

Northern Environmental Center

Washington County supports the appropriation of \$7.5 million in state funds to match existing local funds to establish a northern Environmental Center in the county.

Issue At-A Glance

- Counties are mandated by the state to develop household hazardous waste programs for the management of toxic and dangerous household materials.
- Counties are also mandated to achieve a 75% recycling rate in the county.
- Washington County lacks convenient and equitable access for all its residents to current county operated HHW and recycling programs.
- The demand for environmental services continues to grow and current facility operations are not sufficient to provide adequate service in the future.
- Washington County has reciprocal use agreements for household hazardous waste collection in place with all metro and neighboring counties, making this proposed facility a regional enhancement.



Support

Cities, towns and residents in the county support expanded and equitable access to environmental services.

No Action

Residents in the northern half of Washington County will lack opportunities to drop off HHW and recyclables, which may threaten state HHW and recycling collection goals.

Financial Implications

Total project costs are \$15 million. Washington County will contribute \$7.5 million in match to state funds.



Proposed Project

Washington County proposes to develop an Environmental Center that will provide collection services for household hazardous waste, E-waste, recyclables, scrap metal, and kitchen scraps, as well as a Free Product Room.

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