

# Solid Waste Agency

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## AGENCY RECEIVES 2008 IOWA RECYCLING ASSOCIATION AWARD

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Cedar Rapids, IA - October 14, 2008** - The Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency has received an award from the Iowa Recycling Association (IRA) for its new bicycle recycling program. The award was presented to the Agency on October 7, 2008 at the IRA annual convention in Ottumwa, IA.

The bicycle recycling program is an effort between the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency and Working Bikes Cooperative from Chicago, IL. Working Bikes Cooperative ([www.workingbikes.org](http://www.workingbikes.org)) is a not-for-profit organization that refurbishes bikes for domestic and international reuse. Working Bikes Cooperative also provides bicycles to charity organizations within the Chicagoland area and ships bicycles to the Gulf Coast, Ghana, Tanzania, Angola, Cuba, Guatemala, and Peru. More than 325 bikes, resulting in 10,050 pounds, were collected from Linn County residents and diverted from the landfill in 2007.

The Agency was nominated for the award by the East Central Iowa Council of Government (ECICOG). "I nominated the bicycle recycling program to highlight the Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency's extra effort to reuse unwanted bikes and make a positive impact in a developing country," stated Jennifer Ryan, Project Manager from ECICOG. "Many times a bicycle can mean the difference between employment and unemployment to a citizen in a less fortunate country."

Linn County residents can drop off their bicycles free of charge during normal business hours at either Cedar Rapids Linn County Solid Waste Agency locations.

Site #1 – Cedar Rapids  
2250 A St. SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
Monday – Saturday 8:00am – 3:30pm

Site #2 – Main Office  
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