



RESOLUTION # 17-4/11

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 4-39

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 21  
Against: —  
Abstain: —  
Abs/Excd: 14  
Vote Req: —  
Other Action: —

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 4  
Against: —  
Abstain: —  
Abs/Excd: 3

**PUBLIC WORKS & INFRA-STRUCTURE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 6  
Against: —  
Abstain: —  
Abs/Excd: 1

**RE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF MUNICIPAL RECYCLING MANDATE**

**WHEREAS**, recycling provides extensive economic benefits, providing material for manufacturing, business development, state and local tax revenue preserving our natural resources, saving energy and reducing our impact on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Wisconsin Survey Center, commissioned by the Department of Natural Resources, demonstrated that 93% of Wisconsin residents favor or strongly favor the Recycling Law and 96% of Wisconsin households are "committed" to recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength of Wisconsin's recycling program comes from its mandate in 1990, causing municipalities to respond by becoming Responsible Units for Recycling and as such, invested millions of dollars in education, collection and processing infrastructure for effective recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2011-2013 Budget seeks to eliminate the requirement that municipalities operate a recycling program; eliminates all financial assistance for municipal recycling programs; converts the Recycling and Renewable Energy Segregated Fund to a newly created Economic Development Fund and diverts revenue collected on the landfill tipping fee surcharge into this Fund and;

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has taken more than one hundred forty million dollars (\$140,000,000) away from the Recycling and Renewable Energy Segregated Fund since 1990, to pay for other State programs instead of their intended purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board supports the continued use of the landfill tipping fee surcharge as the source of funding for financial assistance to municipalities, as it was intended for that purpose, instead of being diverted to the Economic Development Fund.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board opposes elimination of municipal recycling requirements and recycling grant programs and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wisconsin Counties Association, area legislators and Governor Scott Walker.

**FISCAL NOTE:** The recycling fee is generated by a \$7 per ton surcharge on solid waste disposal. Because the waste to energy facility and special wastes are exempt from the recycling fee, in La Crosse County the fee is collected on approximately 45,700 tons, or at least \$320,000 to be taken from our local municipalities.

Date: April 11, 2011

W. C. ...  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Margaret Norden  
RECORDING CLERK

Date: 4-11-11

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PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE CHAIR

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RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	_____	<u>SO</u>	_____	Requested By: Henry Koch & Nick Nichols Date Requested: April 5, 2011 Drafted By: Steve O'Malley
Fin. Director	_____	<u>Got</u>	_____	
Corp. Counsel	<u>WAS</u>	_____	_____	
Board Chair	<u>SD/ma</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of April, 2011.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE  
I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

Ginny Dankmeyer  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk