

WESTERN GREATER YELLOWSTONE CONSORTIUM REGIONAL RECYCLING STUDY PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Summary

The Western Greater Yellowstone Consortium is focusing a portion of its Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant on evaluating a regional waste diversion strategy for the four-county area. The goal of this study is to identify practical and effective policies and programs that build upon existing systems. Regional collaboration is an important component, as a means of improving access and incentives, creating an economy of scale and increasing cost efficiencies.

The study approach is highly stakeholder-based. A series of initial one-on-one and county-wide stakeholder meetings was held in mid July, with additional "all-hands" stakeholder meetings scheduled through the course of the project. Stakeholder input is being used to help identify "best bang for the buck" alternatives to fill gaps between existing diversion opportunities and future goals, and to review analyses and implementation recommendations for selected options. The study outcome is expected to include concise guidance for partnerships, policy development, new programming, equipment/facilities, and funding.

This study has been out-sourced to LBA Associates, Inc., a recycling consultancy that recently completed the State of Wyoming Waste Diversion Plan. The LBA team is led by Laurie Batchelder Adams (President, LBA Associates) and includes Julie Klein (former Environmental, Health & Safety Director of Grand Teton Lodge Company) and Jennifer Zung (Teton Valley, ID Community Recycling Board Director). Heather Higinbotham (Yellowstone Business Partnership) is WGYC's project manager and Tom Cluff (Fremont County) is the study contract administrator.

The study began in June 2013 and is expected to be complete in early 2014. Planned study components are subject to change by the WGYC.

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