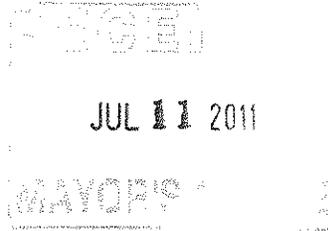


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Mayor Donald Merkes
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140 Main Street
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Dear Mayor Merkes,

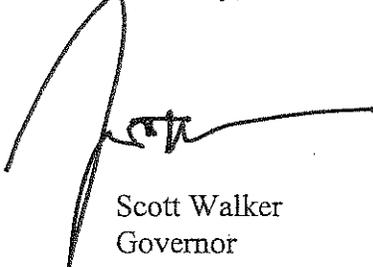
Thank you for contacting my office regarding recycling provisions in the 2011-13 Biennial Budget. This is in response to a letter of inquiry that you previously sent me regarding this subject. With that said, I am pleased to inform you of the following recycling-related provisions in the 2011-2013 Biennial Budget, which I signed Sunday, June 26, 2011.

First, the local government recycling mandates will remain law. Also, during the next biennium, recycling grants given from the state to responsible units will total \$19,000,000 each year. This funding will come from solid waste tipping fee revenue and will be distributed using the same formula that has been used since 2000.

Additionally, \$1,000,000 will be disbursed on a per capita basis to responsible units that fulfill certain eligibility requirements. Responsible units that meet a certain size requirements, partner with other responsible units to provide services and enact other efficiency measures will receive these additional funds on a per capita basis.

Again, thank you for your interest in recycling. I hope this letter provides adequate feedback to your concerns. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Scott Walker
Governor