

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Community Grant Fact Sheet

Chemung County, New York

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Chemung County, NY
Project Title: Construction of the Elmira Lake Street Composting Facility

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 2

Grant Funding: \$1,697,250

Chemung County's existing composting program currently cannot keep up with demand. The county will build a new composting facility at the site of a decommissioned wastewater treatment plant. The new facility will mitigate blight caused by the decommissioned plant, divert waste from the nearby Chemung County landfill, and create a more accessible place for residents to dispose of compost.

Highlights

- Constructs a new composting facility.
- Creates two to five new jobs.
- Benefits disadvantaged communities and is in a rural area.

SWIFR Grants for Communities

The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides the largest EPA investment in recycling in 30 years to support National Recycling Strategy implementation and build a circular economy for all. As part of the Investing in America agenda, this funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing resources to be used more efficiently and reducing the impact on the climate. SWIFR Community grant funding can be used to establish or optimize collection and management of materials; fund infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination; enhance markets for recycled commodities; and increase the diversion, recycling rate and quality of materials collected for municipal solid waste. These grants also advance the Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40% of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

EPA anticipates that it will make the award to Chemung County once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

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