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TO: Martha Kern, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Daniel R. Myers, P.E.
Director of Public Works

DATE: May 2, 2001

SUBJECT: Regional Home Toxics Collection Grant

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to sign the grant agreement with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the Lenawee, Jackson, and Washtenaw County household hazardous waste collection program in the amount of \$65,031 for the period May 2001 through May 2003. Consideration of this resolution at the full Board of Commissioners meeting is also requested.

BACKGROUND

Since 1994 Washtenaw County's Public Works Division has provided a collection facility for toxic materials generated within the homes of County residents. Since opening in 1994 routine weekly drop off collections has diverted over 250 tons from the County's solid waste stream. Of that, 80% of material collected has been recycled. To provide better service to rural communities, five special one-day collections are held a year to reduce the driving distance, since surveyed participants usually do not travel more than 10 miles to a collection. The advantage of a one-day collection program is that resources can be focused on promotion, event management, and disposal costs. Out-of-county residents have not been allowed to participate since the funding is from the county or a tip fee from a local landfill. Closing participation to non-county residents decreases participation and the ability to conduct a cost effective management system.

Rural areas near Chelsea and Manchester have greater than 20 miles to drive to the county's permanent collection facility of household hazardous waste. Increasing the one-day collections from 1 to 3 per year would allow closer, more convenient collections for disposal. One-day collections in these areas have struggled to receive more than 120 cars per collection. One-day collections have added contractor costs that includes,

set up fees, which are \$690 per event. With fewer cars attending these collections the average cost per car for disposal is higher.

DISCUSSION

This project aims to address this problem by creating collaborative project between three neighboring counties. By working together rather than independently, these counties can enhance provision of services to citizens, reduce costs, and decrease the toxicity of the waste stream in Southeast Michigan. Washtenaw County will host one collection per year and allow Lenawee and Jackson County residents to dispose of household hazardous waste at these collections. Lenawee and Jackson will reciprocate and host collections allowing Washtenaw County residents to attend. The added collections will provide more frequent local collection for the residents in the county's rural areas. This two-year grant will provide funding to offset six one-day collections and provide the citizens of these counties with more local opportunities for disposal.

IMPACT ON PERSONNEL

There will be no impact on personnel.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

The Grant amount of \$65,031 includes the grant award of \$48,640 (75%) from the State and a total of \$16,391 (25%) in matching funds provided by Jackson, Lenawee, and Washtenaw Counties. The local match will be in in-kind services.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS

There will be no impact on indirect costs.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Collaboration with two other counties will provide better service to residents of all three counties.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES

This action is in conformance with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES

Resolution
Contract

Preparer: Jeff Krcmarik for Daniel R. Myers P.E.
Director of Public Works

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR A REGIONALIZED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE INITIATIVE WITH JACKSON AND LENAWEЕ COUNTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,031, AMENDING THE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 2, 2001

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County's Department of Environment and Infrastructure Services Public Works Division has been offered a contract for \$65,031 through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a regionalized household hazardous waste collection program; and

WHEREAS, residents of Washtenaw County will be provided with additional household hazardous waste collection sponsored by Lenawee and Jackson Counties through this reciprocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the grant monies of \$65,031 will provide funding to properly treat materials collected at a regionalized collection program and increase the awareness of the effects of improperly disposed-of household hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources County Administrator's Office and the Ways and Means Committee

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the signature of the County Administrator on the Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$65,031 for the period May 2001 to May 2003, as on file with the County Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby takes the following actions in conformity with the agreement:

1. Amending the budget as attached hereto and make a part hereof
2. Authorizing the Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review of Corporation Counsel to be filed with the County Clerk

Washtenaw County
DEIS, Public Works Division
Business Unit #1720015800
Regional Home Toxics Program

	Current	Amended	Variance
Revenue			
50000 State Revenue	\$0.00	\$48,640	\$48,640
69000 In-Kind	\$0.00	\$16,391	\$16,391
Total		\$65,031	\$65,031
Expenditures			
80000 Other Serv & Char	\$0.00	\$48,640	\$48,640
93500 In-Kind Charges	\$0.00	\$16,391	\$16,391
Total		\$65,031	\$65,031