

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet **Newtok Village**

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Newtok Village

Project Location: Mertarvik, AK

Project Title: A bright beginning: Setup of an affordable Solid and Hazardous Waste Recycling Facility for the Newtok Tribe in its new community of Mertarvik

Highlights

- Creates 5 jobs to promote recycling efforts.
- Diverts 90% of household hazardous wastes (including e-waste, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and used oil) from the unlined landfill.

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$939,629

Newtok Village will establish first-time recycling infrastructure in the new community of Mertarvik after relocating due to flooding. The project will establish a recycling and backhauling program, build a climate-controlled recycling center, and purchase supporting infrastructure and equipment including balers, trucks, and safe storage for hazardous waste. The project will provide jobs and training for community members, reduce toxic exposure and contamination, and protect subsistence resources by diverting hazardous waste from the landfill.

SWIFR Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act provides investments in recycling to support the implementation of the National Recycling Strategy and build a circular economy for all. This funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing for more efficient resource use and less environmental impact from waste materials. The SWIFR grant funding can be used to develop or update post-consumer materials management plans; 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.

