

Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement to Satisfy Eligibility for the Wisconsin Recycling Consolidation Grant for Calendar Year 2027

This agreement is made by and between the Cities of Menasha and Omro, the Villages of Fox Crossing and Winneconne, and Towns of Algoma, Black Wolf, Clayton, Neenah, Nekimi, Omro, Vinland, Winchester, Winneconne, and Wolf River, each of which is a municipal corporation, and each of which is a Responsible Unit as defined in Section 287.01(9) of the Wisconsin Statutes (collectively referred to as the “Responsible Units” or “RUs”) for purposes of implementing efficiencies related to operating an effective recycling program in accordance with ss. 287.11 and 287.24, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 542, Wis. Admin. Code. This agreement is intended to qualify for the 2027 Wisconsin Recycling Consolidation Grant.

WHEREAS the RUs believe that, by working together in this cooperative agreement, they can more effectively and efficiently provide for the recycling education needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS the RUs desire to collaborate in an effort to educate about recycling; and

WHEREAS the RUs recognize the importance of educating residents about recycling and their RU responsibility to do so; and

WHEREAS Winnebago County produced the updated Winnebago County Waste & Recycling Guide and the Recycle Right Resource Trunks; and

WHEREAS Winnebago County partnered with Brown and Outagamie Counties, collectively known as Tri-County Recycling, to fund, host, and promote the Waste Wizard Material Search Engine tool and a smartphone recycling app developed by Betterbin; and

WHEREAS the Winnebago County Waste & Recycling Guide, the Waste Wizard Material Search Engine, and the Betterbin smartphone app provide comprehensive information on single-stream recycling guidelines, recycling plastic bags, proper medical sharps disposal, electronics recycling, universal waste recycling, household hazardous waste programs, pharmaceutical drop boxes and waste reduction tips; and

WHEREAS Section 66.0301(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes cooperation between municipalities and allows municipalities to contract with each other for the receipt or furnishing of services or the joint exercise of any power or duty required or authorized by law; and

WHEREAS each participating RU will maintain a copy of the other above listed RUs' cooperative agreements on file, given that not all cooperating RUs will be able to sign a single document;

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED THAT the above listed RUs have and will make available to its residents the updated Winnebago County Waste & Recycling Guide, the Recycle Right Resource Trunks, and Tri-County Recycling's Waste Wizard Material Search Engine & Betterbin smartphone app, recognizing additional and consistent education will reduce contamination and improve recycling, thereby enabling the processing and marketing of these recyclables in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

MUNICIPALITY

DATE