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### COUNTY LANDFILL REDUCES CARBON EMISSIONS

Crow Wing County has earned \$39,000 in carbon credits by reducing carbon emissions at the County Landfill by 12,000 metric tons in 2014.

Cumulatively, 83,375 metric tons of carbon offset credits have been earned since 2008, worth approximately \$325,000. The landfill's gas collection system reduces the amount of methane, a greenhouse gas, which is emitted to the atmosphere. Carbon offset credits are awarded to projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Businesses purchase credits to offset their greenhouse gas emissions and reduce their carbon footprint.

"The county landfill is reducing air pollution by lowering greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere" stated Land Services Director Mark Liedl. "This is another example of a proactive approach by Crow Wing County to protect and preserve our natural resources."

The fiscal benefit of these credits is off setting the initial cost to install the active gas system. Additional savings also come from using landfill gas to heat two buildings located at the landfill site.

The County's integrated solid waste management system has a range of opportunities from recycling and disposal of household hazardous waste in-addition to the County's state-of-the art landfill. The County intends to continue to examine new technologies to maintain and improve land disposal to maximize cost-effective means to protect the environment.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise decisions that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services - Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1125 to discuss solid waste issues or visit the Crow Wing County Web Site at [www.crowwing.us](http://www.crowwing.us) for more information.

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