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**Waste Management of Illinois disposal operations generated \$7.5 million
for Will County and local taxing bodies in 2012**

JOLIET – Two disposal facilities operated by Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. generated \$7.5 million for Will County and local area taxing bodies in 2012.

The two facilities include the county-owned Prairie View Recycling and Disposal facility near Wilmington and the company-owned Laraway Recycling and Disposal Facility near Joliet. The revenue derives from agreements between the county and Waste Management on waste materials deposited at the facilities.

Prairie View, which accepts municipal trash from Will County communities, generated approximately \$3.3 million for the county in fees and surcharges that support solid waste programs and \$412,000 in fees for local taxing bodies.

The Laraway facility, which accepts construction and demolition debris, contaminated soils and special wastes, paid the county approximately \$3.9 million in fees and surcharges. The two facilities have generated more than \$31 million for the county and local taxing bodies.

“The partnership with Waste Management continues to help Will County provide important services for our residents,” said Will County Executive Larry Walsh. “In these challenging economic times when we are all being asked to do more with less, we are pleased with this success of this public-private partnership and the creation of this alternative revenue stream to fund county operations.”

County Board Speaker Herb Brooks, Jr. said the partnership with Waste Management characterizes Will County’s commitment to environmentally responsible programs.

“Will County is dedicated to programs that protect our environment,” Brooks

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said. "The sharing of the revenue between Waste Management and Will County demonstrates the success of this public-private partnership."

Will County Board Republican Caucus Chair Jim Moustis acknowledged the alliance between the county and Waste Management has been beneficial for taxpayers.

"Will County's alliance with Waste Management's Laraway facility and investment in the county-owned Prairie View facility are paying dividends for taxpayers," said Will County Board Republican Caucus Chair. "This revenue has helped to reduce the burden on local taxing bodies and keep more money in the pockets of our hardworking residents."

"We are very proud of our partnership with Will County and the ability of our disposal operations to serve the county as both an important environmental asset and financial contributor," said Dale Hoekstra, Waste Management director of operations. "The Prairie View and Laraway facilities serve the community by providing an environmentally protective disposal resource for residents and businesses. And it's also gratifying to know that our public-private partnership offers the county financial resources during a challenging economic time."

Monies paid to the county are based on waste received at each site. In 2012, Prairie View accepted approximately 705,000 tons of waste and Laraway received 2.1 million tons. The fees are adjusted each year to reflect changes in the Revised Consumer Price Index for All Urban Communities.

Local taxing bodies that receive fees from Prairie View include the Will County Building Commission, Florence Township Town and Road funds, and Florence-Wilton Multi-township assessments. They also include the Wilmington Fire Protection District, Wilmington C.U. School District 209-U, Joliet Community College District 525, and Wilmington Public Library District.

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