



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LEADING IOWANS IN CARING FOR OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

IOWA WASTE EXCHANGE

HISTORY

- Established in 1990 by the Iowa State Legislature to divert waste materials from Iowa's sanitary landfills. (Iowa Code section 455E.11 – Groundwater Protection Fund).
- Funded by a percentage of Landfill tipping fees. Funding has primarily stayed at the same level since program inception. **650-Percent ROI**. Funding is awarded through a competitive RFP process.
- FREE, CONFIDENTIAL AND NON REGULATORY.
- Began as a pilot program at Indian Hills Community College.
- Began with ten “Boots on the Ground” IWE Area Resource Specialists, housed regionally at Community Colleges and Council of Governments. Through attrition and by design there are now five “Boots on the Ground” specialists who serve the state.
- A program of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Formerly administered under the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Administration responsibilities shifted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in 2006.

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STATISTICS

1990-2021

4,178,000



**TONS OF WASTE
DIVERTED**

119,689,146



**DOLLARS SAVED
BY IOWANS**

Includes \$105,142,116
From Diversion
\$14,547,031 Other Savings

67,197



CLIENTS SERVED

- Agricultural Pursuits
- Business/Industry
- Schools/Colleges
- Governmental Entities
- Municipalities
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Non Profits
- Private Citizens



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Identify Marketable Waste and Revenue Streams
- Administer Waste Sorts
- Locate Markets for Value Added Byproducts
- Locate Byproducts for Production
- Write/Review Grants, Loans, SOPs, Hazardous and Non Hazardous Waste Management Plans
- Present at Conferences, Workshops, Lunch and Learns and Other Public Speaking Events
- Author Guest Articles
- Administer/Organize Special Projects and Collection Events

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IWE handles all materials from tankers of industrial sludge to stuffed animals.



Twelve tons of *Scholastic Readers* from Iowa Schools matched to Southern U.S. Schools affected by hurricanes.



Construction and Demolition assistance. Including Iowa's Derelict Building Program.



Ten tons of lab supplies matched to volunteers in the Gulf to test animals following an oil spill.



Mattresses, furniture and other supplies matched to domestic abuse shelters, homeless shelters and transitional housing agencies.



Food waste is a priority for the IWE. IWE assists food manufacturers, C-Stores, Schools and others in diverting food materials.



50,000 square feet of carpeting matched to tornado victims.



Two semi loads of off spec washing machine windows used in an interior art installation.



Occasionally manufacturers and businesses will find some interesting inventory that they need assistance with. Such as antique Coke coolers



Contact Information

Web Link to the Financial & Business Assistance

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling>

Web link to the Iowa Waste Exchange

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