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PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: Stafford County
Program Title: R-Board Bicycle Restoration Program
Program Category: Health/Human Services

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Brief Overview

Stafford County's Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board), initiated a bicycle restoration program in October of 2023. This program aims to reduce waste by providing a drop-off location for gently used bicycles that need minor repairs at the residential side of the Regional Landfill. The bicycles are then delivered to Stafford Crossing Community Church to refurbish and repair. By refurbishing and repairing bicycles that are still in good condition, the program encourages reuse and prevents them from being landfilled. Stafford Crossing Community Church, the community partner responsible for refurbishing collected bicycles, repairs and distributes them to those in need.

The Problem or Need for the Program

After Roy Whaling, a heavy equipment operator on the working face of the landfill, retired, he spoke with Stafford County Supervisors, Meg Bohmke and Dr. Pamela Yeung, and mentioned at his retirement party that he was surprised at the number of bicycles he had seen go into the landfill over the years. This statement sparked the idea of the bicycle restoration program, which immediately became evident as a much-needed initiative. Since October 2023, the program has collected and refurbished over 75 gently used bicycles.

Description of the Program

Stafford County's Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (R-Board) launched a bicycle restoration program in October 2023. The program provides a drop-off location for gently used bicycles in need of minor repairs at the Regional Landfill. The bicycles are then taken to Stafford Crossing Community Church to be refurbished and repaired. By refurbishing and repairing bicycles that are still in good condition, the program encourages reuse and prevents them from being sent to the landfill. Stafford Crossing Community Church is

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responsible for refurbishing the collected bicycles and distributing them to those in need. Since its launch, the program has collected and refurbished over 75 bicycles, giving them a second life and benefiting both the environment and the community. .

Stafford Community Crossing Church distributes refurbished bicycles to children and adults in need. Children's bicycles are sent to Project Belong or the Department of Social Services, bringing joy to the recipients. Adult bikes are donated to Micah Ecumenical Ministries to provide transportation for adults.



The Cost of the Program

The R-Board has no cost to implement the program, except for the staff time and delivery of the bicycles to Stafford Crossing Community Church. Stafford Crossing Community Church has donated their time and supplies for the program. The R-Board is thankful for Stafford Crossing Community Church. This program would not be possible without their dedication and support.

The Results/Success of the Program

The program has recently begun and has been successful thus far. Since October 2023, the program has collected approximately 150 used bicycles. Since its launch, the program has collected and refurbished over 75 bicycles, giving them a second life and benefiting both the environment and the community.

Worthiness of Award

The Bicycle Restoration program deserves an award because it found a creative and low-cost solution to a problem. Since October 2023, approximately 150 bicycles have been kept out of the landfill. The impact of the program has been significant, and many more bicycles will be refurbished and given to those in need.

Executive Summary

The R-Board initiated a bicycle restoration program in October of 2023. This program aims to reduce waste by providing a drop-off location for gently used bicycles that need minor repairs at the residential side of the Regional Landfill. By refurbishing and repairing bicycles that are still in good condition, the program encourages reuse and prevents them from being landfilled. Stafford Crossing Community Church, the community partner responsible for refurbishing collected bicycles, repairs and distributes them to adults and children in need.

Roy Whaling, a heavy equipment operator, spoke with Chairwoman Meg Bohmke and Supervisor Dr. Pamela Yeung at his retirement party about the number of bicycles he had seen go into the landfill over the years, and the program was conceived. Since October 2023, Stafford Crossing Community Church has volunteered and refurbished 75 bicycles.