

Report for Supervisor Milde

Regional Landfill Litter Prevention Program Goals:

- Maintain an organized coordination of efforts.
- Maximize resources available.
- Roads requiring high maintenance are cleaned consistently.
- Roads in both jurisdictions are given fair use of the resources available.

FY2008 has been a dynamic year for the litter program. Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg have relied on grants and private enterprise more than ever to keep the road cleaning efforts intact. The funding source changes are due in part to the lack of tax funds available through the localities. The region has also relied on paid staff and contracts for road cleaning, which has provided a consistent human resource pools and helped with consistent road cleaning.

The road cleaning territory for this program will now be a regional effort including the City of Fredericksburg and the County of Stafford. The program will be funded through the Rappahannock Regional Landfill, (R-Board). The Regional Landfill receives no funds from the City of Fredericksburg or the County of Stafford but relies on its tipping fees to fund the litter prevention program.

Beginning FY 2010, the City and the County have agreed to apply for the DEQ non-competitive grant funds regionally, with these funds to be managed under the R-Board's litter control program.

R-Board Regional Clean-up Programs

- Community Pride Neighborhood Cleanups
- Road Cleanup Resources
 - 1-Litter Control Manager
 - 1-Education/Advertising Manager
 - 4-Full Time Litter Crew Workers
 - Rappahannock Regional Jail Contract
 - Rappahannock Area Office on Youth Program
 - Adult Probation Program Support
 - One-time Special Clean-ups
 - One-time Resident Clean-ups
- Illegal Dumps

CODE: Yellow shaded programs implemented since 2007; green shaded programs expanded since 2007

Staff provides operational supplies such as bag pickup and weighing, bags, pickers, gloves, vest, collects data and reports program results.

It should be noted that the new Adult Probationer program would not have been accepted by either the City or the County had not the R-Board agreed to use its staff and vehicle to support the program. The R-Board staff assigns roads, monitors hours, monitors the cleaning of the roads, counts and checks bag contents, weighs bags and reports all data to the APP Coordinator.

**Stafford County FY08
Resources Analysis**

Locality (tax base)			
	Litter Control Workers	87%	\$155,243
	All Other Costs	13%	\$23,063
	Total Locality – minus DEQ grant		<u>\$178,306</u>

Other Resources (no tax dollars used)			
	Business		\$2,500
	R-Board		\$240,572
	Value of non-paid man hours (14,213 hours logged) (value @ 17.97 per hr)		\$255,408
			<u>\$498,480</u>

Other Resources vs. Locality			
	Other	74%	498,480
	Locality	26%	178,306
			<u>676,786</u>

**Resources Expended per Week
On Cleaning up Litter** \$13,015

- Of the 14, 213 hours of non-paid labor logged, 13,942 were directly related to roadside cleanup.
- The number of times roads were hit went from 460 times in FY07 to 850 times in FY08 with a heavy emphasis on collecting “consistently” on roads requiring high maintenance.

Illegal Signs Program

The Stafford Board of Supervisors entered into a contract with the Virginia Department of Transportation in February of 2008. The contract is a cooperative effort to control the illegal placement of signage along the roadways. The R-Board currently maintains the program. Due to regionalization, it will be turned over to the Stafford County Department of Planning and Zoning.

Illegal Signs	
Number of Signs pictured	42
Number of signs not in ROW	5
# of Letters sent to 1 st time offenders	18
# of Offenders who picked up their signs	17
# of Offenders receiving fine letter	1
# of Offenders paying fine (no court time)	1

Once a business is identified as a 1st time offender, they are subject to a fine immediately for any subsequent signs found.

All outside resources that clean the roads (Jail, OOH etc.) are instructed to simply pick the signs up along with the rest of the litter and place them with the bags for staff to pickup and dispose. This has been an approved approach by VDOT.

Consistent Road Cleaning

"The proof is in the pudding." The bottom line is that if staff is managing things well, the roads will stay clean.

The R-Board team is working on a schedule for roads identified as high maintenance both in the City and County and to see that "spills" are handled on time.

Road Name	# of Cleanings FY07	# of Cleanings FY08
Route 1	33	89
Brooke	24	47
Eskimo Hill	14	39
Potomac Run	11	24
Leeland	11	22
Route 3	10	21
Widewater	10	21
Centerport Parkway	3	21
Brent Point	2	19
Mountain View	11	18

* It should be noted that these numbers indicate that a good stretch of the road was hit. The crew tries hard to constantly pick up spills as they see them and that just gets incorporated in with the load on the way for disposal.

As of July 1, 2008, the Rappahannock Regional Landfill has taken responsibility for the litter clean-up funding needs for the region. The Stafford County Waste Management Budget was returned to the Stafford County General Fund.

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