



SOLID WASTE PLAN AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2017-2020

*WHERE WE'VE BEEN
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WHERE WE'RE GOING*

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INTRODUCTION

The Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District, one of eighteen regional districts established by the Arkansas Legislature, has jurisdictional boundaries that encompasses the Arkansas County of Saline. In 2016, the District launched its new business name, Recycle Saline, to reflect the District’s evolving mission and vision in Saline County.

Saline County is old—one of the state’s oldest. After being visited by Hernando de Soto in 1541, the county was founded in 1835, prior to Arkansas’ statehood. The 1840 U.S. Census pegged the population at 2,061 people spread out over 723.60 square miles.¹ The square miles haven’t changed; however, Metro Trends determined in 2016 that Saline County, nearly 200 years later, is the state’s sixth largest county and is the region’s fastest-growing county. Many residents commute every weekday to Little Rock and the surrounding areas for employment. Over 117,460 people call Saline County home², and generally, population growth is 9.5%. As Metro Trends wrote, “Saline County is seeing changes that may transform it from a suburb and bedroom community to an important regional center in its own right.”³

SALINE COUNTY CITIES AND THEIR POPULATIONS

CITY ⁴	2010	2016	CHANGE
Benton	30,681	34,669	13.0%
Bryant	16,688	20,141	20.7%
Haskell	3,991	4,396	10.2%
Shannon Hills	3,143	3,520	12.0%
Alexander	2,665	2,630	-1.3%
Traskwood	518	538	3.9%
Bauxite	487	506	3.9%
Unincorporated	48,946	50,907	4.0%

TOTALS	107,118	117,307	9.5%
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A quick look at the demographics of Saline County describes a dynamic place and supports Metro Trends statement. Saline County is generally, doing very well economically in the second decade of the 21st century. Saline County offers a wide

¹ The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture <http://encyclopediaofarkansas.com/entry-detail> retrieved October 24, 2016.

² Metro Trends: Metroplan’s Demographic Review and Outlook July 2016 Metroplan.

³ Metro Trends page 8.

⁴ Metro Trends page 5

range of places for employment. The healthcare industry, automotive industry, and education industry are just a few of the major industries in Saline County. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission⁵ recently named Saline County's major employers. They are:



Saline County Courthouse

1. Bryant School District
2. State of Arkansas
3. Saline Memorial Hospital
4. Walmart
5. Benton School District
6. Rineco Chemical Industries, Inc.
7. CoorsTek, Inc.
8. Almatix, Inc.
9. Parker-Hannifin Corporation
10. Controlled Automation, Inc.

The county is one of the top five Arkansas counties with the highest median incomes. It has one of Arkansas' lowest poverty rates—9.6%.⁶ In August 2010 the unemployment rate was 6.6%, in August 2013 the rate was 5.7% and this August, the 2016 rate had dropped to 3%.⁷ The United States Census Bureau notes that 58.8% of the residents are between the ages of 18 and 65. Residents aged 65 and above constitute 17.5% of the county's population and those under 18 years of age, 23.7%.⁸ Other, most recent (2014) census data describes an educated population: 88.8% of residents have a high school or higher level of education, 23% have a Bachelor's degree or higher.⁹

⁵ Arkansas Economic Development Center, *Little Rock Mega Metro Site* p.

⁶ The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture

⁷ Metro Plan Jonathan Lupton AICP, Research Planner Metroplan e-mail dated October 27, 2016

⁸ United States Census Bureau <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/> retrieved October 27, 2016

⁹ See footnote number 6

With the opportunities and excitement presented by rapid growth, these same factors lead to county, municipal and District challenges. Withstanding what seems as constant building, much of Saline County is still rural and over 50,000 residents reside in the unincorporated areas of the county.¹⁰ Saline County residents and business owners choose whether they want trash service. Residential and business trash service is not required by the cities or the county. Recycle Saline provides three recycling events a year, including two that provides household hazardous waste drop off. Recycling events are limited and one county-wide recycling drop off center is located at the Republic Services Landfill. Only one waste hauling company, out of sixteen companies, offers



single stream, curbside recycling for an additional fee. That company, Republic Services, reports that approximately 1,000 households in the county pay for curbside recycling.

However, the lack of mandatory solid waste collection services and more day to day recycling opportunities lead to areas in Saline County that test the District's enforcement program and impact the health and safety of the county's residents. The photo shows a 2016 illegal dump site discovered by the District's Illegal Dumps Control Officer, Shane Knight, on Fair Play Road in Saline County.

Seventeen of the nineteen waste hauling companies are small, family operated businesses. The two major corporate haulers, Republic Services and Waste Management together garner 55.6 % of the county's residential customers who have trash service, based on a sampling of approximately 2,900 county households.¹¹ Those seventeen family-based trash hauling companies split the remaining 44.4% of Saline County residents who have trash service.

The District is challenged by the complexity of the solid waste and recycling needs of the residents and businesses of Saline County. Helping to find solutions in partnership with the local and county government is also the vision of Recycle Saline as well as being viewed as the model Regional Solid Waste District for the State of Arkansas. We are guided by our Mission Statement:

¹⁰ Metro Trends p. 5

¹¹ To receive the benefit of Recycle Saline's landfill coupon program documentation of residential waste hauling services is required. Data to October 20, 2016.

The Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District is committed to the protection of the public health, environment, and quality of life in Saline County through continuous improvement of its integrated solid waste management system.

WHERE WE WERE IN 2013

Recycling Events and Programs

The years between 2013 and the end of 2016 for Saline County Regional Solid Waste District can be described as transformational in its operation. Two snap shots of the District, one in 2013 and one at the beginning of 2017 show two different landscapes. What does the picture of 2013 look like?

After being created as a single county Regional Solid Waste District in 1993, 2011 brought significant changes to the Saline County District with the finalization of sale of the District owned landfill to Republic Services, Inc. on February 15, 2011. The District moved from a landfill operation focus to a recycling focus and operation of a materials recycling facility.

Recycling Center

The District operated a recycling center at the Republic Services Landfill. Residents brought all their recyclables to the Center including:

- **paper and cardboard**
- **plastics 1 & 2**
- **metal**
- **household hazardous**
- **waste tires**
- **E-waste**



waste

Paper and cardboard were baled and together with the plastics were taken for processing to an out of county Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

Baled cardboard for transport to the Little Rock area MRF

E-Waste



E-waste is a popular, informal name for electronic products who have reached the end of their useful life. The District's E-waste activities are funded by an annual E-waste grant from the ADEQ. These funds can be used in only four categories: transportation, supplies, education and labor. In 2013, the District collected E-waste from municipalities, schools, businesses and residents at the Recycling Center and at three county wide collection events. The District partnered with eSCO, an electronics recycling company that processed approximately twenty-four tons of Saline County E-waste in 2013.

Household Hazardous Waste

Household hazard waste was also collected at the Center and, on certain days, at the county emergency management center as well as at the three county wide events. Consisting generally of: paint, paint thinner, pool chemicals, fuel products, household cleaners, pesticides and fertilizers, these wastes were processed by Rineco, a Saline County company.



Waste Tires



Regarding waste tires in 2013, the District was a member of the six district Inter-District Waste Tire cooperative program administratively located in the Pulaski County Regional Solid Waste Management District Office. Negotiating the waste tire transport and processing contracts for the six Districts, the Inter-District program

using the funds waste tire grants from ADEQ to the six districts.

Tire trailer at Republic Landfill

That same year the District collected 61,728 waste tires for recycling/processing at Davis Rubber in Little Rock. Each county resident, pursuant to ADEQ Regulation 14, could bring four waste tires per month to the District supplied waste tire trailer at the Republic Landfill or at Parsons Tire and Service, Inc. At the end of 2013, the District had over \$107,000 in surplus waste tire grant funds to begin 2014.

Other District Programs

During 2013 the District also operated its “Black Box” program—a set of recycling bins placed throughout the county for drop off use by Saline County residents.



Black Box program

Next, the District sponsored three county-wide recycling and clean up events. Thirdly, the District also collected paper and cardboard for recycling from the county court house, local businesses, schools and the Saline Memorial Hospital. The District provided the recycling bins and contracted for transportation and processing of the recycled materials at an out of county materials recycling facility and paid the transportation and tipping fees to the Republic Landfill for those items that could not be recycled.

Operations and Finance

Financially, with the sale of the District owned municipal class I and IV landfill in 2011, the District was in a strong financial position in 2013. Annual revenue of \$2,427,000 included \$106,166 in ADEQ grants and \$2,226,000 from the landfill buyer, Republic Services, in a five-year annual guaranteed tipping fee payment established in the landfill sale agreement. At the end of 2013 the District’s accountant reported that in cash and cash equivalents, the District had a year-end balance of \$4,487,626.

In 2013, the recyclable’s market dropped, and with a 50% contamination rate of materials recycled by county residents, the recycling center was financially untenable. In 2013, the District’s governing Board was comprised of the statutorily established six members: County Judge and either the mayors or mayors’ representatives of the five class A cities in the county. Just after the sale of the landfill, the Board had hired a new Executive Director, Michael Grappé. The Board previously authorized the employment of an Office/Operations manager as well as two Recycling Center supervisors and

approximately ten workers for the center. In January 2013, in consideration of the financial realities presented by the Recycling Center, the Executive Director recommended and the Board voted to close the Recycling Center.

The Executive Director placed before the Board several other recommendations which were accepted and in place by the end of 2013. The first was a move to professionalize the accounting processes, no longer housing these responsibilities within the Office Manager's duties. A CPA was placed under contract and all accounting and check processing functions was moved to Woolbright and Associates, CPAs. The second was the updating of the District's By-Laws to reflect the legislative and regulatory changes since 1994. Thirdly, Mr. Grappé hired a third employee, a Marketing & Education Coordinator who created a strategic marketing plan and oversaw the creation of a mascot and District logo, Smarty the Fox,



and the District's Facebook page was created.

Smarty appears at all Recycle Saline events & is a hit with kids and grownups

On the litter control and enforcement side, the position of Illegal Dumps Control Officer was established and a candidate was hired, making a fourth District employee. The IDCO immediately began responding to illegal dump sites and reports of the illegal burning of household waste. He also supervised the clean-ups of these sites as well as sites upon which waste tires had been unlawfully dumped.

Mr. Grappé also partnered the District with Saline Green, Benton Matters, and Keep Bryant Beautiful and the District was an active force for the health and safety of Saline County Residents as well as an environmental leader in the county. This snap-shot of the District in 2013 was brought into bold relief with the District's submission of the Solid Waste Management Regional Needs Assessment to ADEQ in July, 2013.

One section of the July, 2013 Needs Assessment must be noted. Since 2011, the Board and its staff had been gathering data, holding public meetings, and conducting telephone surveys of county residents with the goal of bringing a coherent and uniform system of residential solid waste pick-up and recycling at an affordable cost. After consideration of the data, the Board determined to move forward with its support of a single waste hauler contract for District-wide solid waste pickup and curbside recycling and, as stated in the 2013 Needs Assessment, was to be in place by 2014. Politically, the center did not hold for this plan and the Board, reluctantly, pulled back, ending that part of the strategic plan.

Snapshot

The Saline County Solid Waste Management District began 2016 by becoming, for branding purposes, *Recycle Saline* with the solid endorsement of the District Board. The name shift also represented a shift in the vision of the District. After the sale of the District owned landfill in 2011, the Board's focus and direction expanded from operating



a Class I municipal solid waste landfill to becoming the regional leader in the broader environmental issues of reduction of the solid waste stream in Saline County through re-use and recycling. The District, under the direction of its Board, strives to

provide leadership for public-private partnerships that provide an integrated solid waste management system.

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Finance and Operations

Currently, the District is funded through royalty fees at the Class I and IV landfill operated by Republic Services, waste hauler licensing fees, and the revenue derived from the District’s Landfill Coupon Program.¹² The District also relies on recycling and waste tire administration funds from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

The District works with a fiscal year from October 1 to September 30. For fiscal year 2015/2016 the financial position of the District was secure. Because of the sale of the landfill in 2011 and prudent stewardship of funds, the District has investments totaling approximately \$2 million dollars.

REVENUE SOURCE	ANNUAL RECEIPTS	% ANNUAL REVENUE
Hauler Licensing Fees	\$8,550	1.4%
ADEQ Recycling Grants	\$103,286	17%
ADEQ E-Waste	\$44,152	7.3%
Landfill tipping royalties	\$421,308.36	69.3%
Interest Income	\$8,762.30	1.4%
Other Revenue	\$21,739.42	3.6%
Total Revenue	\$607,798.08	100.00%

The expertise of the District’s staff has focused and concentrated the bulk of the District’s operations into two areas—Education & Outreach and Enforcement of Environmental laws.

The District believes educating the community about the values of recycling and waste reduction is critical, therefore we participate in a variety of events and activities each year. The outreach is spearheaded through media especially the District’s website at: <http://www.recyclesaline.org> and its Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/recyclesaline/>

¹² See description of the Landfill Coupon Program on page _____

Education and Outreach

YEA! Teams



Hill Farm Elementary Students
took the pledge to recycle

Tiffany Dunn, the District's Marketing and Education Director was hired in 2013 and began the very successful program, the Youth Environmental Ambassadors—called the YEA! Teams. The core of the program is the District's partnership with the public schools in Saline County. Historically, the District, worked closely with the schools to provide year-round collection of the schools' paper and cardboard. While the Solid Waste District provided the bins and the transportation of the recyclables to a materials recovery facility, it was clear the schools needed to take charge of this recycling effort and the creation of the YEA Teams! seemed perfect for this responsibility. The program, coordinated by Ms. Dunn and led by school teachers (who receive a District stipend), promote and educate students about environmental issues and recycling including organizing the school's recycling efforts and taking part in hands-on recycling activities. Teachers, at all levels, wanted structured recycling education curricula with educational tools which are provided by the Solid Waste District. More importantly, the members of each school's YEA! Team join in community volunteer opportunities which involve recycling, and neighborhood and District wide environmental projects coordinated by Ms. Dunn.

In 2016, the YEA! Team program was made up of twenty-five YEA! Team Leaders located in twenty-five elementary, middle and high schools. The teams vary in numbers of students from 10-25 students per team. Each YEA! Team is required to oversee the school's recycling program, implement at least one recycling or beautification project, and participate in at least two recycling or clean up events in the community. Coordinating and cooperating with programs like **Keep America Beautiful** and **Waste in Place**, Team Leaders educate the students by providing lesson plans and resources appropriate to their grade level. At the end of each semester, the YEA! Leaders submit reports describing their club activities and events they participated in during that semester.

2016 brought expansion of the three-year-old YEA! Team program. The District partnered with Republic Services which was able to provide single stream recycling services for plastics, paper and cardboard. Moving to single stream recycling has enabled the schools to recycle more materials. Since January 2016, the schools have recycled 48.62 tons of single stream recycling.

With support of the District, many schools, during the 2015-2016 school year, participated in the TREX Company recycling program. TREX is a national leader in composite materials for outdoor decking and furniture using, among other recycled items, plastic bags. During the District sponsored program, a total of 5,180 pounds of plastic bags were gathered. Westbrook Elementary won 1st place collecting 960 pounds of plastic bags. TREX Company honored Westbrook students' efforts with a bench for the school grounds made from plastic bags!

Other examples of re-use and recycling projects and events created by the YEA! Teams include:



Litter Pick-Up



From plastic bags to outdoor furniture



- Creating a winter coat collection and redistribution drive for the community;
- Collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house;
- Volunteering at **Recycle Bikes for Kids**¹³ collection as part of the Great Arkansas Clean-up;
- Creating **America Recycles Week** activities where students participated in taking the recycling pledge, provided recycling facts in morning announcements, and offering incentives when “Caught being Green”;
- During America Recycles Week a recycle door contest was held where the theme was “Gobble Up Recycling”.

Results and Sustainability

The YEA! Team participants make an impact and create momentum in their schools by collecting the recycling in each classroom and by educating other students and

¹³ See explanation of Recycle Bikes for Kids on page 12.

teachers the proper way to recycle. The YEA! Team members don't just stop at their school-- they take their energy and volunteer spirit out to the community by working with organizations like Keep Bryant Beautiful, Benton Matters, and Goodwill Industries. Working with these organizations gives the students an opportunity to be a part of the community and help foster change. Recycle Saline maintains records of each team members' volunteer hours. In the 2015-2016 school year, YEA! Team members volunteered a combined total of 643.5 hours.

Recycle Bikes for Kids

Because of the development of the YEA! Team program and the pool of young volunteers, the District has adopted two annual events: The Great Arkansas Clean-Up event called **Recycle Bikes for Kids**. The District partners with two nonprofit organizations-- Recycle Bikes for Kids and Keep Bryant Beautiful. At a county-wide event, the District collects donated, used and sometimes broken bicycles and delivers them to the Recycle Bikes for Kids warehouse where they are refurbished and prepared for distribution. High school YEA! Teams take field trips to the warehouse to help restore each bicycle for redistribution to Saline County kids. In 2016 the District collected 243 bicycles! The District pays all expenses for the collection and transportation costs of the bikes including event advertising costs.



Re-Fashion Bash Participant 2014



During the 2014-15 school year, the District sponsored the first annual Re-Fashion Bash “Where Green is the New Black”. This event is



a runway fashion show where Saline County students

showcase their design and modeling skills using recycled materials and reused clothing altered into a new design. In 2016, this sold-out event, saw 38 students participate in creating designs and walking the runway. Judges from Keep Arkansas Beautiful, local Chambers of Commerce and other community organizations awarded prizes for best design: first place \$500, \$250 for second and \$100 for 3rd places. All the money raised from ticket sales at Re-Fashion Bash goes to help fund the year’s YEA! Team program. Also, at this event scholarships are given out to students who have participated in the YEA! Team program and completed the requirements of the application.



2016 Re-Fashion Bash Participants

To promote Earth Day, the District has a coloring book contest and calendar competition showcasing students’ environmental based artwork for both projects. The coloring books and calendars are distributed county wide to all the schools available at the District office in Benton. Students are awarded prizes for



first place selection at their school receiving a \$50.00 Visa Gift Card. A County wide first place winner is also awarded a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

Enforcement

Saline County is not just one of the fastest growing counties in Arkansas but, it is also one of the most natural as well. Saline County boasts an abundance of wildlife, outdoor activities, as well as the Saline River. However, without directed, centralized residential solid waste services, Saline County faces the environmental challenge of illegal dumping of both solid waste and waste tires.



The District takes its role in the stewardship of keeping Saline County clean very seriously. As part of its mission the District employs a full time Illegal Dumps Control Officer whose responsibility is the enforcement of the state's environmental laws, county ordinances and the District regulations. The IDCO is employed to enforce laws, ordinances and regulations that involve the proper disposal of solid waste, litter control, burning of waste, the transportation of solid waste, and waste tires.

The District receives complaints of environmental violations from many sources: referrals from ADEQ, along with city and county code enforcers, anonymous tips from the TIPLINE and complaints via telephone, email and from the Recycle Saline website link. To date the Recycle Saline IDCO, Shane Knight has been directly responsible for the clean-up of 127 sites that include both illegally dumped materials and burning that has totaled 45,479 pounds of illegally dumped solid waste.



IDCO Shane Knight investigation an illegal dumpsite

In addition to the enforcement responsibilities, IDCO Shane Knight also spends time educating the residents of Saline County on the various responsibilities of the IDCO and how the IDCO can have a major impact upon the community and keeping it clean. He also teaches the IDCO program through the Arkansas Environmental Training Academy at SAU Tech, certifying all IDCO's in the state. As well as educating, Mr. Knight developed the only citation booklet that adheres to state laws.

Officer Knight has presented the IDCO program to civic groups, volunteer fire departments, county agencies, and charitable organizations.

Advancement of the IDCO goals and responsibilities is a priority for the District. Through the IDCO's work with the Saline County Office of Emergency Management, the District has developed a Debris Management program for the County aftermath of a catastrophic weather event; to help emergency officials with the proper handling of major storm debris.

Licensing of Solid Waste Haulers in Saline County

Arkansas state law requires that all Regional Solid Waste Management Boards *license* haulers who are engaged in collection or transportation of solid waste in their District. Because there is no centralized or unified solid waste collection or transport over twenty-five companies operating within Saline County are licensed by the District.

Each hauler is required to:

- Complete an application
- Submit vehicle(s) Registration Form
- Submit proof of insurance
- Submit applicable licensure payment
- Submit vehicle inspection and permit sticker application.
- Submit a copy of City of Benton business privilege license or reciprocal license if applicable
- A visual and safety inspection of each vehicle used for the transportation or collection of solid waste
- Submit tax standing documentation from the Department of Finance and Administration

Recycling Center

In 2013, Recycle Saline operated a central collection facility at the Republic Services Landfill on W. Sardis Road in Bauxite Arkansas. During the time of operation, of this facility Recycle Saline collected a total of 2,307.63 tons of materials. When this facility closed, glass collection was also canceled.

In early 2014, the collection facility on W. Sardis Road was closed and Republic Services began to offer curbside/single stream pick up services on a bi-weekly schedule. In addition, recycling services with Hot Springs Village ended. In 2014 Recycle Saline collected 1,469.65 tons of materials

As 2015 developed, Republic Services reported approximately 1,000 plus residence in Saline County participating in the curbside program. During this time Recycle Saline also experienced a 92 ton increase in waste tires collected.

In 2016, Recycle Saline added 6yd recycle containers at Saline County Schools that are serviced bi-weekly by Republic Services, and Republic Services installed a drop off location for paper, plastic, cardboard, and metal at the Republic Services Landfill on W. Sardis Road in Bauxite, to date, Recycle Saline is reporting 1,528.88 tons of materials collected.

From 2013 to 2016 Recycle Saline has collected a total of 6,899.08 tons of plastic, paper, cardboard, metal, e-waste, tires, household hazardous waste, and glass. Tires produced the bulk of the tonnage collected at 3,736.57 tons, metal produced 200.97 tons, e-waste was at 204.59 tons, household hazardous waste totaled 108.21 tons, and combined (glass, paper, plastic, and cardboard) resulted in 2,648.74 tons collected.

The Landfill Coupon Program



In 2014, the District implemented a “Landfill Coupon Program” for the residents of Saline County. Republic Services partnered with the District in the Coupon Program.¹⁴ The purpose of the landfill coupons was to assist Saline County residents with oversized items that their weekly trash hauler did not pick-up on regular routes. At the program’s inception, residents came to the District office and received two landfill coupons, with proof of Saline County residence. The program helped increase the visibility of the District office, and offered the opportunity for us

to educate county residents about our purpose and many services that we offer. Over four thousand Saline County households received coupons in 2014.

Year two, 2015 brought a change to the Coupon Program. In addition to county residency, the Board voted to charge a fee of \$5.00 for two coupons. As each resident

¹⁴ The Coupon Program was in lieu of the “two free” program in Saline County, a provision of the 2011 Sale of Assets Agreement.



Saline County Resident Heading to Landfill with a District Coupon

received the coupons, staff asked whether or not the resident had home trash pick-up service. Strikingly, 23% of county residents admitted to burning their trash or “saving up” trash to bring to the landfill on an occasional basis using the District-provided coupon. Each time we received a response admitting either action, we were able to educate the resident about the laws and risks of either situation.

Year 3-2016-evolved into offering Landfill Coupons with more stringent requirements. While we continued to require the economical \$5.00 fee and State ID, a third requirement was proof of trash service, such as a trash bill. While Saline County residents are given the choice (in most cases) of choosing their trash hauler, Saline County RSWMD’s mission is to still educate residents about proper trash disposal; to offer Landfill Coupons without proof of trash service would potentially lead to us “rewarding” bad behavior.

LANDFILL COUPON DATA—SALINE COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING COUPONS ¹⁵		
2014	2015	2016
Two free per household	Two per household with \$5.00 fee	Two per household with \$5.00 fee + proof of home trash pick-up service
4460 households	4000 households	3000 households

¹⁵ Landfill Tipping Fees approximately \$43 per ton.

AWARDS

The District is recognized on a national and state level as an innovator in recycling and environmental education. Awards include:

2013 - 2nd Place Keep America Beautiful National Award

2014- Arkansas Recycling Coalition- Community Involvement Award

2014- Bryant Chamber- Organization of the year Nominee

2015- Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality- ENVY Finalist for Arkansas Stewardship Award

2015- State of Arkansas- Outstanding Volunteer Services to the people of Arkansas

2015- SWANA- YEA! Teams Unsung Hero Award

2016- Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality- ENVY Nomination for Arkansas Stewardship Award

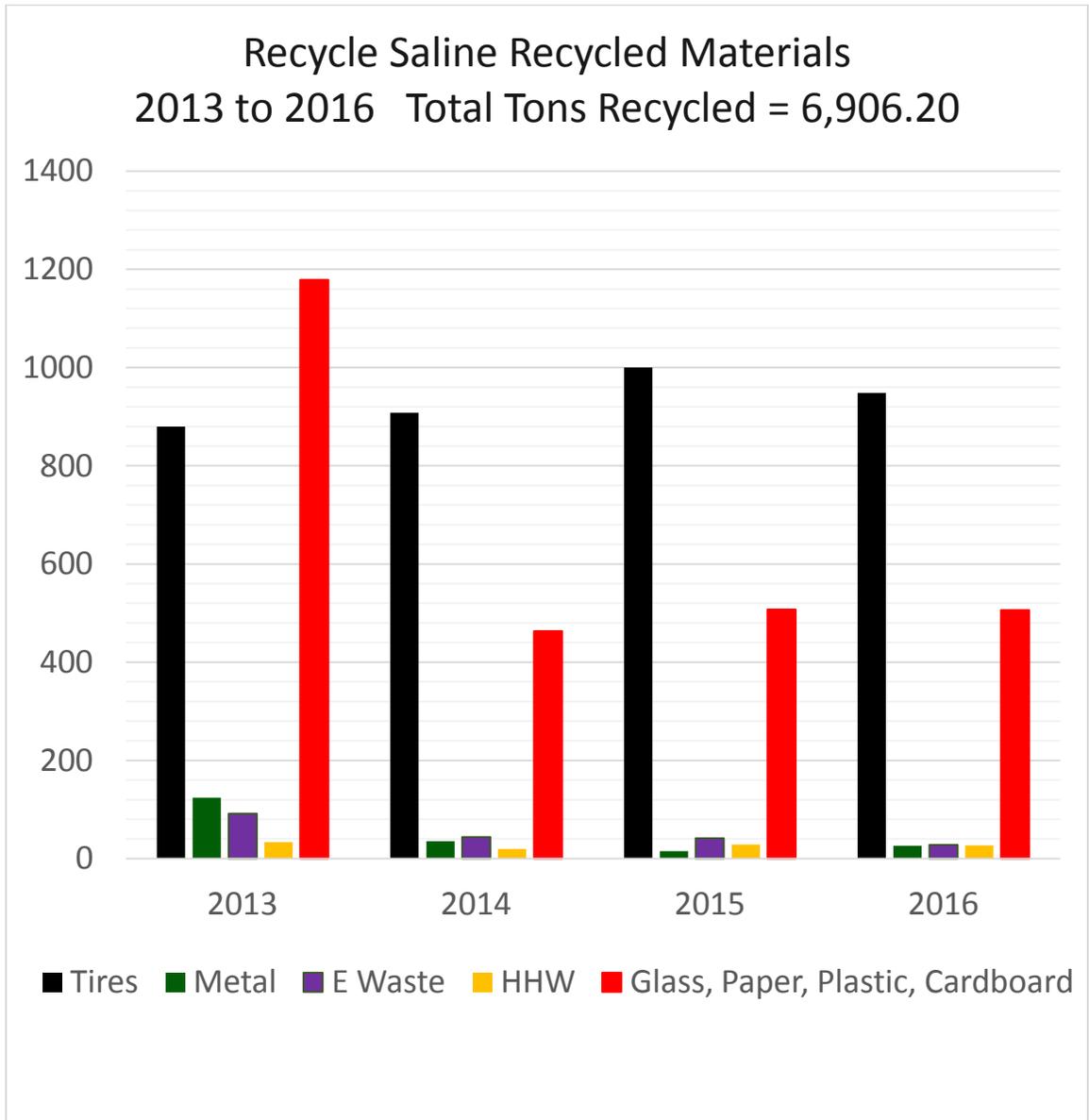


YEA! Team Leader Sheri Shilling
nominated at 2014 Unsung Hero
with SWANA

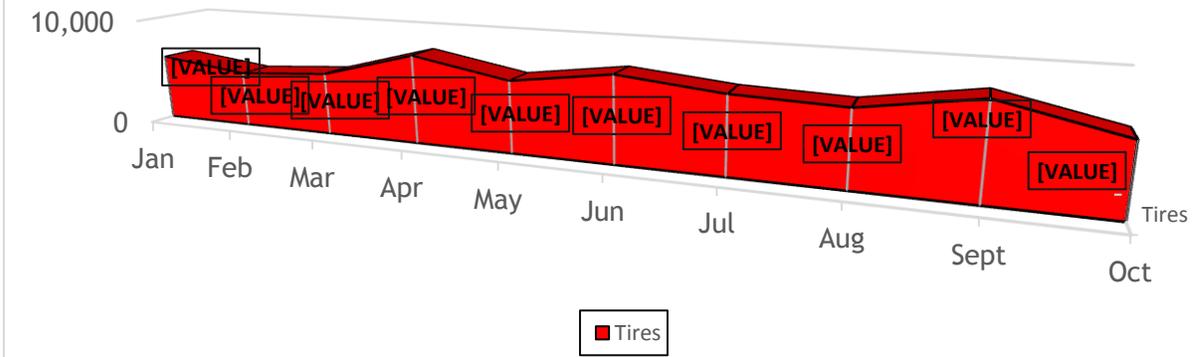


Kori Kordsmeier, Tiffany
Dunn, & Sheri Shilling

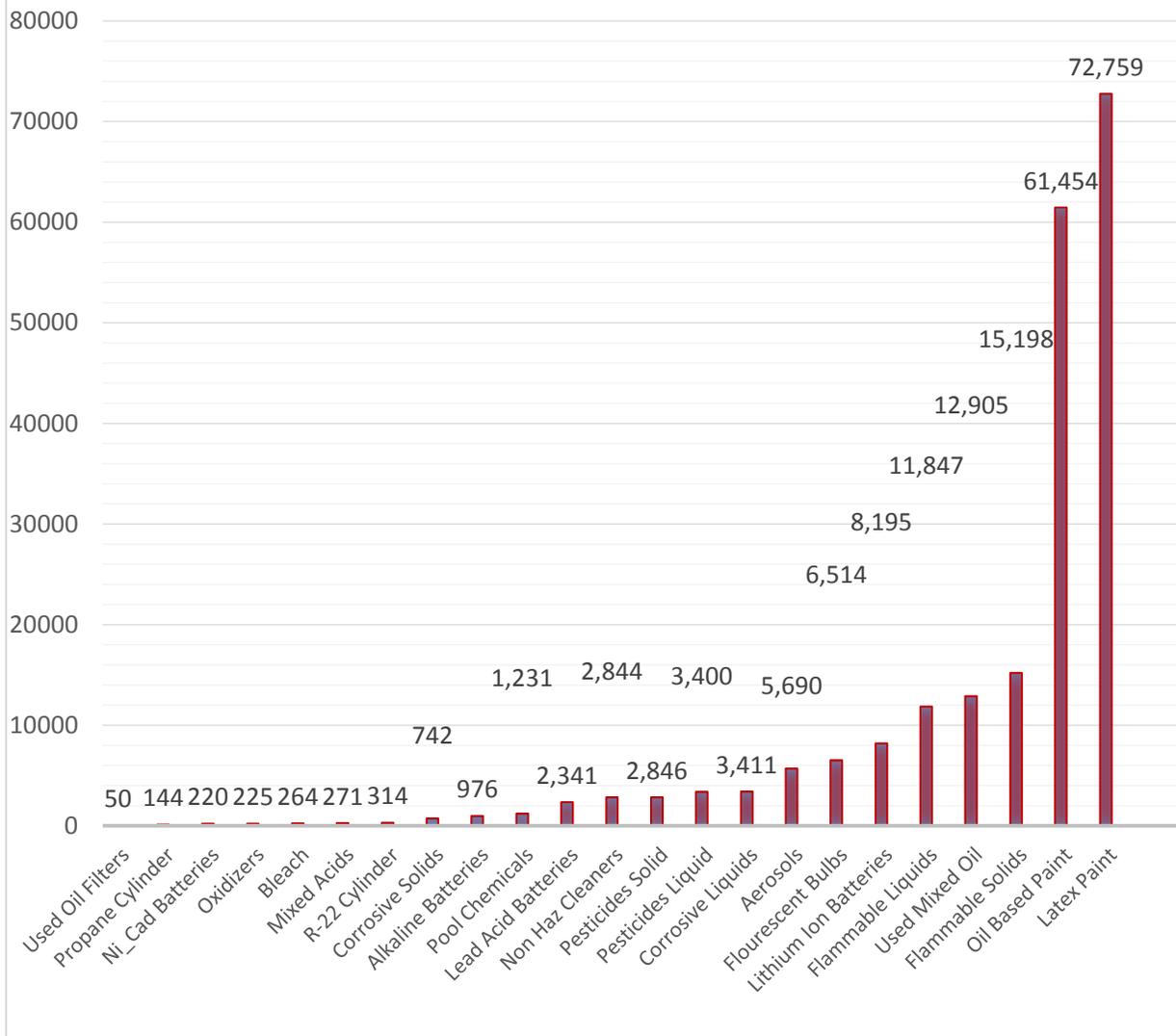
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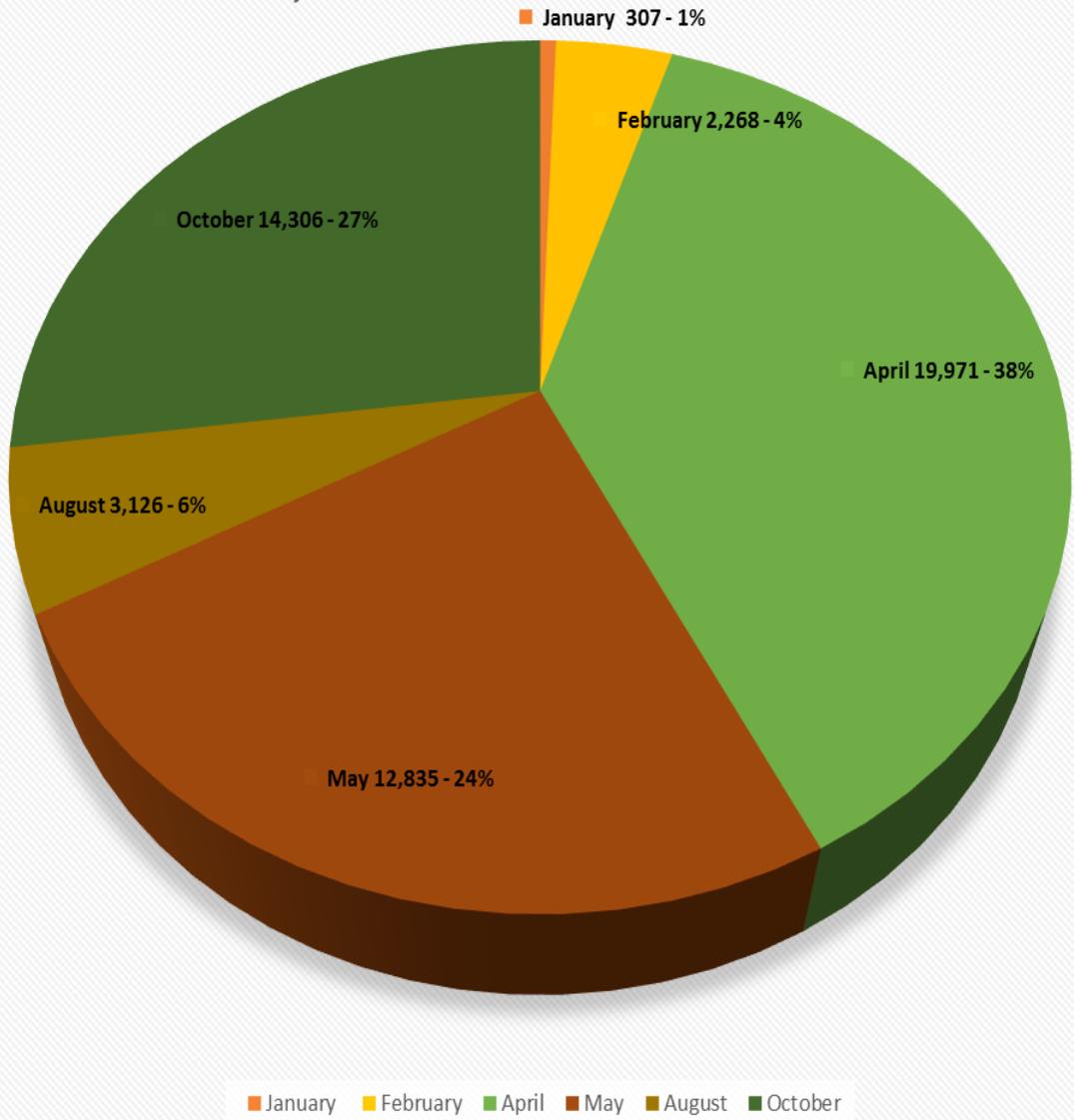
Waste Tires Collected
2016
Total 66,563



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2013-2016 TOTAL TONS = 106.93



**E-Waste 2016
Pounds Collected
52,813**



Where we are Going

YEA! Team Program- The YEA! Team program is a big part of the education process for recycling in Saline County. We see this program evolving by recruiting more students and teachers to be a part of the program and extending their spirit of volunteerism out to the community. We are always looking for more ways that the program can be more plugged into the community. Working with organizations like Keep Arkansas Beautiful, Keep Bryant Beautiful, and Benton Matters extends our networking group providing different opportunities for the program.

Re-Fashion Bash- Now in its third year, Re-Fashion Bash has been an exciting and encouraging education process for students, teachers, and families that are involved. We see this trendy event growing in years to come. We've had sold out shows each year and plan to keep that pace. Each year we see an increase in participation of students hitting the runway in their creative recycled designs. With this event, we will continue to use this avenue to promote recycling in Saline County, in the schools, and in the community.

Regulatory/Enforcement- Recycle Saline considers the regulatory and enforcement responsibilities of the solid waste district as opportunities to enhance the educational settings for the residents in Saline County. Recycle Saline uses these opportunities to educate residents about the proper methods for disposal of solid waste and the state regulations. Recycle Saline will continue to build upon our state leading Illegal Dumps Control Officer program by enhancing training opportunities and training materials. As Recycle Saline moves forward, it is our goal to see the number of illegal dumpsites to continue to decrease as public education increases.

Lawn Debris- Recycle Saline will continue to seek innovative methods to deal with the growing lawn debris program, in ways that both enhance our District and that continues to focus upon environmentally sound practices. We will continue to build upon our partnership with Republic Services to improve accessibility and disposal of the Districts lawn debris.

Waste Tires- Recycle Saline will continue its partnership with the Inter-Waste Tire District for the environmentally responsible source to collect and dispose of waste tires that are generated inside of Saline County.

Landfill- At the current rate of usage the Saline County Landfill owned by Republic Services is projected to have 15 years left with planned increases until they reach capacity. They have purchased more land to increase their capacity for future needs. The landfill is available for waste haulers and constituents of the Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District to dispose of materials that are collected.