



SCHOOL RECYCLING UPDATE 2014-2015

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Overview

- Ongoing partnership with Iron Range Youth in Action
 - ▣ Involvement from Green Teams, student councils, Youth Energy Summit as well
- 8 school districts with recycling liaisons who have received assistance or resources through St. Louis County Environmental Services



Participating Schools



- Chisholm Public Schools
- East Range Academy*
- Ely Public Schools
- Eveleth-Gilbert Public Schools
- Mt. Iron-Buhl H.S. and Merritt Elementary
- Hibbing Public Schools*
- St. Louis County School District
- Virginia Public Schools

*Did not receive grant money from St. Louis County Environmental Services



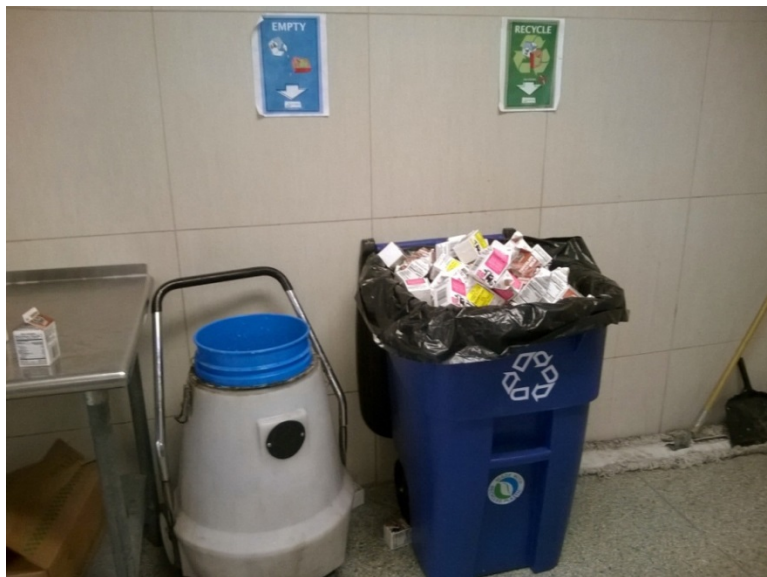
2014-2015 activities

- Classroom visits at Cherry and North Woods
- Carton Council recycling bins distributed to 10 schools
- Recycling tours: East Range Academy, Mt. Iron-Buhl, Parkview Elementary, Congregations Caring for the Earth



Carton Recycling

- Six schools recycling cartons, four more are working on getting programs started
- 2015 declared “The Year of the Carton” → public education focus on cartons



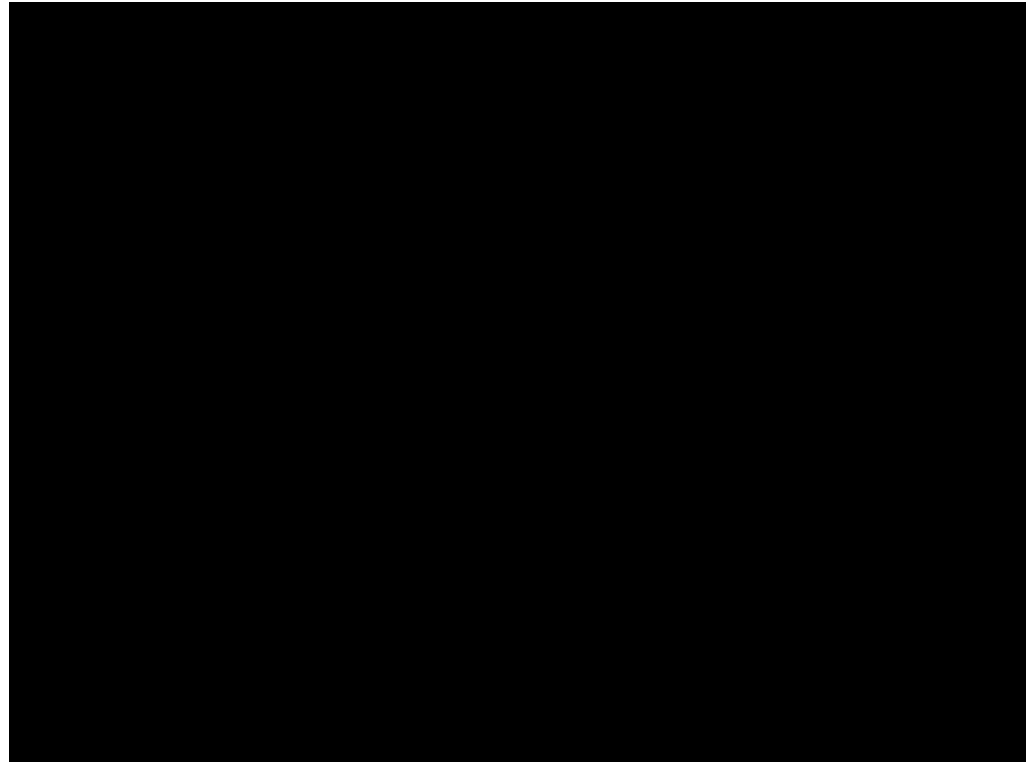
Press Items

- “Recycling activities boosted in area schools” July, 2014
 - ▣ More than 13,680 lbs of material recycled through ISD 2142 recycling programs from 2013-2014
 - ▣ New carton recycling programs in Hibbing Schools
 - ▣ Low waste locker cleanout at Mt. Iron-Buhl recycled and reused over 550 lbs of material
- “Environmental Services declares 2015 to be the year of the carton”

Press items cont'd

<http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/LANDPROPERTY/GarbageRecycling/RecyclingServices/3RsforSchools.aspx>

Featured on the
county's school
recycling webpage



Tonnages for 2014-2015 school year

- North Woods: 5.9 tons
- Cherry: 5.8 tons
- Eveleth-Gilbert High School: 2.29 tons

Over 14 tons
as of April 6

Ongoing + future activities

- ❑ Recycling tours and education
- ❑ Supporting carton recycling
- ❑ Expanding recycling options in gyms and athletic areas
- ❑ Exploring ways to make recycling easier for schools that self-haul
- ❑ More focus on waste reduction, composting, etc.?



Challenges



- ❑ Lack of time and capacity in schools
- ❑ Student involvement fluctuates
- ❑ Storage and haulage issues for schools who self haul
 - ❑ Makes carton recycling difficult