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Cooperative Extension
Solid and Hazardous Waste
Education Program

SHWEC Recycling Education – It's a Great Investment

Please support restoration of the 4 FTE positions and \$673,800 to UWEX for this cost effective educational program! The 2001-03 state budget eliminates funding for this critically important educational program.

UW-Extension's Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) provides educational programs and technical assistance on recycling and waste management. SHWEC staff work with local governments, small businesses, industry sectors, recyclers, and consumers to implement Wisconsin's recycling and waste reduction law. SHWEC receives state and national recognition for the education, research and teaching it provides Wisconsin citizens.

Return on Investment to Clients

- SHWEC recycling education helps Wisconsin businesses save millions of dollars through source reduction and recycling. For example, Industrial Recycling Assistance Program educators **taught 40 businesses how to save nearly \$3 million in one year alone.**
- SHWEC solid waste management educators teach Wisconsin communities how to save millions of dollars by avoiding increased disposal costs. **The City of Kenosha, for example, saved \$100,000 per year on their recycling contract.**

Federal/Other Funds Captured

The expertise of the SHWEC staff has attracted federal & other funds for a number of recycling, solid, hazardous waste and pollution prevention efforts. Currently, Congressman Mark Green is assisting SHWEC in obtaining a **\$1.5 million pollution prevention grant from the EPA.** In the current biennium, SHWEC has obtained **\$700,000 in federal grants, contracts and revenues.**

Benefits to Constituents

Many of the state's recycling efforts are ongoing. These include improving and expanding markets and improving program cost effectiveness. Through our programs, constituents gain:

- An objective source of information on contracting, recycling markets and collection efficiencies.
- Opportunities for businesses to cut waste and improve the bottom line.
- Strategic solid waste planning expertise and smart growth plans for counties that address key solid waste issues.
- Advice for local governments to avert high volume wastes, such as foundry sands, away from landfills.
- New markets for discarded materials, especially 400,000 computers currently stored in warehouses.
- Assistance for Wisconsin businesses in obtaining ISO certification that allows them to compete in the global marketplace.

For information contact Jennifer Grondin at 263-7678/235-4148 (cell). Thank you!

Business Support for SHWEC

The following businesses have testified at JFC hearings, phoned and/or have written letters to support the restoration of the 4 FTE for the UW-Extension's Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center.

S.C. Johnson Wax

Crystal Finishing

G.E. Medical Systems

Wisconsin Pattern Company

Mayville Engineering Company

Alliant Energy

Flad & Associates

Kahler/Slater Architects/KS Consulting

Overture Foundation

Wisconsin Green Building Alliance (WGBA Board: Beyer Construction, Joy Altwies, The Farnsworth Group, Larry Boyer Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer & Assoc., Tom Cox, The Hoffman Corporation, Dan Davis C.G. Schmidt, Inc., Lynn Falk, Retail Works, Patricia Keating Kahn, Bukacek Construction, Susan Mudd, Citizens for a Better Environment, George Pitman, Quality Steel Structures, Keith Schaetz, K.R. Schaetz & Associates, Pamm Steffen, Mount Mary College, Dean Stewart, VerHalen Windows, Dan Tarrence, Franklin Energy, Matt Tandler, Kahler Slater Architects, Abby Vogen, Energy Center of Wisconsin, Jim Wasley, UW-Milwaukee School of Architecture & Urban Planning, Steve Whayland, Arnold & O Sheridan AND 200 member organizations)

National Association for Pet Container Resources (NAPCOR)

Beck Carton

Glenville Timberwrights

Wisconsin Fabricare Institute (representing drycleaners statewide)

American Plastics Council

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July 20, 2001

The Honorable Chuck Chvala
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The Honorable Scott Jensen
P.O. Box 8952
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53708-8952

Re: UW-Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC)
Funding

Dear Senator Chvala and Speaker Jensen:

As a company that has benefited from SHWEC assistance, Alliant Energy supports the decision of the Senate and the Assembly to continue funding the Center. When the conference committee revisits this issue during its negotiations on a recycling package, I urge you to continue the state's commitment to SHWEC. Without it, successful programs like Alliant Energy's construction-recycling program at its new worldwide headquarters in Madison may not be possible.

SHWEC provided technical assistance and advice to Alliant Energy as it prepared a successful grant application to the Department of Natural Resources for its construction-recycling program. To date, about half of all the material generated at the new building site has been recycled. By supplementing the expertise and knowledge of Alliant Energy staff, SHWEC's participation was key to the establishment of what has become a very successful recycling program.

At Alliant Energy, the goal is not simply to comply with environmental laws and regulations, but to continually seek innovative solutions for protecting the environment while providing safe, reliable and affordable energy for its customers. Environmental stewardship is of the highest priority. Without SHWEC's assistance this victory for the environment may not have been possible.

d. *University of Wisconsin - Extension.* Restore \$168,500 SEG annually with 2.0 SEG positions for the UW-Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center.

e. *Wheelchair Recycling Project.* Create an appropriation in DNR and direct DNR to provide \$40,000 SEG annually on an ongoing basis to the Wheelchair Recycling Project of the Madison Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association, to provide recycled wheelchairs and other medical equipment to individuals and programs in need and for costs of equipment, parts, maintenance, and distribution.

f. *DNR Waste Reduction and Recycling Demonstration Grant Program.* Delete \$40,000 SEG annually to decrease funding for the program from \$500,000 to \$460,000 SEG annually. The program provides cost-share grants to municipalities, public entities, businesses and nonprofit organizations for projects that implement innovative waste reduction and recycling activities.

g. *Newspaper Recycled Content.* Change the specified minimum percentage of fiber from postconsumer waste for newsprint used in newspapers to be 33% in 1998 and thereafter, with no future increases. Currently, the specified minimum percentage is 33% for 1998 to 2000, 37% for 2001 and 2002, and 40% for 2003 and thereafter. The state would forego approximately \$1,000 in newspaper recycled content fees annually. The fees are based on the volume of newsprint used by the publisher unless the newsprint on which the newspaper is printed contains a specified minimum percentage of fiber derived from postconsumer waste.

Conference Committee: Make the following changes to funding related to state recycling programs. Appropriations from the recycling fund would be provided to DNR, Commerce, Corrections, Revenue and the UW System. Recycling fund appropriations are shown in the following table. The balance of the recycling fund would be expected to be approximately \$900,000 on June 30, 2003.

	Chg. to JFC Funding Positions	
SEG-REV	\$23,375,000	0.00
SEG	\$2,641,600	3.50

Recycling Fund Appropriations, All Agencies

	2000-01 Adjusted Base		2001-02 Conference		2002-03 Conference	
	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions
Commerce	\$141,800	2.0	\$65,800	1.0	\$65,800	1.0
Corrections	500,000	4.0	336,100	3.0	336,600	3.0
Natural Resources						
Municipal & County Recycling Grants	24,500,000	0.0	19,500,000	0.0	29,500,000	0.0
Recycling Efficiency Incentive Grants	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,900,000	0.0
Waste Reduction and Recycling Demonstration Grants	500,000	0.0	300,000	0.0	500,000	0.0
Administration	1,926,600	19.0	1,833,600	18.5	1,616,100	18.5
Revenue	245,900	1.5	231,800	1.0	231,800	1.0
University of Wisconsin System	527,400	4.5	491,800	4.5	491,800	4.5
Total	\$28,341,700	31.0	\$22,759,100	28.0	\$34,642,100	28.0

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UWEX - 4 positions
\$673,800 Biennial
Appropriation

\$51.675 m 01/03 Budget
1.9m ending balance

and 3226k to remove the solid waste facility enforcement requirements and the recycling efficiency incentive grant program requirements. I object to placing the burden of enforcing recycling laws on solid waste facilities. Enforcement is a governmental responsibility, and it is unfair to punish a solid waste facility or hauler for not knowing all contents of the waste it receives. I also object to the restrictions placed on the department's ability to develop a recycling efficiency incentive grant. My vetoes retain \$1,900,000 for grants under this program, and I am requesting the department to solicit input from the public, responsible units, businesses and other interested groups on development of this program.

Sections 3225c and 3225f establish a per capita grant formula beginning with grants awarded for 2002. Grants would be awarded on a per capita basis at a rate of \$5.30 per capita. Beginning with grant year 2005, recipients that are not eligible for a recycling efficiency grant would be awarded grants at a rate of \$3.80 per capita. I am vetoing these sections because I object to the effect redistribution will have on many communities. Smaller, rural communities in particular would receive less funding than under the current formula; whereas large, urban communities would gain additional funding. This redistribution is not based on the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of the local programs, merely population.

Section 9137 (1km) provides the Department of Natural Resources with 1.0 FTE SEG position to be funded with existing monies. I am vetoing this section because with the significant base budget reductions to the department included in this budget bill, it is inappropriate to require the department to further reallocate funds for this position.

A Section 395 [as it relates to s. 20.285 (1) (tb) and (tm)] provides funding for recycling education and solid waste research. I object to this funding because the limited resources for recycling should be focused on implementation of effective programs. By lining out the University of Wisconsin's s. 20.285 (1) (tb) and (tm) appropriations and writing in \$0, I am vetoing the part of the bill which funds this provision. I am also requesting the Department of Administration secretary not to allot these funds.

Veto language

Sections 3619k, 3619m, 3619n and 3619s require the Recycling Marketing Development Board to give priority to projects that involve recovered materials that constitute a relatively high volume of solid waste generated in the state or that are hazardous to human health or the environment; to annually allocate up to \$200,000 for forgivable loans for projects that have exceptional potential to meet one of the qualifying considerations, but do not comply with the board's or the Department of Commerce's criteria for meeting fiduciary responsibilities; and in consultation with the Council on Recycling, to annually establish a list of materials for which the board may award financial assistance. I am vetoing these sections because they create additional administrative burdens for the board and infringe on the board's authority to determine how to best use its limited resources.

My vetoes retain the increase in the state tipping fee to allow the recycling program to continue and to begin exploring different approaches to the current program. The Department of Natural Resources should closely monitor the pilot program for compliance with landfill bans and the recycling efficiency incentive grant program. The effects of these programs should be considered in the proposal I am requesting the department to submit for the 2003-05 biennial budget.

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From: Robert Evangelisti **E-Mail:** revangel@scj.com
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Date: 20 June, 2001 **Phone:** 608-266-3387
To: Representative Scott R. Jensen
Company: Wisconsin State Assembly
Topic: Retaining the 4 Recycling Positions - UW-Extension
Fax No.: 608-282-3632 **Pages (including cover):** 1

Message:

Representative Jensen,

Please retain the 4 UW -tension Recycling Positions, as they have been an excellent resource for businesses. Over the past 10 years I have contacted them on a number of occasions for waste minimization assistance. People like Jack Annis has also been active in groups like FET in speaking on waste minimization. In my opinion, we need to keep that resource for businesses in the state. It is money well spent.

Robert Evangelisti

Environmental Manager
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If you DO NOT receive all pages, please call 262-260-6994 or send an E-mail to revangel@scj.com.

Date: June 20, 2001

To: Representative Scott Jensen, Fax # 608-282-3632

From: J. J. Rao
Manager-Pollution Prevention & Waste Management
G. E. Medical Systems, Waukesha, WI

Subject: Support for: UW- Extension Recycling - 4 positions SHWEC

This is to express strong support to retain a very valuable service provided by Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) personnel like Jack Annis, Steve Brachman, Wayne Pferdihert and others from the various locations of University of Wisconsin-Extension division. I shall make a long story short and earnestly request you to do your best to retain these positions at various locations to provide BUSINESS VALUE added services to industries, community organizations involved in managing Solid Waste/ hazardous substances and providing practical guidance from the research / data base of Solid & hazardous Waste Management information from a variety of national sources to our finger tips in a concise manner.

- ❖ I have worked with these gentlemen since early 1980s. To seek help in substituting environmentally friendly chemicals in industry to eliminate chlorinated solvents and other harsh solvents
- ❖ They have provided valuable insight into the use of newer recycled products used for spill clean up and safe disposal through the state wide networking channels
- ❖ SHWEC has given us extensive data on effectiveness of various industrial solvents, cleaners and such products used in other states successfully after trial runs. They research these best practices by working with states like Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan through network of similar professionals who are capable of understanding many complex environmental issues facing the industries.
- ❖ At our Magnetic Resonance manufacturing facility our trials with the help of UW-Extension at Milwaukee and Madison helped us to get rid of Methylene Chloride, a known carcinogen, with a more environmentally friendly solvent that is recycled. The cost benefits are multifold: Reduction in Hazardous Waste generation and Disposal cost, avoidance of future Environmental risks at work place, improved Environmental Management in a practical efficient manner.
- ❖ At G.E. Medical systems our business has steadily grown since I 1990s and our Hazardous Waste generation has steadily decreased from over a million pounds in 1989 to less than 75, 000 pounds in 2000. The excellent quality support received from UW-Extension in many ways –Focused education on Solid & Hazardous Waste management, smarter alternatives, training for the new comers/non-professionals from commerce and small industries is certainly commendable.

PLEASE LET US NOT BE SHORT SIGHTED because PREVENTION IS FAR BETTER THAN CURE in ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT. Let us retain Wisconsin's national & international reputation for sound Waste Management. Genuine Thanks for your support.

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**Mayville Engineering
Company**

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To: Representative Jensen **From:** Dave Jewell

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Phone: **Date:** 06/20/01

Re: Recycling Positions at UW Extension **CC:**

Urgent **For Review** **Please Comment** **Please Reply** **Please Recycle**

Representative Jensen:

It is my understanding that your budget process is currently reviewing the feasibility of eliminating some of the UW Extension's Recycling Assistant positions. I would like to extend a recommendation that these positions not be eliminated. I have utilized these individuals several times since I took my current position. I have found them to be an invaluable resource to assist me in determining best practices in waste management. They are a wealth of information when my employer, Mayville Engineering Company, is determining the best method of managing a waste.

Instead of reducing the amount of personnel offering us assistance, why not reduce the number of enforcement personnel. Just kidding. I have had a good working relationship with both. My point is though, this is a resource to businesses in Wisconsin to establish environmentally sound waste management systems rather than leaving us to establish what we think is a good practice and not finding out that it isn't until enforcement personnel arrive.

I hope that you maintain these valuable positions in the UW Extension system.

Thank you,

David L. Jewell, C.S.P., Safety and Environmental Manager, Mayville Engineering Co.

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UWEX Chancellor

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March 19, 2001

Governor Scott McCallum
State Capitol
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Dear Governor McCallum:

I am writing you on behalf of the UW-Madison/Extension Solid Hazardous Waste Education Center. I ask you to reconsider the proposed budget cuts and restore funding in the recycling budget for the Center's technical assistance and education work.

Flad & Associates, as part of the Executive Architect team of PL & F Architects LLC for the Overture project is deeply involved in the ongoing construction waste management efforts for that project. Much of the recycling success recently reported in the press is owed to the efforts of Sherrie Gruder and the UW-Extension staff. The UW-Extension has offered invaluable assistance in saving the limestone façade of the Bank One building (diverting half a million pounds of stone from landfills), and in sourcing recycling markets for a number of other building materials. They've also been instrumental in educating the entire project team, including the contractor, Findorff, and the Overture Board, about environmental approaches to this project.

Flad has seen a significant growth in clients interested in implementing sustainable strategies in their design projects. We currently have two new projects in our office, both in Wisconsin, participating in the U.S. Green Building Council's building rating program, and another three are pending. Each will address the issues of construction waste and recycling in one form or another. Flad has also seen a growth in environmental commitment among our clients who do not explicitly seek a 'green' rating. The Overture project is one of them. Overture is a testament to the rewards attainable from an enlightened collective effort. But the Overture successes do not come easily and are still far too few in number. The educational and technical assistance provided by the UW-Extension will help to ensure that other opportunities will be there.

It was the UW-Extension's construction waste reduction and recycling workshop in 1997 that launched our firm's successful construction waste practices. It was the UW-Extension that produced the state's first Waste Reduction and Recycling Guide and its first C&D market directory that we use. Our Pharmacia project, a recently completed laboratory in Skokie, Illinois, received national recognition for its sustainability efforts. The project featured an impressive deconstruction effort to remove an old warehouse and reclaim the site for our new laboratory. Deconstruction resulted in a 78% diversion rate of building materials from local landfills and saved the owner over \$55,000 in avoided landfill fees.

KSConsulting

February 27, 2001

Mr. George Lightbourn
State of Wisconsin DOA
Department of Administration
101 E. Wilson St., 10th Floor
Madison, WI 53703

Re Restoration of Funding for the State Wide Recycling Program

Dear Mr. Lightbourn:

I am writing to express our support for the restoration of funding for the programs of the University of Wisconsin Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC). SHWEC's education and technical assistance programs have been an invaluable asset to the business community and to the citizens of Wisconsin.

I have worked closely with Sherrie Gruder, one of the Source Reduction and Recycling Specialists with SHWEC, the past few years. Sherrie is uniquely positioned to help businesses to work together to develop market-based mechanisms to reduce solid waste. As an architect who provides sustainable design consulting services on local green building projects, Sherrie has helped me specify resource-efficient recycled content building materials and develop plans to recycle construction and demolition waste. SHWEC's educational programs have helped numerous businesses in the construction industry to utilize material resources more efficiently and to minimize the size of the waste stream.

I would urge you to restore funding to SHWEC so that it can continue to provide outstanding technical and educational services to businesses in Wisconsin. These services are vital to the environmental and economic wellbeing of Wisconsin.

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GEORGE E. AUSTIN
President

April 17, 2001

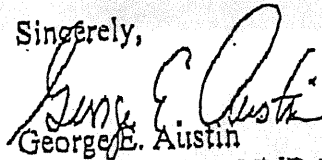
Representative John Gard, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
315 North, State Capitol
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Senator Brian Burke, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Finance
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Dear Representative Gard and Senator Burke:

Earlier this month, I wrote to University of Wisconsin-Extension Chancellor Kevin Reilly regarding the work of the Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center of the University of Wisconsin-Extension. I have attached a copy of that correspondence for your review. As you pursue the biennial budget deliberations, I wanted you to be aware of this important service being provided by the University of Wisconsin-Extension to the citizens, businesses and institutions throughout the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



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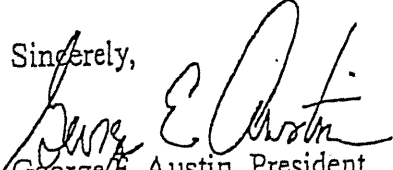
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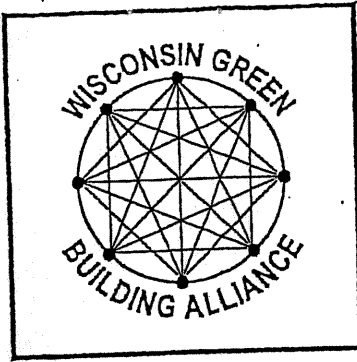
I am writing to thank the UW-Extension for making the technical assistance resources available to organizations and citizens of the State of Wisconsin to educate and promote sustainable development practices and in particular, to commend the work of Ms. Sherrie Gruder, Source Reduction & Recycling Specialist at the UW-Extension. I am leading the development of the \$100+ million civic project called Overture Center, to improve and expand performing and visual arts facilities in downtown Madison.

In planning and the Overture Project, we have had the opportunity to work closely with Sherrie Gruder on issues of resource conservation, reuse and recycling in the built environment. As a direct result of the UW-Extension's involvement in the project through Sherrie Gruder, the Overture Center project has already served as a model for the latest in innovative deconstruction practices. We have collaborated with local non-profit organizations to reuse building materials and have recycled building materials at a nearly unprecedented scale that otherwise would have been sent to a landfill. This effort included removing, marking and saving for reuse over 350,000 pounds of Indiana limestone from the skin of one building being deconstructed. Demonstrating these techniques for the community and other construction projects through the collaboration of the UW-Extension is the embodiment of the esteemed "Wisconsin Idea".

Maintaining programs such as the Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center are important to fulfilling the environmental ethic of this State for which its citizens are the stewards. The education, outreach and services provided by the UW-Extension are a critical part of ensuring resource conservation becomes the way business is done in the construction industry in the future.

Sincerely,


George E. Austin, President
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15 May 2001

Governor Scott McCallum
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Dear Governor McCallum,

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On behalf of the 200 members of the *Wisconsin Green Building Alliance*, a professional organization of architects, contractors, product suppliers and other members of the building community in Wisconsin, I urge you to restore funding for the recycling education efforts of the University of Wisconsin Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC), which has been cut from the governor's proposed budget. This involves four positions; a loss that will cripple a program that plays a critical role in promoting environmentally responsible building in this state.

SHWEC provides valuable services to all of the various professions involved in the *Wisconsin Green Building Alliance*. They provide our best and often only source of regionally specific information on reducing waste and promoting recycling on the job site. They provide this information for both new construction and for demolition and renovation projects. They provide critical information on regional sources for recycled content building materials, promoting the development of new industries in the State. Considering that construction and demolition waste constitutes approximately 25 % of Wisconsin's waste stream, these services are desperately needed. *Wisconsin Green Building Alliance's* efforts to promote an energy efficient, resource conserving, closed loop economy will suffer greatly without the perspective and credibility of SHWEC at the table.

WGBA has worked successfully with SHWEC on education programs for building professionals. SHWEC staff member Steve Brachman serves on our *Conference Committee* and *Construction Waste Minimization Committee*, and Sherrie Gruder on our *Education and Advocacy Committee*. Sherrie and I currently serve together on the Technical Advisory Committee for the Wisconsin Green Built Home Program, run by the *Wisconsin Environmental Initiative* in conjunction with the Madison Area Builders Association and others.

In conclusion: Please restore the four positions for the University of Wisconsin Extension's office of Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center. They offer a value added service that improves the quality of life in this State for all of us. The issues that they cover will not go away by ignoring them; they will only become more pressing.

Sincerely,

James H. Wasley
Assoc. Professor of Architecture, UWM
President, Wisconsin Green Building Alliance

cc:
Senator Brian Burke, Rep. John Gard
Chancellor Kevin Reilly
Members of Joint Committee on Finance



April 26, 2001

The Honorable John Gard,
Assembly Chair, Joint Committee on Finance
Room 315 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI, 53702

Dear Representative Gard:

It has come to our attention that funding for the four staff positions of the University of Wisconsin Extension Service, Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) is in jeopardy under Governor McCallum's proposed 2002 budget. As the national trade association for the PET plastic packaging industry, NAPCOR has had an excellent working relationship with SHWEC for the past six years in promoting greater recycling and marketing of plastic containers generated by Wisconsin communities, businesses and organizations. The technical and educational assistance services and projects coordinated through SHWEC have been invaluable to NAPCOR in ensuring continued supply of post-consumer PET bales from Wisconsin to the PET plastics recycling industry.

While we realize that budget reductions and cuts are a necessary and appropriate action for state government to undertake to ensure fiscal responsibility, where those cuts are made requires careful consideration. The Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center, in our opinion, serves a critical role in providing educational and technical services on waste management issues at a time in Wisconsin when there are no other agencies or programs to adequately fulfill this role. Furthermore, SHWEC has demonstrated cost savings to Wisconsin businesses, communities and organizations through specialized technical assistance in various areas of waste management and waste reduction.

NAPCOR is strongly opposed to the proposed elimination of the Center and its staff positions, and requests that the Joint Committee on finance consider reinstating funding for recycling and solid waste technical assistance activities of SHWEC.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Warren, Director
NAPCOR Central Regional Office

cc Members of Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance
Luke Schmidt, NAPCOR President

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The Governor's proposed budget calls for eliminating four positions from the UW-Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) that provide essential recycling and waste reduction services to business and local government. I recommend you restore the funding for these important educational services for these reasons:

- Small businesses continue to struggle with ways to reduce waste. Having non-regulatory assistance from SHWEC is critical to providing businesses—especially small businesses—with the assistance they will need to move into the "Green Tier" program of improved environmental performance and business success.
- Less than 1% of Wisconsin's recycling budget is invested in education, but much of the success of Wisconsin's recycling efforts can be credited to educational programs like SHWEC.
- SHWEC saves us money by providing recycling education which, in turn, helps Wisconsin businesses save millions of dollars through source reduction and recycling. For example, Industrial Recycling Assistance Program educators taught 40 businesses how to save nearly \$3 million in one year alone.

Our guiding principles include *Take Care of This Place*: Beck Carton, our neighborhood, our community, our city, our world; it is precious. By concentrating on preventing pollution we provide for the safety and well-being of those who work with us today as well as our children's futures. SHWEC has assisted us directly by guiding our pollution prevention efforts and fostering a sense of environmental stewardship resulting in recognition at both the city and state levels.

Beck Carton Corporation has certainly benefited from SHWEC services. Please make sure other Wisconsin small (and large) businesses have the opportunity to reap the same rewards in the future. I respectfully ask that you restore funding for this very important program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Carl T. Komassa', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Carl T. Komassa
Quality Systems Manager
Beck Carton Corporation

602 Lake Street
Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913
April 30, 2001

Representative Sheryl Albers
P. O. Box 8952
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-8952

Dear Representative Albers:

I am the owner of Glenville Timberwrights, a Sauk County business which for seventeen years has specialized in the construction of high quality, handcrafted timber framed homes. For the past several years we have used recycled materials, principally old growth douglas fir timbers, which are reclaimed from industrial buildings as our primary source material. After denailing these timbers, we resaw them, surface plane them, and fashion furniture-type joinery which is pegged together in old-world fashion to create the framework for our impressive buildings. Timbers which are not large enough for our framing needs are turned into window and door casing, base moldings, stair parts and railing systems.

As a company which prides itself on our commitment to recycling a product which formerly was landfilled, we have enjoyed a close professional relationship with several state agencies which share our concern for reuse and recycling. We have often made use of the services and resources of the University of Wisconsin-Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center. Our business has consistently profited from the expertise and professional guidance which has been exemplified by Sherrie Gruder, the Source Reduction and Recycling Specialist and her staff. I am, therefore, troubled to learn that this valuable state resource has been removed as administrative overhead in the current recycling budget.

As a member of the Joint Finance Committee, I ask you to please reconsider this decision. At a time when landfill space is at a premium, and construction and demolition materials generate twenty-five to thirty percent of our nation's solid waste, it is vital that resources such as the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center remain alive to continue to disseminate information which is critical to members of the construction industry and others who are not directly tied to this industry.



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July 12, 2001

Honorable Representative John Gard
Peshtigo, WI

Dear Representative Gard;

Attached is a summary of some of the work the Oconto County Recycling Advisory Committee has been conducting as part of its effort to sort through the options for the Oconto County recycling program.

I have been working with the advisory committee and we have had the support of Mary Kohrell, an Education Specialist with the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center in Green Bay. Mary has proven to be a valuable resource for us, providing us with the truly important insight and expertise on the issues we are facing. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my encouragement that the SHWEC educator positions be fully funded in the budget this year.

I hope this information is of interest and use to you as you in turn grapple with the difficult issues at the state level.

If there is any other information you would like, I would be happy to try to provide it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Burke".

Rob Burke
Community Development Educator
Oconto County UW-Extension

Date sent: Thu, 31 May 2001 09:11:45 -0500
To: Sen. Welch@legis.state.wi.us
From: Tom Wilson <thomas.wilson@ces.uwex.edu>
Subject: Restoration of SHWEC Positions

Dear Senator (Bob) Welch:

ON behalf of our UW-Extension educational efforts in Waupaca County, I would encourage you to reinstate the SHWEC positions into the DNR Recycling Budget. These positions have helped numerous private businesses in Waupaca County with recycling, waste reduction, etc. Education is far cheaper than landfills and other alternatives to the solid waste issues in Wisconsin.

Please support the effort to reinstate these positions. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Tom Wilson
Resource Development Educator
Waupaca County UWEX

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Waupaca County UWEX
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Barron County

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May 24, 2001

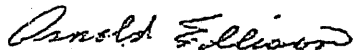
Representative John Gard
Assembly Chair
Room 315 North, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Representative Gard:

This letter is in strong support of SHWEC and the regional recycling funds. The Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center has given us valuable support in Barron County.

Please give this matter your most serious consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Arnold Ellison
Chairman
Barron County Board

Cc:

Senator Alberta Darling
Senator Robert Welch
Rep. Dean Kaufert
Rep. Sheryl Albers
Rep. Marc Duff
Rep. David Ward
Rep. Michael Huebsch



May 15, 2001

Governor Scott McCallum
Office of the Governor
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor McCallum:

I am urgently asking you to support restoring SHWEC's four positions. Their positions have saved the state many dollars in education, in local landfill dollars due to composting, saving our mother earth because of the proper disposal of hazardous wastes, and putting healthy vegetables on our tables because of educated methods of composting.

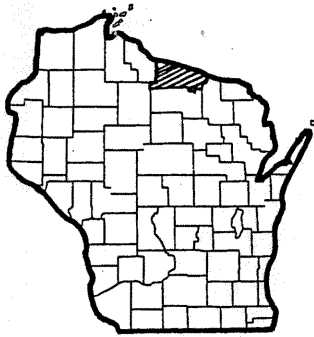
In 1998, I received my Master Composter certificate from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Since then I have trained hundreds of people, young and old, in the proper method of composting at no cost to the state. Since 1994 the Master Composting program has trained over 300, who subsequently gave 10,000 local youths and adults the education of home composting. If I might add here, again at no cost to the state.

Please consider restoring the SHWEC's four positions. Their educating experience, without a doubt, is priceless, and the state would be losing a valuable commodity.

Sincerely,

Gene Cizek
Vilas County Supervisor
Master Composter

❖ Gene A. Cizek, P.O. Box 265, Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538 ❖



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March 28, 2001

Governor Scott McCallum
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707-7863

Dear Governor McCallum,

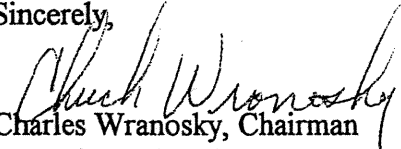
The Vilas County Extension Education and Community Development Committee would like to go on record as supporting the restoration of state budget funds for the University of Wisconsin-Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC). The proposed budget eliminated funding for 4.5 FTE positions within SHWEC.

It is our understanding that this budget reduction was done in response to the Legislative Audit of the DNR Recycling Grant program that recommended eliminating administrative overhead. Unlike the 11 FTE DNR recycling positions also eliminated, the SHWEC staff do not have direct administrative responsibilities for the recycling grant program. Rather, the SHWEC positions provide support for helping local communities meet their mandated local recycling education responsibilities.

The newsletters, brochures, fact sheets and other informational publications produced by SHWEC are regularly used in Vilas County to provide recycling education through radio, television, newspaper and other media. SHWEC materials were included in a business recycling packet we sent to all Vilas County businesses, and continue to be used to promote waste reduction efforts such as home composting to reduce the amount of waste that must be disposed of in our expensive landfills.

We believe these SHWEC positions have been erroneously identified as administrative overhead for the recycling grant program, and would greatly appreciate any support you can provide to restore funding for SHWEC within the next biennial budget for UW-Extension. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Charles Wranosky, Chairman

Extension Education & Community Development Committee



Jefferson County

ZONING AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT
COURTHOUSE, 320 S. MAIN ST., JEFFERSON, WI 53549
ROOM 201 PHONE 920-674-7130 FAX 920-674-7525

April 18, 2001

Governor Scott McCallum
Room 115 E. State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702-7863

*Also, sent to State legislators
from Jefferson County!*

Dear Governor McCallum:

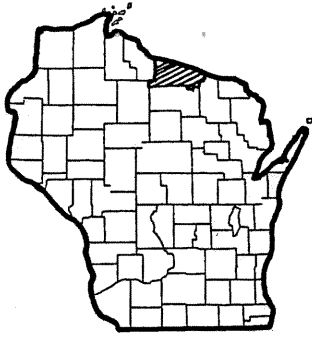
It has come to my attention that four University of Wisconsin – Extension recycling positions have been proposed for elimination in the State Budget Proposal. Considering the proposed budget cuts for recycling grants and the already “thin” solid waste staff available currently, the thought of losing our educational support suggests a complete breakdown of the foundation built by the Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee since the early 1990's.

The UW – Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) has worked closely with the Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee and staff in an effort to improve and enhance our Clean Sweep events, to design and develop a pro-active County Solid Waste Management Plan and to introduce us to educational resources that we consider priceless in our efforts to educate the public regarding reduction and re-use of solid and hazardous waste.

On this basis, I respectfully request that you retain the four SHWEC positions that are being considered for elimination.

Respectfully,

Robert Rupnow
Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee, Chairperson



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715/479-3600

March 28, 2001

Governor Scott McCallum
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707-7863

Dear Governor McCallum,

At the February 28th meeting of the Vilas County Extension Education and Community Development Committee, a motion was unanimously approved to support the University of Wisconsin-Extension budget initiative for "Best Practices Partnership for Children, Youth and Families".

We believe that this state budget proposal would provide additional research-based information and specialist resources that our Vilas County UWEX Youth Development Agent, Family Living Agent and others can use to address many of the critical local youth and family issues.

In Vilas County, we have taken a leadership role in the state in developing and implementing such programs as our Teen Court, Positive Parenting, Gang Awareness Workshops and many others. We feel that additional state support for new program resources will help us continue to improve and expand our youth and family programs in Vilas County.

We certainly understand budget constraints. However, we view such educational programs as long-term investments which will help to reduce juvenile delinquency and the extremely high costs of juvenile detention.

We would appreciate any support you can provide to include this initiative within the next biennial budget. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles Wranosky, Chairman
Extension Education & Community Development Committee



OFFICE OF
LAND USE AND ZONING
A Division of
Land & Water Resources Department

June 29, 2001

Representative John Gard
Room 308 East
State Capitol
P.O. Box 8952
Madison 53708-8952

Dear Representative Gard:

We are very proud of our local recycling programs in Oconto County. We worked hard in the years following passage of Wisconsin's recycling law to plan an effective recycling program and we think we've succeeded. All our local governments within the county participate in Oconto County's program, with the county serving as our responsible unit for recycling. Our county recycling effort has kept over 25,000 tons of recyclables from the landfill since 1993.

We are also proud of our strong local commitment to recycling. Our Oconto County Recycling Advisory Committee is a very dedicated group, and recently held its 35th meeting since 1990. We also have strong support for recycling from the general public.

Notwithstanding our successes, our program relies on funding provided by the State of Wisconsin to operate, and we are concerned that the proposed state budget would reduce our funding. We have done everything possible to operate our recycling program efficiently and to maximize market revenues. The state promised to improve markets when the recycling law was passed in 1989, but reliable market revenues haven't materialized. Thus, state funding at current levels is still critical to our program's operation. We believe a reduction in state funding would cause us to reduce our popular recycling program services, and we ask your continued support to fund local government recycling programs.

In April 2001, we began a process to strategically review the effectiveness of our recycling efforts and make recommendations for future program directions. The Oconto County UW Extension office is facilitating this process, with technical assistance provided by staff from the UW Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) in conjunction with the Oconto County Planning and Zoning Department. We believe the support from SHWEC and the outcomes from this process will be critical to helping us maintain a viable recycling program in Oconto County. We would like to thank you for supporting restoration of two SHWEC staff positions that had been proposed for elimination and we urge you to support restoration of the remaining two positions so SHWEC staff can continue to assist us and similar programs throughout the state.

June 6, 2001

Representative David Ward
Room 304 N, State Capitol
P. O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708-8953

Dear Dave:

I am very concerned about the State budget proposal to eliminate four positions in the UW-Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center. As the former long-time chair of the Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee, I have personally seen the many positive impacts of each and every educator in the small, but productive SHWEC office. We have relied heavily on the SHWEC educators for over 15 years in Jefferson County and they continue to help us maintain one of the finest County solid waste and recycling programs in Wisconsin. (In yesterday's Watertown Daily Times, it was noted that Jefferson County has had the most successful Agricultural and Business Clean Sweep collection program in the entire State. We could not have done this without UW-Extension and SHWEC.)

And most recently, SHWEC has assisted the Solid Waste Committee in completing a County Solid Waste Management Plan. Ironically, one of the most strategic issues facing Jefferson County is to "enhance the educational and promotional components of solid waste activities". We've made important progress in implementing some educational strategies aimed at enhancing our citizens' education including working with the Southeastern Wisconsin Waste Reduction Coalition. However, all of these efforts include educators from UW-Extension and SHWEC. We are now entering a new wave of activity in the area of recycling and solid waste management. We need the effective assistance of the University educators to help us at the local and County level. Now is not the time to eliminate a Center that provides front-line assistance to your local government, the citizens of Jefferson County and Wisconsin.

I understand that the University has identified an existing funding source to restore these SHWEC positions. We have worked hard in Jefferson County to be a leader in developing important solid waste and recycling programs at no tax levy cost to County citizens. The University has helped us work effectively with our private waste industry partners. Please work with your caucus to restore the SHWEC positions.

Best Regards



Carl Jaeger

Former Chair, Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

cc: Wendell Wilson, Chair, Jefferson County Board
Bob Rupnow, Chair, Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee
Melvin Rose, Chair, Intercounty Coordinating Committee

MARK GREEN
8TH DISTRICT, WISCONSIN
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April 30, 2001

*This \$1.5 million
3 year grant
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SHWEC staff
expertise!*

The Honorable James Walsh
Chairman
VA, HUD and Independent Agencies
H-143 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chariman Walsh:

I am writing to support a \$5 million request made by Representative Tim Johnson for the Regional Pilot Program to Promote Pollution Prevention Technology Diffusion. As you consider the FY 2002 VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations bill, I hope you will include this important initiative \$5 million.

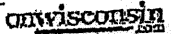
The Pilot project will help industries in 10 heavily industrialized states use innovative technologies to reduce waste, pollution and improve competitiveness. Based on information from previous pilot programs, if each participating state encourages at least 10 companies to participate, the estimated waste reduction for one year would equal 350,000 tons at a cost saving of \$2.5 million. Over the life of the pilot project this would result in a waste reduction of 5 million tons with a cost savings of \$37.5 million.

In Wisconsin, we will focus on three dominant industry sectors: metal finishing and fabrication companies, food processing industries including dairy related products, and wood product manufacturing companies utilizing stains, paints or other wood finishes and coatings. As you can see, this is a "win-win" proposal. It is good for business and the good for the environment.

I look forward to working with you on this important request.

Best Regards,

Mark Green
Mark Green
Member of Congress


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Firms shoot for environmental standards

Meeting goals seen as way to attract customers

By **KAREN M. SCHAPIRO**
 Special to the Journal Sentinel



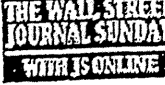
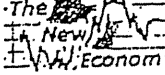
Last Updated: March 4, 2001

Any businessperson knows that customers often propel business decisions, whether it's a decision to create a new product or repackage an existing one, and one area that has grown in importance to customers is the environmental impact of business products and activities.

Concern about pollution has risen so dramatically over the past number of years that many corporations at home and abroad will do business only with companies that have voluntarily adopted programs to reduce environmental harm.

Take, for example, the big three automakers. General Motors, Ford and DaimlerChrysler have all announced they will require their suppliers to meet certain internationally accepted environmental performance standards within the next two years. Known as ISO 14001, these international environmental performance standards establish criteria for companies to develop environmental management systems. An environmental management system should, in turn, help a company to manage, measure and improve environmental aspects of its operations.

Many other companies around the world, especially in Europe and Asia, are

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Industries learn how to prevent pollution from hazardous waste



Dennis Schmitt, owner of Lindeman's Cleaning in Green Bay, works with Carolyn DeGroot on safe, environmentally-friendly dry cleaning methods in his shop.

WHEN A GREEN BAY MAN BOUGHT A DRY CLEANING business in 1998, he turned to UW-Extension's Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) for answers to his questions about proper handling and storage of drycleaning solvents.

"UW-Extension's Jack Annis and Keith West inspected our facility to see if all chemicals were being used properly, that storage was safely used and that pollution prevention was in effect," said Dennis Schmitt, a Wisconsin certified professional drycleaner and owner of Lindeman's Cleaning, Inc. in Green Bay. "They also offered some recycling tips. They know what they're talking about, and they're not afraid to get their hands dirty," Schmitt added.

SHWEC's Industrial Recycling Assistance Program provides on-site industrial recycling and waste reduction assessments and technical assistance, and creates recycling market development projects.

Schmitt became certified as a professional drycleaner through the Wisconsin Certified Environmental and Professional Drycleaning Program, developed and implemented by UW-Extension specialists as part of a pollution prevention partnership created for the drycleaning industry in 1994. The program elevates the standards among all dry cleaners throughout the state.

"The purpose of the partnership has been to work toward a major reduction in the use of halogenated solvents and to carry out various other voluntary programs to minimize hazardous wastes and promote increased recycling efforts," says Joe Phillips, executive director of the Wisconsin Fabricare Institute, a partner in the program.

"The Industrial Recycling Assistance Program has helped my business be environmentally responsible to customers, the community and employees, and meet environmental standards in cost-effective ways. Wisconsin's Extension programs in Solid and Hazardous Waste Education are the envy of neighboring states."

*Dennis Schmitt, proprietor,
Lindeman's Cleaning, Green Bay*

In addition to direct cost savings, companies save money by improving efficiency and productivity.

The industrial recycling program is just one of many SHWEC programs to help businesses, communities, and individuals prevent pollution, reduce waste, eliminate the hazards of toxic chemicals, and recycle materials to aid both the environment and their own bottom lines.

More...
shwec.uwsp.edu



IMPACTS

Last year, the SHWEC Industrial Recycling Assistance Program provided technical assistance to 162 individual clients in 3 Wisconsin counties. 87% of clients express satisfaction with the service provided. IRAP technical assistance in 1998-99 has the potential to impact 15,000 tons of solid waste and 65 million gallons of liquid wastes with potential cost savings to clients of \$3.81 million.

Client businesses have already implemented more than one ton of IRAP technical assistance recommendations. Since inception (1995-96), IRAP has completed nearly 1500 technical assistance responses to help businesses in waste reduction and the recycling of industrial materials, including wood/pallets, plastic film, cardboard, laundry sand, and paper mill sludge.

Forwarded by: "Patrick Walsh 262-1748" <WALSH.EXTENSION>
Forwarded to: grondin
Date forwarded: Mon, 8 Oct 2001 09:28:11 -0500
From: "Reindl, John" <Reindl@co.dane.wi.us>
To: "'Walsh@admin.uwex.edu'" <Walsh@admin.uwex.edu>
Subject: Reponse to Action Alert -- Restoration of SHWEC
Date sent: Mon, 8 Oct 2001 09:27:14 -0500

*Let's etc -
since
veto*

Hi Pat ~

Thought you might like to see this. Tom is with the scrap firm of Sadoff Iron & Metal and on the AROW board. John

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Knippel [mailto:KnippelT@sadoff.com]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2001 9:10 AM
To: reindl@co.dane.wi.us
Subject: RE: Action Alert -- Restoration of SHWEC

John,

Thanks for the update. Cutting the SHWEC positions was very harmful.

I'll contact Carol Roessler and John Townsend in my area. They are both Republican and I have a good rapport with them.

Tom Knippel
Sadoff Iron & Metal

-----Original Message-----

From: John Reindl [<mailto:reindl@co.dane.wi.us >]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2001 9:01 AM
To: AROW Board; AROW Leg Committee; Cities; Counties; Enviros; Towns

Subject: Action Alert -- Restoration of SHWEC

A movement has begun in the Legislature to restore the positions and funding for the Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center at UW-Extension.

According to people that I have talked with, legislators wanting SHWEC restored will be meeting with the Governor soon to see if they can get an agreement from the Governor not to veto this legislation if it is enacted.

SHWEC has provided valuable educational and technical assistance services across the state, whether on markets and market development, computer recycling, mercury in products, negotiating contracts with service

providers, improving program efficiency, recovery of construction and demolition debris, composting and many other issues. With the \$3 a ton landfill surcharge adopted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor, there is more than enough funding available to finance all of SHWEC's programs without impinging on the funding for local Responsible Units.

Calls, emails and letters are needed to support the efforts to restore SHWEC, both to legislators as well as to the Governor. The Governor is expected to base his decision on both the support from both the public and Legislators. Most important will be the Legislators who are members of his political party. For a toll-free call to Legislators, you can call 1-800-362-9472, and leave a message. The direct line for Legislators and their email addresses can be found on the web page <<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>>. The Governor can be reached at (608)266-1212 or wiscgov@gov.state.wi.us. Your contacts with the Governor's office and with your Legislators is extremely important. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.
John

Passed 10-10-01

County Board Resolution _____
Reinstatement of Positions in the University of Wisconsin-Extension's
Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center

WHEREAS, Governor Scott McCallum vetoed a portion of the State Budget Bill, and this veto eliminated four positions in the recycling section of the University of Wisconsin-Extension's Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) and,

WHEREAS, this veto does not affect the State budget as the Landfill Tipping Fee enacted in the budget bill provides the funds to support the Center and,

WHEREAS, the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center has provided research, information and education that supports numerous Jefferson County industries, municipalities and citizens, and,

WHEREAS, the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center has provided continuing and direct educational support to the Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee in many important initiatives, including: recycling education, technical support on landfill matters, support in administering Clean Sweep programs, background for the development of a permanent hazardous waste removal program in Jefferson County, assistance in solid waste strategic planning and management, routine education through newsletters and brochures and technical support to the Southeast Wisconsin Waste Reduction Coalition, and

WHEREAS, clients throughout Wisconsin will lose more than \$10 million worth of service provided by these unbiased, non-regulatory experts on recycling, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors does hereby request the State Legislature and the Governor to reinstate these positions in the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center of the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Submitted by:

Jefferson County Solid Waste Committee

Endorsed by the Jefferson County University Extension Education Committee

Taylor County Solid Waste and Recycling Department

LAWRENCE PETERSON
Administrator

224 South Second Street
MEDFORD, WISCONSIN 54451
(715) 748-1485

SUSAN NOLAND
Administrative Assistant

October 4, 2001

Governor Scott McCallum
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Post-it* Fax Note	7671	Date	# of pages ▶
To	Pat Walsh	From	Arlen Albrecht
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Dear Governor McCallum:

I am writing to you in regards to provisions of your newly approved State Budget. Overall, I commend you on the steps you took to hold the budget in line in these times of fiscal austerity.

However, I would like to suggest to you that the staffing for SHWEC (Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center) be restored. Small rural counties like Taylor don't have a lot of staffing in many areas- specifically recycling. We do have a good solid countywide program with 17 municipalities working with the County.

Given our limited assets, we work with our local extension people heavily on recycling matters. We also depend on SHWEC staff extensively for information, advice, and expertize. Since we have no in-house assets, the SHWEC staff positions cut will have a major impact on our Solid Waste and Recycling operations.

For a small operation like ours, outside assets are not just nice, they are a necessity. We urge you to reconsider your decision and reinstate the SHWEC staff. We appreciate your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Lawrence G. Peterson
Solid Waste & Recycling Administrator

Cc: Assemblyman Martin Reynolds
Senator Russell Decker



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October 2, 2001

The Honorable Scott McCallum
Governor, State of Wisconsin
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53072

Dear Governor McCallum,

As a funding partner along with the State, we appreciate the responsive educational programming the University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX) provides to our Washington County residents. We also appreciate your support for the UW as provided for in the recently adopted state budget.

To continue to improve the strengths of the UW, we urge you to support the Department of Employment Relations (DER) pay plan recommendation. Although the DER recommendation falls short of Regents' proposed pay plan, it keeps the pay increases for academic staff and faculty equal. Decoupling academic staff from faculty would have demoralized staff and set a negative precedence.

It is imperative that we keep our faculty and staff competitive with peer institutions. We can speak from experience about the challenges of finding qualified staff to fill positions. We recently faced the process of hiring a shared Sheboygan/Washington Counties Growth Management Educator position. It was difficult to obtain candidates to fill the position, mostly because of competitive market pressures.

The DER recommendation is fairly close to the Regents' original recommendation. The Regents' plan was based on extensive research comparing UW faculty and staff with peer institutions. The pay plan will help make the UW more competitive for the quality faculty and staff we need to recruit and maintain. Supporting the DER proposed pay plan will have little effect on the State budget since the plan will be largely funded through non-compensation reserve funds already set aside by the Regents.

Our Washington County UWEX faculty and academic staff educators provide effective educational programs targeted at priority needs of residents, organizations, and communities. Faculty members concentrate on strengthening families, developing youth, farm management, and community/organizational development. Our academic staff educators assist low income families with nutrition education and municipalities with managing growth. The outcome of this educational effort is positive change in individuals and communities.

Let's work together to build on our partnership. Please support the DER proposed UW pay plan for both faculty and academic staff.

Sincerely,

Mary Krumbiegel,
Chairperson
Washington County Education and Culture Committee

Copy: UW System President Katharine Lyall
UW System Board of Regents President Jay Smith
UWEX Chancellor Kevin Reilly
UWEX Dean Carl O'Connor

> Date: Mon, 24 Sep 2001 09:12:26 -0500
> From: Jim Birkemeier <tmbgrn@execpc.com>
> Reply-To: tmbgrn@execpc.com
> X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.73 [en] (Win98; I)
> X-Accept-Language: en
> To: wisgov@gov.state.wi.us
> Subject: Recycling Program
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> Dear Governor McCallum
> My concern is for our forest resource here in Wisconsin. I work in
> the woods every day, on our family farm near Spring Green, as well as
> with other small private forest owners across the state who are
> struggling to form local value-added forestry cooperatives.
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> Nearly all forest owners that I talk to are not happy with the
> current forest management and timber harvesting system. It is
> clearly oriented to feed the big mills with cheap timber at our
> expense, usually leaving our forest in poor condition.
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> This dissatisfaction has lead forest owners to learn and follow the
> new Forest Stewardship Council Certification standards, and work to
> form new local value-added cooperatives where we might control our
> timber resource from forest to finished floor.
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> One of the most helpful people that I have met the last 4 years is
> Sherrie Gruder, with the UW Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste
> Education Center. She realizes the need for real sustainable
> forestry practices in the woods (not just an industry PR program that
> talks about sustainable forestry) and has been helping spread the
> word on the importance of choosing certified wood from well managed
> forests. She has been doing a tremendous job of educating the
> public in many ways, including talks on WPR. Her work with the Green
> Building Movement has been very helpful to many of us. Speaking for
> the people in the Sustainable Forestry Cooperative movement that I
> know, (as well as the other 280,000 fellow woodlot owners in
> Wisconsin) Sherrie's assistance has been probably the most helpful of
> any State program.
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> What forest owners need is good market information, and increased
> demand for our carefully produced timber products. We need education

- > for this century, not more of the same old traditional stuff most
- > agencies continue to hand out.
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- > Recycling and Sustainable Resource Management must go hand in hand in
- > our future. Sherrie has been working to help forest owners in ways
- > that truly are needed. She says that your veto has eliminated her
- > job. I hope that you can continue to support her efforts to help
- > forest owners.
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- > Thank you for your consideration
- > Jim Birkemeier
- > Timbergreen Farm
- > Spring Green, WI

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Send reply to: <brachman@uwm.edu >
From: "Steve Brachman" <brachman@uwm.edu >
To: "Jennifer Grondin" <GRONDIN@ADMIN.UWEX.EDU >
Subject: FW: copy of email to Sen. Shibilski, and Reps. Lassa and Lippert
Date sent: Tue, 2 Oct 2001 09:22:54 -0500

for your files

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Zach, MD [mailto:jzach@voyager.net]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2001 11:00 PM
To: Mark Hilliker; Steve Brachman; Tom Blewett
Subject: copy of email to Sen. Shibilski, and Reps. Lassa and Lippert

Oct 1, 2001

Dear Sen. Shibilski,

It is my understanding that through the governor's veto, there was a reduction in funding that will severely impact the education and outreach that SHWEC can do, even though the surcharge on landfill tipping fees that provided the source of SHWEC funding was left in the budget.

I am a member of the Portage County Solid Waste Management Board as a citizen member from the Town of Stockton. In my board service over the last 2 years, I have had several opportunities to work with staff of SHWEC, and reviewed materials they have produced to assist municipalities of our state with solid waste issues and recycling. I also receive their informative newsletter, Current Developments in Waste Management, their final edition was sent out last week. In addition, Mark Hilliker of the local university extension office has been very helpful as resource to our board and subcommittees over the last couple years. He has also drawn upon their expertise to help us.

The issues in solid waste management today are complex and local municipal leaders have many other issues to deal with on a daily basis. SHWEC seems to me to be a working example of the Wisconsin Idea, continued funding of SHWEC will keep that resource available. Their expertise has helped a number of other counties around the state as they go through strategic planning processes.

Please do what you can to restore SHWEC by drafting new legislation to reauthorize their work and funding.

Sincerely,

Jim Zach MD
415 Oak Road
Custer, WI 54423
Citizen member, Town of Stockton, Portage County Solid Waste
Management Board

Date sent: Wed, 03 Oct 2001 14:21:53 -0500
To: Jennifer Grondin <grondin@admin.uwex.edu> ,
Walsh Pat <walsh@admin.uwex.edu>
From: Sherrie Gruder <gruder@epd.engr.wisc.edu>
Subject: Fwd: Elimination of Solid & Hazardous Waste Ed Center

Thought you'd want to see this. I've worked with Reid (and maybe others at SHWEC have too), as he says, for more than a decade. Sherrie

> X-Sender: rlifset@rlifset.mail.yale.edu
> X-Mailer: QUALCOMM Windows Eudora Version 5.1
> Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2001 09:26:33 -0400
> To: wisgov@gov.state.wi.us
> From: Reid Lifset <reid.lifset@yale.edu>
> Subject: Elimination of Solid & Hazardous Waste Ed Center
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> Dear Governor McCallum,
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> I write to express my dismay at the elimination of funding
> and
> positions for recycling services at the Solid and Hazardous Waste
> Education Center (SHWEC) at the University of Wisconsin-Extension.
> As the associate director of Yale University's Program on Solid
> Waste Policy, I have known the SHWEC for more than a decade. I can
> say without reservation that the SHWEC is a premiere organization,
> compared not just to other institutions in the US, but worldwide.
> Its research and outreach services are first rate and it brings
> considerable prestige to the state of Wisconsin throughout the
> environmental community globally. I strongly urge you to restore
> the funding for this excellent service.
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> Sincerely,
> Reid Lifset
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September 20, 2001

Governor Scott McCallum
State Capitol
P.O. Box 7863-53702
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Dear Governor McCallum:

Earlier this year I wrote to you on behalf of the UW-Extension, Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC), in the hope of restoring funding for the Center's recycling education and solid waste research program. I was saddened to learn of your decision to veto these services.

In your Budget Veto Message you defended your decision stating that the State's limited recycling resources should be "focused on implementation of effective programs." I believe that SHWEC meets that criteria perfectly.

Since its inception more than a decade ago SHWEC has promoted state recycling with direct assistance in the form of a directory of recycled products, monthly recycling price updates, regional workshops and videos. They also provide on-site waste assessments and technical assistance to businesses, including two highly visible Madison projects: the Alliant Energy headquarters and Overture projects. SHWEC staff member Sherrie Gruder was instrumental in writing the DNR grant proposal for the Alliant project and has proved invaluable in raising the sensitivity of the entire Overture project team including PL & F Architects LLC, Findorff, and the Overture board to recycling and energy conservation opportunities. She was particularly effective in leading the effort to salvage the limestone façade of the Bank One building.

Flad's own construction waste management efforts evolved in part from a waste reduction and recycling seminar produced by SHWEC in 1997. Over the past 5 years, as our commitment to environmental design has grown, we've continued to develop our own construction waste management tools in cooperation with SHWEC and WasteCap Wisconsin. Today, in the spirit of that cooperation, all of Flad's construction and demolition waste management specifications, recycling economics worksheet and contractor waste audit forms are available to everyone on WasteCap's website.

WasteCap, which was lauded for its waste management efforts by your office this June, has characterized your veto as a terrible blow to recycling in Wisconsin. While the mission of both SHWEC and WasteCap share common commitments to waste education and technical assistance, SHWEC possesses staff expertise, along with research and analysis outreach capabilities, that WasteCap simply cannot provide. The U.S. Green Building Council, of which Flad is also a member,

regards public education so critical to the success of sustainable design that it will be introduced as a separate credit category in an upcoming revision to its LEED green building rating system.

The value of continued education and research cannot be overestimated. While retaining the provision to increase landfill surcharges in the budget, principally to discourage the importation of waste from neighboring states, you reiterated your skepticism that increased tipping expenditures necessarily produce increased recycling results. In this we can concur. Success ultimately rests on our ability to recognize, as much as possible, our "waste" as a resource rather than as refuse.

As Flad continues to witness a growth in the number of clients interested in implementing sustainable strategies we've come to understand the investment value in educating ourselves about these issues. The greatest obstacles we face stem not from tight budgets or accelerated schedules, but from a simple lack of understanding regarding issues like waste management and recycled material content. Organizations like SHWEC help shape public perception and foster community and statewide infrastructures like WWRA, SEWWRC, Computer Reuse and Recycling Workgroup and the Business Materials Exchange that benefit private enterprises in Wisconsin like Flad in ways we cannot afford to provide for ourselves. The tragic events of the past few days remind us all of the importance of working together to achieve that which is unattainable individually.

I urge you to reconsider your veto and refund the key recycling programs, including SHWEC, as an important component of Wisconsin's future. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Ralph H. Jackson Jr., AIA
Past President, Flad & Associates

rhj/grm

cc: Senator Chuck Chvala
Scott Jensen
Katharine Lyall, UW President

POLITICS AS USUAL | Melanie Conklin

Recycle this program!

Lawmakers, businesses and municipalities object to gov's funding cut

Rep. Mark Miller (D-Monona) is marking Pollution Prevention Week (Sept. 17-23) by orchestrating an attempt to override Gov. Scott McCallum's axing of five jobs from the state budget. The job funding at stake goes to UW-Extension workers who provide recycling education in the Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center — or SHWEC, as insiders affectionately call it.

"They've helped make local recycling efforts more successful and effective and helped business to use more sustainable materials and keep things out of the waste stream," says Miller, adding the veto surprised many legislators, including Republicans. "I can't begin to understand this veto."

What puzzles Miller most is that the veto didn't save any money, because the positions are funded by a segregated fee charged for trash disposal in landfills. And McCallum allowed this tipping fee to increase in the budget from 30 cents to \$3 per ton as a disincentive to dumping out-of-state trash here.

In his veto language, McCallum wrote, "I object to this funding because the limited resources for recycling should be focused on implementation of effective programs." The two-year budget for the five positions (one is half-time) and supplies was \$673,800.

But Miller says SHWEC results in increased efficiency and profitability. For example, the Industrial Recycling Assistance Program taught 40 businesses how to save \$3 million in one year. And the city of Kenosha saved \$100,000 a year on its recycling contract by avoiding increased disposal costs after some SHWEC education.

"My phone rings off the hook," says Sherrie Gruder, one of those whose job funding was cut. "We're a source of unbiased information."

In fact, legislators and McCallum were heavily lobbied on SHWEC's behalf by the business community, including letters from Johnson Wax, Alliant Energy, the Overture Foundation and G.E. Medical Systems.

"In my opinion, we need to keep that resource for businesses in the state," wrote Robert Evangelisti of Johnson & Sons. "It is money well spent." And Flad & Associates past president Ralph Jackson said SHWEC was instrumental in the Overture Founda-



Gruder, holding insulation made from recycled blue jeans: 'Our center is a source of unbiased information.'

tion's efforts to save building materials for reuse. "In eliminating this program, you eliminate one of the key resources that we as a Wisconsin business have."

According to UW-Extension's Pat Walsh, the assistant dean who oversees the center, the cut primarily hurts small towns and villages, which comprise around 900 of the 1,000 units of government responsible for recycling statewide. And, says Walsh, they can't afford paid consultants: "They look to Extension for everything from how to set up programs to how to make fair contracts and the current market prices for materials. Without the support from the state, we're not going to be able to sustain that program."

The Wisconsin Towns Association affirms this: "They exemplify the whole Wisconsin Idea of what the university is all about: taking the information and applying it in real life," says executive director Rick Stadelman. "I think there are many Republicans who were surprised by the veto and will want it restored."

If a veto override fails, Miller will author separate legislation this fall, which he's optimistic will succeed: "There's widespread bipartisan support for something that serves the business community and saves money."

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What is SHWEC?

The UW-Extension Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) is a group of nationally recognized professionals with a broad range of expertise. We provide education and technical assistance to improve the long-term environmental and economic health of Wisconsin communities and businesses. The Center, operating since 1990, has offices located in Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee and Stevens Point.

What is Our Mission?

We enhance Wisconsin's environment and economy by providing education, technical assistance and training to businesses, communities and local governments. SHWEC programs include resource conservation, recycling, solid waste management and pollution prevention.

How Do We Provide Educational Services?

SHWEC specialists provide education and technical assistance to a diverse clientele. We leverage our services by working with UW-Extension faculty and staff in 72 counties. Through our unique UW-Extension network, we reach every town, village, city and county along with thousands of businesses.

We partner with business and professional organizations, associations, community groups and state agencies. We use a variety of educational methods to deliver education and technical assistance to business, local government and communities. We provide research-based expertise, technical knowledge and resources to help our partners and clients solve practical problems, make informed policy choices and operate more efficiently and cost effectively while better serving their customers or constituents.

Why is SHWEC a Good Investment?

As part of the Wisconsin Idea, we provide balanced, research-based information throughout the state. Clients use this information to make decisions that benefit the environment and save them money. Business, industry and government seek our assistance because of our knowledge and non-regulatory role. The broad range of expertise available from SHWEC staff is not replicated in any other organization, public or private. Education provided by SHWEC is comprehensive, cost effective and customer friendly.

Some examples of cost savings produced by SHWEC expertise:

*SHWEC Recycling Education has helped Wisconsin businesses save millions of dollars through source reduction and recycling. In one year, the Industrial Recycling Assistance Program showed 40 businesses how to save nearly \$3 million.

*SHWEC solid waste management education has shown Wisconsin communities how to save millions of dollars through source reduction and recycling. For example, the City of Kenosha saved \$100,000 per year on their recycling contract.

SHWEC Focus Areas and Impacts

SHWEC provides targeted education and technical assistance to communities, local and state government and businesses. We focus on cost-effectiveness, market development, source reduction, composting, and improvement of industry environmental performance through recycling and pollution prevention.

Business and Industry Profitability

Market Development

- Industrial Market Development for High-volume Industrial Waste -- One-on-one technical assistance, fact sheets and workshops to help facilitate market infrastructure development for sustainable uses of high-volume industrial wastes such as foundry sand, coal ash and slag, pulp and paper mill sludge, and pottery cull.
- Creating a Construction and Demolition Materials Recycling Infrastructure -- Workshops, videos, manuals and one-on-one technical assistance and partnership facilitation to increase the recycling of C&D materials in Wisconsin. For example, the Overture Foundation in Madison, WI deconstructed an historical building salvaging 350,000 pounds of limestone architectural elements for reuse and recycled 90% of materials from demolition of a city block.
- Recycled Content and Non-toxic Building Materials -- Directories, display, radio and training programs. More than 5,000 publications were requested in one year and the display was used at more than 30 venues from Home Product Shows to a UW Engineering Open House.

Cost Effectiveness

- Manufacturing Facility and Business Assessments -- Onsite technical assessments and written reports of waste reduction and recycling opportunities at more than 300 Wisconsin manufacturing and business facilities in the state. These assessments help businesses save several million dollars and hundreds of thousands of tons/gallons of wastes for numerous materials including wood pallets, plastic film, cardboard, oil and other fluids, and metal grinding swarf.
- Large Scale Composting -- Assessments and technical assistance on organic materials for composting facilities and other businesses. Workshops and training programs, fact sheets and manuals.

Improving Industry Environmental Performance Through Recycling & Pollution

Prevention

- Targeted Industry Sector Outreach -- Programs to facilitate waste reduction and recycling efforts with dry cleaners, printers, metal finishers and the health care industry, such as collecting mercury.
- ISO Certification -- SHWEC's education and technical assistance to businesses allow them to achieve ISO certification and compete in the global marketplace.

Education for State & Local Government

Cost Effectiveness:

- Recycling Market Price Information- SHWEC provides statewide, monthly recycling price updates that have assisted at least 25 community and business recycling programs to cut recycling costs or improve their market revenues.
- Improving Cost Effectiveness of Recycling Programs-In addition to fact sheets, workshops and customized program analysis for local governments and waste haulers, SHWEC offers

the "Solid Waste Map", a 10 step program to improve recycling and solid waste program costs and efficiency in small communities. Participating communities have identified and implemented efficiency measures. For larger municipalities, SHWEC offers "Bigger Bang for the Buck"; a process to analyze and improve cost effectiveness. The City of Kenosha saved \$100,000 per year in their recycling contract after participating in this program.

- Volume Based Fees -- Research, analysis, publications and workshops on alternative funding mechanisms for solid waste and recycling to take them off the tax roles and improve effectiveness. Communities in Manitowoc County use VBF's to fund their recycling programs.
- Contracting for Services -- Fact sheet series, workshops and one-on-one outreach to improve costs and quality of hauler services.
- Full-Cost Accounting -- Fact sheets and computer modeling training to evaluate, monitor and improve recycling and solid waste management costs.
- Strategic Recycling and Solid Waste Management Planning -- Planning efforts have been completed in Jefferson, Portage and Sauk counties, are currently ongoing in Oconto and Menominee counties.

Market Development:

- Regionalized Approach to Marketing Recyclables -- Technical assistance to help initiate and operate regional cooperative marketing organization, Western Wisconsin Recycling Association (WWRA). With SHWEC's assistance, WWRA became a financially self-sufficient organization in 2000, when it earned \$600,000 in market revenues, most of which was returned to its member communities and businesses.
- Buy Recycled -- Fact sheets, directory of recycled products and statewide "buy recycled" training. Helped organize the Wisconsin Buy Recycled Business Alliance. Jointly planning a statewide buy recycled fair with the Buy Recycled Business Alliance.
- Recycling Market Identification & Infrastructure Development -- Direct assistance to locate and improve markets for banned and new frontier materials. Provided workshops since 1993, bringing in resources of national industry associations to improve marketability and revenues from community recyclables. Provide assistance and data for DNR markets directory. Help communities access state market development funding.
- Computer recycling -- Developed and facilitated Computer Reuse and Recycling Workgroup. Coordinated statewide conference. Ongoing participant with Council on Recycling Computer Task Force. Ongoing assistance to facilitate development of computer recycling infrastructure in Wisconsin.

Composting

- Home Composting -- One-on-one training, workshops, fact sheets and manuals on backyard composting and vermicomposting. Master Composter Training Program that, from 1994 to today, has trained more than 400 compost training volunteers. Those trainer volunteers have reached more than 10,000 Wisconsin residents.
- Commercial Scale Compost Training -- Ongoing training programs that help improve operating efficiencies at Wisconsin community and business composting facilities. These programs reached 500 participants representing 50 Wisconsin composting facilities. One-on-one site visits and technical assistance to more than 100 other programs. Hosted two nationally recognized Midwest Compost Schools with 35 participants achieving national compost facility operator certification.

Source Reduction

- SEWWRC -- Assistance to help develop and maintain Southeast Wisconsin Waste Reduction Coalition, including group facilitation, technical assistance, and maintaining website.
- Business Materials Exchange (BMEx) -- Assistance to Beloit Chamber of Commerce to develop a local materials exchange that is now a statewide service. Provide ongoing referrals and coordination.

Partnerships

SHWEC expertise is used in conjunction with numerous initiatives such as the Public Benefits Energy Program, Green Tier, Environmental Management Systems and Smart Growth.

Publications

Monthly newsletter, *Current Developments in Waste Management*, fact sheets, manuals, monthly recycling markets price information and other written information available on the SHWEC web site: www.uwex.edu/shwec/

From: "Patrick Walsh 262-1748" <WALSH.EXTENSION>
Organization: University of Wisconsin-Extension
To: grondin
Date sent: Mon, 8 Oct 2001 09:21:07 -0500
Subject: (Fwd) Action Alert -- Restoration of SHWEC

Jenneifer,
Some help from the county solid waste folks.
Pat

----- Forwarded Message

Follows -----From: "John Reindl" <reindl@co.dane.wi.us>
Organization: Dane County To: "AROW Board"
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Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2001 09:00:52 -0500
Subject: Action Alert -- Restoration of SHWEC
Reply-to: reindl@co.dane.wi.us
Priority: urgent

*Message sent to
County Solid
Waste Folks*

A movement has begun in the Legislature to restore the positions and funding for the Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center at UW-Extension.

According to people that I have talked with, legislators wanting SHWEC restored will be meeting with the Governor soon to see if they can get an agreement from the Governor not to veto this legislation if it is enacted.

SHWEC has provided valuable educational and technical assistance services across the state, whether on markets and market development, computer recycling, mercury in products, negotiating contracts with service providers, improving program efficiency, recovery of construction and demolition debris, composting and many other issues. With the \$3 a ton landfill surcharge adopted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor, there is more than enough funding available to finance all of SHWEC's programs without impinging on the funding for local Responsible Units.

Calls, emails and letters are needed to support the efforts to restore SHWEC, both to legislators as well as to the Governor. The Governor is expected to base his decision on both the support from both the public and Legislators. Most important will be the Legislators who are members of his political party. For a toll-free call to Legislators, you can call 1-800-362-9472, and leave a message. The direct line for Legislators and their email addresses can be found on the web page <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>. The Governor can be reached at (608)266-1212 or wiscgov@gov.state.wi.us. Your contacts with the Governor's office and with your Legislators is extremely important.

Henderson, Patrick

From: Kalies, Beata
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2001 11:51 AM
To: 'GRONDIN@ADMIN.UWEX.EDU'; Henderson, Patrick
Subject: final list of co-sponsors for introduction of LRB 3907

Importance: High

Restoration of SHWEC and UW Solid Waste Research - LRB 3907 Co-sponsors:

- 1 **Representative Ott**
- 2 Miller
- 3 Berceau
- 4 **Bies**
- 5 Black
- 6 Bock
- 7 **Gunderson**
- 8 **Hahn**
- 9 **Hundertmark**
- 10 **Jeskewitz**
- 11 **Kedzie**
- 12 **Kreibich**
- 13 **Ladwig**
- 14 Lassa
- 15 John Lehman
- 16 **Lippert**
- 17 **Musser**
- 18 **Olsen**
- 19 Pocan
- 20 **Sykora**
- 21 **Townsend**

- 22 Senator Baumgart
- 23 Burke
- 24 Erpenbach
- 25 Grobschmidt
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I will send this info and jacket of the bill to Chief Clerk's office for introduction as soon as I finish typing.
Thank you.

Beata Kalies
Agriculture Committee Clerk
Office of Representative Al Ott

SB319



DANE COUNTY

Kathleen M. Falk
County Executive

DATE: November 1, 2001

TO: Dane County Legislative Delegation

FROM: Kathleen M. Falk, Dane County Executive *M*

RE: Support Senator Baumgart's and Representative Ott's Proposal to Restore Staff & Funding for UW Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) and UW Systems Solid Waste Research Council

I write to ask your support for legislation being proposed by Senator Jim Baumgart and Representative Al Ott to restore the funding and staffing for both the UW Extension SHWEC and UW Systems Solid Waste Research Council. Funding for recycling and support to expand markets for recycled materials were a part of the "Dane County Legislative Issue Priorities for 2001-2002."

Both of these programs have provided research, technical assistance and education to communities and businesses throughout Wisconsin, with one estimate that their services have been worth over \$10 million. Dane County has directly benefited from a wide range of these services, with the latest highly visible example being the assistance given to Habitat for Humanity for the development of its "ReStore". At this facility, construction products are donated by businesses and individuals. This both reduces the landfilling of these materials and allows the materials to be used by Habitat in its home-building programs, or sold, to provide funding for Habitat. Dane County has also been working closely with University faculty who received funding from the Solid Waste Research Council to investigate how to handle mercury from fluorescent lamps during recycling or disposal.

Both SHWEC and the Solid Waste Research Council were provided for in the Legislature's adoption of the State Budget, but vetoed by the Governor.

Because waste management is constantly changing, the services of these two programs help Dane County develop the improvements needed to serve our citizens and protect our environment. I respectfully ask your support for this legislation and ask that you sign on as a co-sponsor.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

cc: Katharine Lyall, President, UW System
Dane County Board of Supervisors
Jennifer Grondin, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, UW Extension
Ken Kosciak, Dane Co Public Works Director
Kevin Riley, Chancellor, UW Extension
John Reindl, Dane Co Recycling Manager

