

# Regional Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Facility



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**The issue:** Dakota and Scott counties each operate residential household hazardous waste and recycling facilities, but they cannot handle expected population growth. Also, there are large areas of Dakota and Scott counties that are underserved for this type of waste disposal and recycling.

**The solution:** Dakota and Scott counties have partnered on plans for the Recycling Zone Plus, a new facility in Lakeville to properly manage household hazardous waste and recyclables. The Legislature provided design and land acquisition funding through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Capital Assistance Program (CAP), but additional funding is needed for construction.

Dakota and Scott counties have a combined 603,000 residents — more than 10 percent of the state population — and five active landfills.

Each county operates a residential household hazardous waste and recycling facility, but they cannot handle expected population growth.

These existing facilities accept nearly 7 million pounds of material annually 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.

The Recycling Zone Plus, a new regional facility located in Lakeville, will increase participation by offering another convenient location to properly manage household hazardous waste and recyclables from residents and businesses in Dakota and Scott counties. It will also serve other area residents through county agreements.

Problem materials, such as appliances and hard-to-recycle items, and residential food waste may also be collected.

Dakota County requests \$8 million for construction from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Capital Assistance Program (CAP). Partial CAP funding was awarded in 2021 for land acquisition and facility design, which are complete. The county's project cost has more than doubled since then, and agreements with the city expire in early 2026. This project is shovel-ready.

## Project funding

State request (CAP funds)	\$8 million
Previous state funding	\$2 million
Matching funds	\$15 million
• Dakota County	\$11.36 million
• Scott County	\$3.64 million

**Total cost** **\$25 million**



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