324.19107 Recycling and composting feasibility studies.

Sec. 19107. (1) The department shall cause to be conducted a series of recycling and composting feasibility studies. A study shall establish a basis upon which a decision to commit financial resources to a proposed recycling or composting project can be made. The department shall prescribe the elements to be included within a study.

(2) The department shall select a site for a recycling and composting feasibility study subject to the following prerequisites:
   (a) The site is located in a county that has an approved solid waste management plan.
   (b) The recycling or composting project proposed by the municipality is consistent with the approved solid waste management plan.

(3) The department shall consider the following factors in selecting a site for a recycling and composting feasibility study:
   (a) The extent to which a municipality commits to proceeding with the project if the study determines that the project is feasible.
   (b) The degree of demonstrated municipality, community group, or volunteer interest in undertaking a recycling or composting project.
   (c) A demonstration that a recycling or composting project undertaken on the basis of the study would provide a necessary solid waste management alternative, given the status of existing disposal areas serving the location.
   (d) The extent to which selection of the site contributes to the achievement of a balanced distribution of studies throughout the state.
   (e) The demonstrated capability of the municipality in which the site is located to work with adjacent municipalities on alternative resource recovery projects.

(4) The department shall not expend more than 5% of the total amount in the fund in any state fiscal year on the studies described in this section. The department shall not expend more than $30,000.00 for any single study conducted under this section.


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