

ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS OF CLAY CO.



Clay County has spoken on our county's environmental needs. We need to address recycling and roadside litter. So, let's get started!



TRUCK BED FULL OF ROADSIDE LITTER COLLECTED

THE COMMUNITY SEEING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES ENGAGE IN THEIR MISSION PROMOTES THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ISSUES

WHY IS PLASTIC RECYCLING IMPORTANT?

Plastic recycling provides many benefits to the environment.

- reducing landfill waste
- saves energy
- cost saving of waste management
- reducing wildlife plastic contamination
- reduces greenhouse gas emissions



5TH GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

TEACHING CHILDREN MAKES LIFELONG CHANGES AND INCREASES AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES



WHY IS ROADSIDE LITTER CLEANUPS IMPORTANT?

Roadside litter causes:

- increase in waterway containments
- increases flooding by blocking drainages
- it adds microplastics to the waterway
- it damages wildlife habitation



WHAT IS THE PLAN?

The health department educated the community through multiple avenues on why issues they identified were more than just unsightly. Then, we promoted, organized, & participated in roadside litter cleanups and brought plastic recycling into the county. We shared the community's vision and brought it to life. Meeting Clay County were they are!



CLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL SADD CLUB LITTER PICKUP

THE PLAN RESULTS ARE EASY TO SEE

- over 600 bags of plastics were recycled for the first time in our county without residences needing to leave the county
- over 110 bags of roadside litter were collected
- each month of recycling had more bags collected than the last
- each litter pickup participation increased

