



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission
FROM: Scott R. Tess, Environmental Sustainability Manager
DATE: February 5, 2013
RE: February Staff Report

Questions From Last Meeting

Water Pump Generators

IL American regularly tests pump backup generators by turning them on for a period of time.

Water Rates

IL American uses a statewide rate for most cities in Illinois including Urbana. Only three small regions have a rate different than the statewide rate.

U-Cycle

The City of Urbana's curbside and multifamily recycling programs both saw significant increases in 2012, with a 27% increase in materials collected in the curbside program and a 21% jump in materials collected in the multifamily program. This data is reported to the City from the vendors collecting recyclables.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Results

Results from the household hazardous waste (HHW) event held last September 29th in were released from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Results revealed that households properly disposed of 509 55-gallon drums filled with oils, paints, solvents, old gasoline, adhesives, sealers, flammables, mercury, asbestos, lead-acid batteries and poisons and pesticides. This is the equivalent to 205,127 pounds of hazardous materials being diverted from landfills.

The 2012 event showed a 121% increase in materials collected from the 2006 event. Two local vendors also participated at the 2012 event: Interstate Batteries of Champaign collected 256 lead-acid batteries, and Hick's Gas of Urbana collected more than 500 propane tanks.

More than 2,200 households participated. EPA bore most of the \$135,445 cost of the collection event.

Recreational Waters Public Access

The Regional Planning Commission has indicated they may be able to conduct an analysis of public access to recreational waters with existing GIS datasets. We'll know soon what they may be able to provide.

Next SAC Meeting

March 5 at 7pm.