

Dakota County 2023 Regional Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Facility



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Dakota and Scott counties have a combined 593,000 residents — more than 10 percent of the state population — and five active landfills. Each county operates a residential household hazardous waste and recycling facility, which keeps those materials out of landfills and the environment. However, the two facilities are not designed to handle expected population growth.

The existing facilities accept nearly 7 million pounds of material per year from more than 80,000 users. The Recycling Zone in Eagan already handles four times its designed capacity. The Scott County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is projected to exceed its capacity by 325 percent by 2030. In addition, the large geographical area of Dakota and Scott counties includes underserved areas. In a survey, 25 percent of Dakota County residents who reported they didn't use The Recycling Zone said it was too far away or inconvenient.

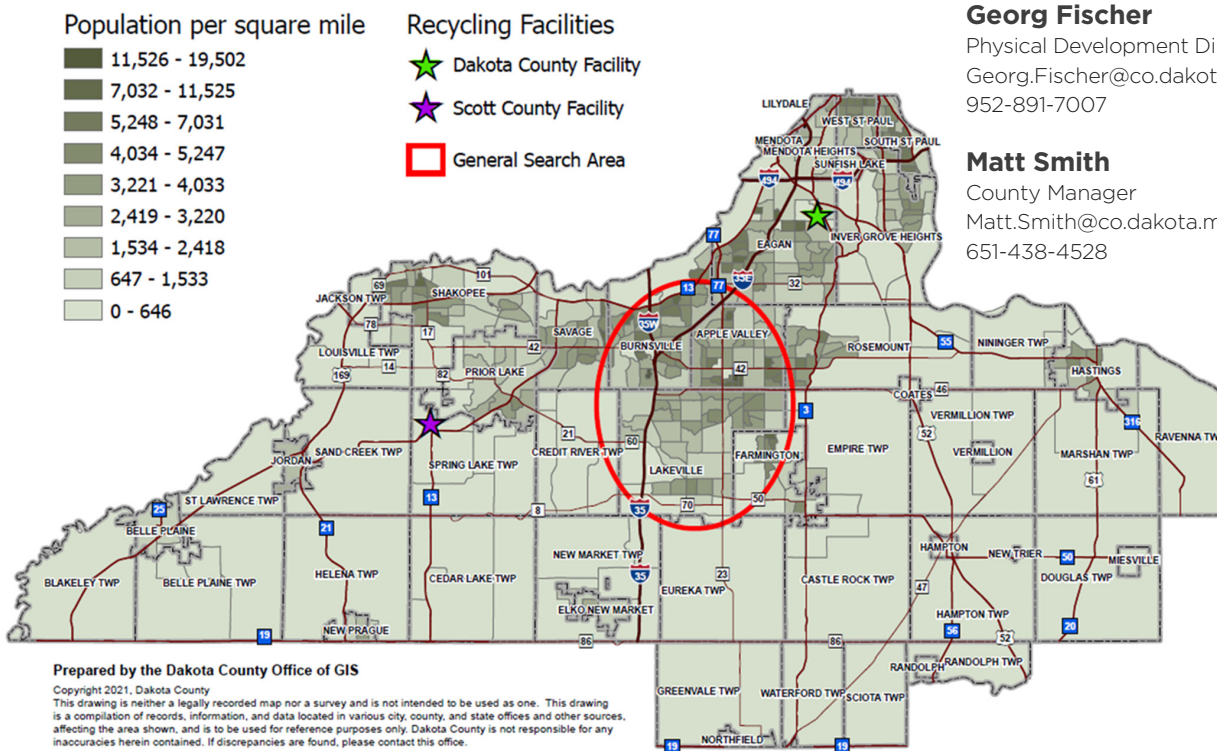
A new regional facility located in Lakeville will increase participation by offering an additional convenient location to properly manage waste and recyclables. Also, it will prolong the life of the two existing facilities by slowing the growth at those locations.

Additionally, a new facility will provide a convenient and cost-effective drop-off location for household hazardous waste and recyclables from residents and businesses from both Dakota and Scott counties. In addition, materials from residents living in the other five Twin Cities-area counties will be collected at the site through agreements with those counties. Problem materials, such as tires, appliances and hard-to-recycle items, may also be collected. A drop site for residential organics collection is also being considered.

State request: \$8 million

In addition to state funding to support facility construction, this project will require a change in state statute to increase the maximum per-county, per-project allocation for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Capital Assistance Program (CAP) from \$2 million to \$5 million.

Total Population, 2020



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