



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: December 19, 2023

Title of Item: Expansion of McGregor Recycling Center

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Andrew Carlstrom	Department: Environmental Services	
Presenter (Name and Title): Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director		Estimated Time Needed: 5 Minutes
Summary of Issue: The Facilities Committee met on August 17, 2023 to review the proposed future land expansion of the Aitkin and McGregor Recycling Centers. A wetland delineation was completed in July for both sites, and shows allowance for a modest increase in land size expansion for both facilities. Looking into the future, this will allow Aitkin County to offer more services such as re-use, composting and yard waste disposal.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: Motion to deny the modest land expansion at the McGregor Recycling Center.		
Recommended Action/Motion: Motion to approve the modest land expansion at the McGregor Recycling Centers in order to offer more services to Aitkin County citizens in the future.		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping?</i> \$ 45,000.00 <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> This same amount of money was budgeted for the 2023 & 2024 Environmental Services Budget, with the plans to increase and improve both Aitkin County Recycling Centers in the coming years.		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

McGregor Recycling Center Expansion

44112 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760. PID 22-0-010702. Est. 8.03 acres (349,968 SF)

Statistics:

- Attended and contract operated by Countryside Sanitation since 2010. Compound is locked during closed hours. Source separated recycling.
- 2021 total residential recycling: 274 tons
- 2022 total residential recycling: 267 tons

Future Improvements:

- 2024 budgeted Capital Improvement Plan - \$45,000.00
- In 2023/2024 vision is to increase footprint of site to include compost/yard waste disposal for McGregor area residents and allow more maneuver room for contracted hauler

Proposed Timeline:

- Summer 2023-Wetland Delineation completed.
- Winter 2024-Tree cutting & expanding footprint to north.
- Spring/Summer 2025 – Expanded footprint complete and expanded services offered.

Budget:

- Capital Improvement Plan budgeted \$45,000.00 for FY24.
- Service, Labor, Contracts budgeted \$20,000.00 for FY24.
- Future state grant opportunities for further expansions in Recycle, Reuse, and Composting.

