



MEMORANDUM

TO: Environmental Concerns Committee

THROUGH: Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CG*

FROM: David Gorman, Assistant Director of Public Works *DG*

SUBJECT: **Yard Waste Collection and Education Recycling Grants**

DATE: April 16, 2012

The Education Recycling Grants are currently unfunded in the FY12B (6/1/12-12/31/12) and FY13 (1/1/13-12/31/13) budgets. This decision followed an ECC recommendation based on projected revenue and a desire not to increase the Village's Service Fee per the Solid Waste Contract. The ECC had expressed a desire to explore potential changes to the brush pickup program in effort to reinstate some of this funding. Per the Contract, the Village pays Waste Management to collect bundled yard waste from the first full week of April through the second full week of December.

Based on subsequent discussions with Waste Management, Staff recommends that the last two weeks of the yard waste collection in December be eliminated to reduce costs by \$8,600. Thus, the collection would end on the last full week in November. Most other municipalities end their collections at the end of November so ours is unusually long and Waste Management has informed us that very little volume is collected in December.

While Staff believes that this change is prudent for wise use of tax monies, it will not make up for the shortfalls in FY12B and FY13 of \$13,800 and \$22,200, respectively. The monthly electronics collections will help make up some of the remaining shortfall. However, sometime later this year, the ECC will need to revisit the question of revenue and expenditures in order to balance the Community Recycling Fund and perhaps reinstate some level of funding for grant programs.

Staff requests that the ECC vote to provide a recommendation to the Board of Trustees regarding the change to the yard waste collection period. Staff would publicize the change to the yard waste collection program in the Fall.

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cc: David Hulseberg, Village Manager
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