

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT | UNIT-BASED PRICING SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT - APPANOOSE COUNTY, IOWA NEWTON & MONONA, IOWA

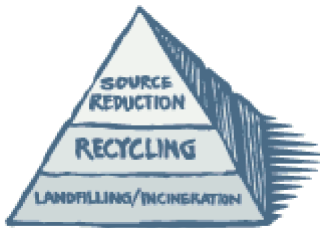
SCOPE OF PROJECT

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) selected the project team of **BARKER LEMAR** and Paul Schultz from the City of Dubuque to assist seven Iowa communities in determining potential unit-based pricing (UBP) systems. The selected communities are currently above the 25 percent waste reduction goal and are interested in furthering their efforts in managing solid waste, reducing program costs, developing an equitable service payment structure, and reducing the amount of waste delivered to the landfill.



IMPLEMENTATION

The project team interviewed city officials to determine community solid waste management history, existing services and service providers, existing revenue and expenditures, solid waste management priorities, support for UBP development, and UBP project goals. The project team reviewed this information, developed economic and waste generation models, provided UBP education materials to residents and city officials, held public meetings, and developed UBP options for the community. The proposed options included detailed city ordinance enforcement policies, service provider licensing policies, franchising and contracting for solid waste service, user fee implementation strategies, and proposed user fee pricing rates. These options were designed to incorporate existing management structures and relationships, improve current services, and meet the communities unique priorities and project goals.



SERVICES

Economic modeling; waste generation modeling; database management; UBP educational material development; UBP community surveys; public meetings; city council presentations.

TIMELINE

Project Start Date: April 2003

Project Completed: November 2003

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