

WEST LAFAYETTE SETS RECYCLING RECORDS

West Lafayette, Ind. - December 29, 2006 - The City of West Lafayette collected a record 2,144 tons of recyclable items in 2006, bringing in record revenues of nearly \$112,000, David Downey, director of public works, reported.

Those numbers are both up from 2005 totals, when 1,962 tons in recyclable items were collected that brought in revenues of \$92,800.

Recycling rather than sending items to landfills also saved the city \$70,209 in landfill tipping fees in 2006, he said.

"This is a tremendous partnership between the city watching every dollar it spends and our residents helping us both save and earn through recycling," said West Lafayette mayor Jan Mills. "This year alone, that's an economic impact of more than \$182,200. Those results show that our motto, 'Recycling: It's the Right Thing to Do,' is a way of life here. The city appreciates our residents who diligently recycle."

West Lafayette recycling options include curbside pickup in city-supplied bins, a 24-hour recycling center at 705 S. River Road, and monthly collections at La Grange Street baseball field in University Farm and Lommel Park between Wilshire and Essex streets.

For information or additional home recycling bins for \$6.50, call 775-5242.