

West Central SWMD: “Recycling” Old Buildings and Clean-up of Hazardous Waste

In 2008 W. Enterprises, LLC did something exemplary, they “recycled” unsafe/fire damaged buildings located at 302 South Oak Street in Crawfordsville, Indiana. W. Enterprises, LLC moved to this location in hopes of growing their recycling business by becoming more convenient for the residents of Montgomery County, Indiana. For 11 years no other business or individual had the desire or means to tackle this huge project, which included cleanup of hazardous materials that could create air and soil pollution. W. Enterprises, LLC is now a full service recycling center centrally located in Crawfordsville. The once condemned buildings have transformed into an appealing place for residents and businesses to bring almost everything that can be recycled. With Dan Walden’s vision and purchase of this run down property, the City of Crawfordsville once again has a thriving business which generates property tax revenue.



2007 - BEFORE



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2013 - AFTER



2013 - AFTER

West Central Indiana Solid Waste Management District (WCSWMD) is comprised of three counties. This includes Parke, Putnam, and Montgomery, in which Crawfordsville is located.



2013 - AFTER

Before W. Enterprise, LLC “recycled” these old buildings and turned them into an operating recycling center, the WCSWMD was struggling with the cost of operating. The opening of the new recycling buildings reduced the overall costs for the district. W. Enterprise, LLC and the WCSWMD devised a good business partnership. WCSWMD already owned recycling bins at drop-off locations throughout the counties, while W. Enterprises, LLC did not. By the WCSWMD providing the use of their recycling bins, they saved

W. Enterprises, LLC the cost of purchasing new ones. In turn, W. Enterprises, LLC offered the district a reduced price for hauling the recyclables and for maintaining the recycling bins.

W. Enterprises, LLC has saved the city of Crawfordsville over \$264,082 in recycling expenses since 2009. The previous seven (7) year contract the city had with another non-local recycling company was \$81,021/per year. Since their location is local and all the processing is done at their facility, they are able to offer the city recycling services at a substantially lower price than previous year contracts. W. Enterprises, LLC was able to reduce the expense in 2009 and 2010 to \$3,000/month. In 2011, 2012, and 2013 they contracted free of charge.

Annual Recycling Revenues:	Annual Recycled Tonnage:
2008 = \$29,776	2008 = 529 tons
2009 = \$59,613	2009 = 1,059 tons
2010 = \$1,176,235	2010 = 4, 751 tons
2011 = \$1,950,686	2011 = 10,851 tons
2012 = \$2.348.512	2012 = 13.760 tons



In 2008 W. Enterprises, LLC began collecting and recycling cardboard and paper products with an annual tonnage of approximately 529 tons. Each year thereafter, they have increased the types of co-mingled items for recycling as well as expanded the number of collection centers available to residents and businesses alike. Annual recycled tonnage has grown to 13,760 as of 2012, a 2500% increase over 5 years! Since W. Enterprises, LLC began its full service recycling facility in 2008 they have diverted approximately 61,900,000 lbs. (30,950 tons) of eligible recycling from being dumped in the landfills and saved approximately \$1,310,733 in landfill expenses.