this opportunity to expand our collection capabilities. We wanted to be able to help our residents who live outside the City of Caro, recycle more of their material by providing easy access. Using the funding from this Grant a 16 foot multiple bin trailer was purchased. We also were able to hire an employee for 20 hours per week to operate the trailer at the collection sites.

We partnered with the Village of Cass City, Village of Millington and the Village of Mayville. Our employee transports the trailer from our facility to the satellite collection site, he was responsible for set up the trailer for the residents, and he would stay at the site for the duration of the collection, to assist the resident's and to make sure that only the types of material our facility accepts is placed in the trailer. He would educate the residents on why we would not take the items, and what we do accept. Our collection sites were open from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., in Cass City and Millington it was located at the respective Village Hall. The Mayville site was at Wiegert's Food Center. The trailer was at each collection site once a week, on the same day of the week chosen by the host Community.

Once the collection for the day was completed, our employee would return to our Facility where staff would unload and weight each type of material collected.

## **Project Goals**

Our main goal was to provide easier access to our Recycling Center to residents that live on the edges of the City of Caro. The second goal was to divert more recyclables, and third was to provide education about what we do and do not accept at our Center and at the trailer locations.

Our first goal was completed by providing the trailer to the partner locations.

We are very happy with the amount collected from the locations and completing our second goal. From October 2015 through the end of June 2016, over 26,346 pounds or 13.2 tons of recyclables were collected from these sites.

Educating our residents for what is acceptable at our Center and at the trailer was important. We wanted to make sure that our residents had a great experience when coming to either location by helping to make sure they know what is accepted, and not wasting their time bringing items that we do not take.

We did this mainly by handing out flyers at the Center and at the mobile locations. Also used were Facebook postings, and by providing education in schools when we have the opportunity.

## **After the Grant plans**

The Tuscola County Recycling Advisory Board has agreed to continue with this program and to retain the employee. This has been a successful program and we hope to expand the locations as the funding allows.

## **Challenges**

We really only had one issue during this grant period, and that was our location in Mayville was at the DPW building. We found that this location was not suitable as it was not visible and on a less traveled route. We worked with Wingerts a local grocery store, they agreed to host our trailer and it ended up working very nice.

## **Partners**

We would like to thank our partners who helped us realize this program.

Village of Mayville

Village of Millington

Village of Cass City

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

Tuscola County Recycling Advisory Committee



## Thank you

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In the last eight months we have collected 24,563 pounds of recyclable materials with the satellite trailer. This amount includes: 12,931 pounds of paper, 6,214 pounds of cardboard, 2,493 pounds of plastic bottles, 1,716 pounds of clear glass bottles, 1,054 pounds of metals, 100 pounds of Styrofoam and 55 pounds of miscellaneous materials.

We would like to thank the towns of Millington, Cass City, Mayville, and also the Wingerts grocery store for allowing us to park the trailer, in the designated areas, for these collections. We also want to thank all the people who utilize these collections. We appreciate all the support, and for recycling with us.





### What we can take at this trailer

- #1 clear plastic bottles 
- #2 natural colored bottles 
- #2 colored plastic bottles 
- Cardboard/ boxboard 
- Paper/newspapers/ magazines 
- Clear glass bottles 
- Steel and aluminum 

\*All plastic bags will be returned\*

### Collection Sites

Mondays in Millington  
at the Township Hall

Wednesdays in Mayville  
at Wingers parking lot

Fridays in Cass City  
In the parking lot behind  
the Municipal Building

All collections will be from  
9:00am- 1:00pm  
(or until trailer is full)

- No collections on holidays
- No collections during inclement weather



### Collection Days

#### Millington collections will be on:

- January 4, 11, 25, 2016
- February 1, 8, 22, 29, 2016
- March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016
- April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016

#### Mayville collections will be on:

- January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016
- February 3, 10, 17, 24, 2016
- March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2016
- April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016
- May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

#### Cass City collections will be on:

- January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016
- February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016
- March 4, 11, 18, 2016
- April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016
- May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016

Items not accepted

Wax covered cartons



Yogurt cups



Medical Waste



Self Bags



Colored Glass



Plastic Bags of any kind



Butter Tubs



Food Trays



Plastic Silverware



Plastic Cups



Oil Containers



Who We Are

Tuscola County Recycling Facility is a drop off site for residents to bring in their recyclables. We are a millage funded facility located on M24 in Caro. We host two Household Hazardous Waste Collections a year free to Tuscola County residents. We have an electronics recycling program, tire recycling program (fees apply), waste oil and anti freeze collection barrels, bins for Salvation Army, confidential paper shredding (fees apply), battery recycling, and latex paint recycling (fees apply). These programs are in addition to our recycling program in which we accept paper, boxboard, cardboard, #1 & #2 plastic bottles, clear glass bottles and jars, steel, aluminum, Styrofoam, magazines and books. For more information please call 989-672-1673.

*We appreciate your support, thank you.*

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# Satellite Collections

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**June 20, 2016**

**For Immediate Release:  
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Tuscola County Recycling Facility is also open for the drop off of recyclables at 1123 Mertz Road (M24) in Caro. The hours of operation at the Facility are Monday thru Friday 8:00am until 4:30pm. If you have any questions about the programs we offer please call 989-672-1673, check out our website at [www.tuscolacounty.org](http://www.tuscolacounty.org) , or our Facebook page at Tuscola County Recycle.

Tuscola County Recycle Center

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# Coming soon

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