

Public Hearing: August 20, 2001

F A C T S H E E T

TITLE: Interlocal Agreement with Gage County for the Nebraska Used Oil Collection and Reuse Program

SPONSOR: Lincoln Solid Waste Operations, Public Works and Utilities Department

OPPONENTS: Unknown

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

APPLICANT: Lincoln Solid Waste Operations, Public Works and Utilities Department

REASON FOR LEGISLATION: Allow for the development of two used oil collection sites within Lancaster County and expenditure of State grant funds to make capital improvements and acquire used oil collection equipment and supplies.

D I S C U S S I O N

Gage County has worked with Keep Nebraska Beautiful and has served as the lead agency in developing the Nebraska Used Oil Collection and Reuse Program. A pilot program has been developed in 9 counties in southeast Nebraska to collect used oil from the public. Grant funds from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality have provided funds to make capital improvements, acquire 2,000 gallon self-contained used oil tanks and supplies to operate a used oil collection program in each county. The program sponsors have approached Lincoln's Solid Waste Operations (LSWO) about Lincoln and Lancaster County participating in the pilot program. The grant funded program ends September 30, 2001.

LSWO has approached the Villages of Davey and Bennet about hosting used oil collection sites as part of the Nebraska Used Oil Collection and Reuse Program. The reason these communities were approached is that they operate transfer stations for residents to deposit their solid waste as well as multi-material recycling drop-off sites. The City of Lincoln manages these recycling drop off sites as well as in three other communities in the County. This service is part of the Lincoln and Lancaster County Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. Integrated solid waste management services in Lincoln and Lancaster County are financed through landfill tipping fees. Thus, in addition to providing disposal services at the Bluff Road Landfill, tipping fees provide for a myriad of services for Lincoln and Lancaster County. These services include, but are not limited to, illegal dump site clean-up, yard waste composting, household hazardous waste collections, special waste management technical assistance, pollution prevention and landfill closure and monitoring. As a public authority, the LSWO has committed resources to promote activities such as the Nebraska Used Oil Collection and Reuse program which are not normally provided in private disposal operations.

In 1993, the City of Lincoln entered interlocal agreements with the villages of Bennet and Davey to provide solid waste disposal services and to coordinate the implementation of the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. The village of Bennet and Otte Oil and Propane Company in Davey have agreed to host the collection sites and provide staff to manage the collection program for used oil. The City of Lincoln will develop separate agreements with these two entities regarding the operation of the Nebraska Used Oil Collection and Reuse program sites.

The Interlocal Agreement allows Gage County to reimburse the two host sites for site improvements, collection equipment and supplies with current state grant funds. Total estimated cost for these items is estimated at \$23,050. No City funds will be used for this pilot program. However, Solid Waste Operations and Recycling staff time will be contributed in helping to facilitate the development of the pilot program. If successful, Solid Waste Operations may seek additional grant funds to develop more collection sites for used oil. This would be included in future budget discussions of Solid Waste Operations program services that are financed through landfill tipping fees.

LSWO staff met with the Lancaster County Board of Directors on July 19, 2001 along with representatives of the Gage County Commissioners and Keep Nebraska Beautiful. The Board indicated their support of oil recycling in Lancaster County and encouraged the creation on an interlocal agreement for the oil recycling project.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: It expands current recycling services in the villages of Bennet and Davey.

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: \$23,050

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

CITY: None

NON CITY: \$23,050 Grant Funds from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, administered by Gage County.

BENEFIT COST:

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